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Second Notice 2014 Meeting

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Basis of the Council

Confessing Jesus Christ as only Saviour and Sovereign Lord over all of life, we affirm the basis of the fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches to be full commitment to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God written, without error in all its parts and to its teachings as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, the Westminster Confession of faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter catechisms.

That the adopted basis of fellowship be regarded as warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship of the nature of the council, that is, a fellowship that enables the constituent churches to advise, counsel, and cooperate in various matters with one another and hold out before each other the desirability and need for organic union of churches that are of like faith and practice.

Monday, October 13, 2014

Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ.

The 40th, annual meeting of NAPARC will be held **November 11-13, 2014**. This meeting, hosted by the Canadian Reformed Churches, will be held at the Canadian Reformed Church building in the village of Grassie, ON, Canada (which is located in the town of Grimsby, ON). The physical address is Covenant Canadian Reformed Church, 480 Woolverton Rd., Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7. All meetings and meals including the banquet will be held at the Church.

You will find in this PDF, documents germane to the Council meeting, including a delegate list, docket and order of the day along with church reports, the Web Site Committee report and a letter from the Foreign Mission Consultation. Please notify me of any errors in the delegate list.

The Interim Committee docket will be sent out separately to those appointed by your delegation to that Committee.

The order of the day document is new this year. In light of the recent bylaw changes and the extra day of meeting it seemed wise to pull this information together into one document for your convenience. Also, you are reminded that the new schedule for NAPARC is designed to allow more time for interchurch meetings.

If you have any questions regarding meals, accommodations or reserving meeting space, please refer to the documents contained in the *First Notice* or contact Rev. Peter Holtvüwer whose contact information is in the side-bar. If you have any questions about the enclosed documents please contact me. Be sure you have current Passport.

In anticipation of our fellowship together I remain,

Yours in His service



Rev. Ron Potter, Secretary

Roll Call of Delegates to NAPARC 2014

(Updated to 10-13-14)

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Docket
Fortieth Meeting
North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
Grassie, ON, Canada
November 11th, 2014, 2:00 PM. – November 13th, 2014, 12:00 Noon

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

A. Member Churches:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
Canadian Reformed Churches (CANRC)
Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)
Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA)
Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) (KPAC)
Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC)
Reformed Church in the United States RCUS)
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA)
United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)

B. Official Observers

Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) – No response (2nd year)

Protestant Reformed Church (PRCNA)

III. Approval of Minutes (2013)

IV. Communications (including Report of the Interim Committee)

A. NAPARC 2014 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches.

B. Church Reports for 2014 were received on time (Bylaw III.2.c) from all churches.

C. Committee Reports were received on time (Bylaw III.2.c) from all Committees.

D. E-mail correspondence from the Église réformée du Québec (ERQ) (6/7/2014) advising approval of KPCA membership and NAPARC proposed Constitution amendments.

E. Correspondence from the Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) (8/2/2014) advising of approval of proposed NAPARC Constitution Changes.

- F. Correspondence from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) (9/9/2014) advising of approval of KPCA membership and proposed NAPARC Constitution amendments.
- G. E-mail correspondence from the Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC) (9/29/2014) advising of approval of KPCA membership and proposed NAPARC Constitution amendments.
- H. E-mail correspondence from the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) advising approval of proposed NAPARC Constitution amendments.
- I. E-mail correspondence from the Free Reformed Churches in North America (FRCNA) advising of approval of KPCA membership and proposed NAPARC Constitution amendments.
- J. Report of the Interim Committee
- V. Adoption of the Docket
- VI. Election of Officers:
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- VII. Announcement of Additional Delegates Appointed to the Interim Committee.
- VIII. Reports from Member Churches*
 - ARPC
 - CanRC
 - ERQ
 - FRCNA
 - HRC
 - KAPC
 - KPCA (Kosin)
 - OPC
 - PCA
 - PRC
 - RCUS
 - RPCNA
 - URCNA
- IX. Reports from Official Observer Churches

BPC

PRCNA

X. Discussion Regarding Progress Toward Organic Union (as proposed by the Interim Committee)

XI. Treasurer's Report (including Auditors report)

XII. Reports and Appointments of Operating Committees.

A. Web Site Committee Report.

XIII. Old Business

A. Constitutional Amendments (2013 Minutes, XV.A., p. 26) .

Voting results to date:

ARPC	Approved
CanRC	
ERQ	Approved
FRCNA	Approved
HRC	
KAPC	Approved
KPCA (Kosin) (Non member at time of 2013 action)	
OPC	Approved
PCA	Approved
PRC	
RCUS	Approved
RPCNA	Approved
URCNA	

XIV. Reports of Study Committees (none)

XV. Reports of Conferences (none)

XVI. Reports on Consultations (and, where convenient, appointment of host and convener for next Consultation).

A. Home Missions
B. World Missions
C. Christian/Church Education
D. Relief/Diaconal Ministries
E. Theological Training
F. Youth Ministries

XVII. Arrangements for next (2015) meeting

A. Host: Église réformée du Québec (ERQ) (2011 Minutes p.27; XVI. Rec.#12)

B. Place: Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

C. Time: November 10-12, 2015

D. Invitees:

XVIII. Any Remaining Items from the Report of the Interim Committee (including approval of the proposed budget)

XIX. New Business**

XX. Adjournment.

* This is the time when Delegates assemble to share reports from their churches, to talk about important issues raised, and to pray with and for each other (see *Suggested Form for Member Church reports – Bylaws, IX.2*)

** Matters to be taken up under New Business shall be determined not later than the Adoption of the Docket.

NAPARC 2014

**Covenant Canadian Reformed Church
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***Order of the Day**

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Interim Committee Meeting (Council Room)
12:30 PM	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
[3:15-3:45 PM]	Break time
5:15 PM	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 PM	Devotional Service led by Dr. Gerhard H. Visscher (Auditorium)
9:15 PM	Refreshments & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM –	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
12:15 PM	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
[3:15-3:45 PM]	Break time
7:00 PM	Dinner Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 PM	Address by Mr. Hans VanDooren on: <i>Reformed Christian Day Schools</i> (Fellowship Hall) <i>To be followed by a question period</i>

Thursday, November 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM –	Plenary session – final (Auditorium)
12:15 PM	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

*** NB** – This schedule reflects the times mentioned by the Committee of Review in its report to NAPARC (see NAPARC 2013 Minutes, p.90) and accommodates the catering schedule at the host church. It also allows for, among other things, more time for bi-lateral meetings. All activities take place at the Church.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church NAPARC Report 2014

On behalf of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Interchurch Relations Committee extends warm greetings to our brothers in NAPARC. We have had an eventful year of ministry in many ways. It is a privilege to meet with our spiritual kin and report on the Lord's work in our midst since our last gathering.

As you are likely aware, the strength of the ARP Church, in a geographical sense, is found in the Southeastern United States, and particularly in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida. This is naturally the case, given our historical background as the Synod of the Carolinas, one of the four co-ordinate Synods of the Associate Reformed Synod formed in 1782 in Philadelphia. The Synod of the Carolinas was given independent status in 1822, and in its present form is the only remaining Synod of the original four.

While our strength is in the southeast, our churches now extend north into New York, and across the border into Canada. Our ministry also extends westward, including churches as far away as Texas. As of the 2014 meeting of our General Synod, we have just over 290 congregations with some 36,000 communicant and noncommunicant members. We remain concerned for and active in the work of church planting in North America, with 32 active missions and church plants.

In addition to church planting in North America, we have pastors planting churches in Scotland, Spain, and Turkey. Our mission board has also recently approved works in Poland and Lithuania. Our oldest mission fields are in Mexico and Pakistan, and work continues in both of these countries, along with Germany.

Our 2014 Synod meeting was quite eventful, with significant action taken in a number of areas. Approval of our new Form of Government was finalized with the report of our Presbyteries' votes on the overture. A study committee recommendation of the deletion of chapters 34 and 35 of the Westminster Confession of Faith was approved. A committee that has been working for several years to revise our Book of Discipline requested more time to refine their work, out of their own concern that the Book of Discipline be more pastoral in its focus. Additionally, our Synod voted to resume membership in the ICRC after voting to withdraw from membership just a few years ago. We also continue as members in WRF.

Several of our denominational agencies have experienced change in leadership since the last meeting of NAPARC. Rev. Frank Van Dalen, who has spent nearly a decade as Executive Director of World Witness, our foreign mission agency, is returning to the field as a missionary in Lithuania early next year. He is succeeded as Executive Director by Mr. Alex Pettett, who most recently served as an ARP missionary in Israel and Turkey. Outreach North America, our church planting board, formerly

directed by Rev. Alan Avera, is now led by Rev. Mike Jones, whose prior service has been as an ARP church planter and pastor in Tampa, FL.

At Erskine College and Seminary, there is new leadership with Dr. Paul Kooistra elected as President, and Dr. Christopher Wisdom newly appointed as Vice President and professor of Practical Theology at Erskine Seminary. We are thankful for these brothers who have come to Erskine from the PCA and OPC, respectively, and appreciate the confessional commitments and strong fellowship that allows for such “cross pollination” among NAPARC churches, to the strengthening of Christ’s church and her ministries.

As we look to 2015, we are most eager for our concurrent Synod with the RPCNA. They will join us at Bonclarken, where we will worship together and enjoy fellowship, while conducting business separately. We anticipate this as a kind of family reunion which we believe will be a delight for all involved, and a wonderful opportunity to manifest a measure of our unity in Christ. We are also pleased in 2015 to begin exchanging fraternal delegates with the OPC for our annual Synod and Assembly meetings. In the past it has been our practice to exchange fraternal delegates on alternating years, but now we will exchange delegates each year. We are thankful for a growing sense of fellowship with our brothers in the OPC.

In summary, throughout this report there is evidence and even fruit of the benefit of our participation in NAPARC. A growing closeness and cooperation with other denominations has real implications for strengthening our shared ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and build His church!

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Patrick
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CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

Annual Report

For NAPARC 2014 in Grimsby, ON

Name of Church/Federation: Canadian Reformed Churches

Address of Official Website: <http://www.canrc.org/>

Year Established: 1950

Confessional Standards: Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort (Also: Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed)

Other Standards: None

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data: January 1, 2014

Total number of members

(including baptized covenant children): 18,344

Total number of communicant members: 10,778

Total number of congregations

(including mission works not yet organized): 69 (includes foreign & domestic works)

Total number of organized congregations/churches: 55

Total number of classes: 8

Total number of ordained ministers: 81

Total number of ordained ruling elders: 464

Total number of ordained deacons: 225

Major Assembly: General Synod

Frequency: Once every three years

Date(s) and venue of most recent: May, 2013 in Carman, Manitoba

Date(s) and venue of next: May, 2016 in Dunnville, Ontario

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations: NAPARC, ICRC

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships

(and number of churches/federations in each):

1. Ecclesiastical Fellowship - 10

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships – none

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC

Churches – 2 (ERQ & OPC)

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with

NAPARC and/or other churches: 1 - United Reformed Churches in North America

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor: Brazil, Indonesia, Asia

New fields being developed or under consideration: Philippines

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other

NAPARC churches: in Brazil (OPC); Asia (OPC, RPCNA); Philippines (RCUS)

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: 3

Location(s) of new mission works being planned: Southern Manitoba

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other

NAPARC churches: Quebec (ERQ); Toronto, ON (OPC); Brampton/Mississauga, ON; (URC); Ottawa, ON (RPCNA); Denver, CO (RPCNA); Fraser Valley, BC (URC); Alberta (URC); Winnipeg, MB (URC)

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing (year established): None.

Final report(s) received at last major assembly (include links to website): None

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

1. Chose ESV as new “recommended” translation as NIV84 no longer available
2. Appointed 5th Professor at Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (CRTS - which is now an ATS accredited institution; <http://www.canadianreformedseminary.ca/>)
3. Finalized revision of *Book of Praise* (songbook for federation; 150 Psalms, 85 Hymns – see www.bookofpraise.ca)
4. Sent letter of admonition to Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) re: “tolerance of deviations from Scripture and confessions.”
5. In response to appeals, restored previous practice of male-communicant member only voting for office bearers

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments: None

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

1. Church planting efforts (domestic) and mission work (abroad)
2. Peace in our federation with respect to the women’s-voting debate
3. Relations with RCN (Liberated) and their return to faithfulness

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

1. Hermeneutics and Genesis 1 (views on the creation of the world) – what is acceptable?

ÉGLISE RÉFORMÉE DU QUÉBEC (ERQ) CHURCH REPORT
Novembre 2014

Name of Church/Federation: **Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)**

Reformed Church of Quebec

Address of Official Website: <http://www.erq.qc.ca/>

Year Established: 1988

Confessional Standards: Westminster Confession of Faith; Heidelberg Catechism

Other Standards: none

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data: December 31, 2013

Total number of members (including baptized covenant children): 348

Total number of communicant members: 237

Total number of congregations (including mission works not yet organized): five

Total number of organized congregations/churches: five

Total number of presbyteries/classes: one synod

Total number of ordained ministers: ten (two chaplains; one retired)

Total number of ordained ruling elders: six

Total number of ordained deacons: seven

Major Assembly: synod

Frequency: three times a year

Date(s) and venue of most recent: November 1, 2014, St-Georges, Quebec

Date(s) and venue of next: February 14, 2015 (Quebec, Quebec)

May 9, 2015 (Montreal, Quebec – to be confirmed)

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations:

- 1) North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
- 2) World Reformed Fellowship

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships

Full ecclesiastical fellowship:

- 1) Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)
- 2) Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
- 3) Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
- 4) United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA)

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships: none

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC churches:

- i. PCA-MTW missionaries - cooperative agreement with the ERQ and Église réformée St-Jean (Montreal)
- ii. OPC-CFM Quebec Project - cooperative agreement with the ERQ
- iii. Owen Sound CanRC mission – cooperative agreement with Église chrétienne réformée de Beauce
- iv. Short terms missions received from CanRC, FRC, HRC, OPC, PCA, URCNA congregations
- v. Short term mission team sent to Mount Zion ARP (Moncton, New Brunswick)

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with NAPARC and/or other churches: none

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor: Senegal; Guinea; Cuba

New fields being developed or under consideration: Haiti

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches:

- i. **Quebec Reformed Translations** – developing a project to translate Reformed literature in systematic theology and apologetics into the French language and published by Kergyma Publications (John Calvin Seminary, Aix-en-Provence, France); literature to translate and funding coming from NAPARC member churches.
- ii. **Development of a new Sunday School program.** During the 1980s, the ERQ in collaboration with CRC Publications, translated the *Bible Way* Sunday School program. While this program has served us well, we see the need theologically and pedagogically to develop a new Reformed Sunday School program. The ERQ does not have the human resources to write its own program. We are looking to sister churches to provide us with programs that

we can translated, adapted and print for our churches, as well as offer to French-speaking Reformed Churches throughout the work.

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: none

Location(s) of new mission work(s) being planned: none

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches:

- i. French-speaking theologians and conference speakers;
- ii. French-speaking church planters;
- iii. French-speaking university campus pastors
- iv. Missions to Muslims immigrants

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing (year established):

- 1) Education Committee (standing) : write ordination vows for pastors, elders and deacons (mandate originally given to an ad-hoc Liturgy Committee in 2003)
- 2) Ministerial Committee (standing):
 - a. write an examination procedure for pastoral candidates;
 - b. clarify the procedure for receiving ordained pastors from sister churches;
 - c. propose an examination and ordination procedure for men who, without having obtained a theological diploma, demonstrate the capacity to serve the church as an ordained evangelist.
- 3) Inter-Church Committee (standing): develop relations with sister churches

Final report(s) received at last major assembly (include links to website):

- 1) Education Committee (standing): collated all ERQ documents into a single PDF document – Westminster Confession of Faith; Heidelberg Catechism; Church Order and Bylaws; liturgies for baptism and profession of faith.
<http://www.erq.qc.ca/francais/ressources.html>

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

- i. Granted permission to the Église réformée St-Jean (Montreal) to install the Rev. Keith Kanavel (PCA-MTW) as a provisional elder for a period of two years, during which time the council should seek to train other men for ordination.

- ii. Contributed \$16,000 to Église réformée de la Rive Sud (Charny) to develop a music ministry for the benefit of the whole denomination.
- iii. Time was set aside during the three ERQ synods (November 2, 2013; February 8, 2014; May 10, 2014) in order to discuss various interpretations of Genesis 1 & 2, to explore accepting or refusing divergent interpretations, and to respond to the letter submitted by the Église chrétienne réformée de Beauce on January 9, 2013 asking the synod to adopt a definitive position, namely a six twenty-four hour day interpretation. The synod declined to adopt a single interpretation. The ERQ moderator was charged with writing a letter of explanation to the council of the Beauce in order to explain the decision. A proposal submitted by the Église réformée St-Marc was sent to the Ministerial Committee for examination before being adopted by the synod in November 2014. The proposal includes three statements:
 - a. affirming the Scriptural teaching about creation according to our confessions, thus providing limits of acceptable interpretations of Genesis 1 & 2;
 - b. clarifying the disciplinary process to be followed if an ordained servant teaches contrary to Scriptures and our confessions;
 - c. suggesting examination questions for candidates to the ministry in order to fully explore their understanding of the doctrine of creation and their interpretation of Genesis 1 & 2.

(These three statements were adapted translations of similar affirmations adopted by the PCA, OPC and URCNA. The final text should be available after the November 1st. 2014 meeting.)

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments: none

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

- ✓ Unity following several discussions about the interpretation of Genesis 1 & 2; may we grow in truth and unity.
- ✓ Young men to serve the ERQ as pastors, elders and deacons.
- ✓ Edification of French-speaking believers and churches through the translation of Reformed literature, as well as the development of a new Reformed Sunday School program.

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

- i. A Christian approach to using the internet and social media
- ii. Planting and working with ethnic churches vs pursuing the option of multiethnic churches
- iii. Ministries for youth and young adults

**Free Reformed Churches of North America
Report to NAPARC
Meeting in Hamilton ON, Canada
Nov. 11-13, 2014**

Esteemed brethren,

The Free Reformed Churches are a small federation of churches consisting of 20 congregations (with a total membership of 4800) scattered across North America – mainly in Canada. Most of our churches are located in Southern Ontario, three of our churches are located in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia and three are located in Alberta. We also have one congregation in Pompton Plains, New Jersey and one in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These churches are served by 15 ministers and 7 emeritus ministers.

The Free Reformed Churches trace their roots to a major disruption (called the Secession) that occurred in the established Dutch Reformed Church (Nederlands Hervormde Kerk) in 1834. In 1886, another exodus from this church took place under the leadership of Dr. Abraham Kuyper. In 1892, these churches – together with most of the churches of the Secession - joined together to form the Gerefomeerde Kerken in Nederland. Some of the churches of the Secession, however, refused to go along with this merger – mainly due to concern over Kuyper's teaching on presumptive regeneration. These churches later formed themselves into the Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands - not to be confused with the CRC here in N. America). After World War II, many members of the CGK settled in North America and formed themselves into the Free Reformed Churches of North America.

Although we trace our roots to the Netherlands, we greatly value and appreciate the theology and preaching of the English and Scottish Puritans and those who followed in their footsteps – also here in North America. Specifically we value and appreciate the experimental and discriminating character of their preaching, their emphasis on the need for conversion, cultivating a close personal walk with the Lord and eschewing worldliness.

As churches, we are pleased to submit the following report of our denominational activities for your information.

Radio Ministry

As churches we are active in radio evangelism. Our radio pastor, Rev. H. Overduin of Calgary, prepares messages which are being broadcast weekly from stations across North America (mainly where are churches are located) as well as internationally. The response to these broadcasts has been very positive especially in Africa. We receive many requests for literature and Bibles which we try to meet as the Lord enables.

Theological Education

As churches we work closely with the Heritage Reformed Churches in the operation of the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We are very grateful for this seminary and we count it a privilege to work with our HRC brothers in

this venture. Our contribution to the seminary includes two professors – Dr. Jerry Bilkes & Dr. David Murray. At present we have three students studying at the seminary.

Foreign Missions

This year our churches could be engaged in mission work in Cubulco, Guatemala for 25 years. The church in Cubulco (which had previously been served by missionaries sent out by our churches) after having had their first indigenous minister serve for a few years has ordained 4 more of its own men to the ministry. We also support and oversee the activities of one of our pastors, Rev. Ken Herfst, who is currently on loan to the Evangelical Presbyterian Seminary in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, where he serves as a professor of theology.

Many of our churches and members are also active in para-church outreach ministries alongside members of other federations both in North America and internationally. These include Word & Deed - a Reformed international world relief organization; Come Over And Help - a ministry to churches and Christians in the former Soviet Union and eastern Europe; Bonisa Mission which focuses on bringing spiritual and material assistance to Christians in China and Christian Ministry to Israel which supports evangelization work among the Jews in Israel.

Publications

Our federation remains active in publishing both books and booklets written by our pastors with new titles being released annually. A couple of years ago our synod adopted a proposal by one of our churches to revise the psalm book we presently use in worship (The Psalter of 1912). Three committees – one to study the Psalter selections, one to study the liturgical forms and one to study the creeds and confessions – continue their work to assist the Publications Committee to carry out its mandate “to investigate the possibility, together with other Reformed churches that use the Psalter, of reviewing and revising the Psalter that we use for worship in our churches.” Our denominational Publications Committee also produces three official denominational periodicals. *The Messenger* is a monthly magazine of meditations, articles, book reviews and news items. *The Youth Messenger* is a bi-annual publication that is directed to teens and young adults with articles and items of interest focused towards youth. *Open Windows* is a children's magazine published bi-monthly for ages 4-12. All three periodicals are featured on our denominational web site (www.frcna.org).

Refugee Sponsorship

Several years ago our churches established a standing committee for refugees. This committee is authorized by the Canadian government to sponsor Christian refugees and assist local churches in overseeing their resettlement in Canada. Several of our congregations have already sponsored families and several more are considering it. We would urge our NAPARC counterparts in Canada to prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling them to sponsor Christian refugees and how our committee can help them in this.

Contact with Other Churches

We currently have three levels of contact with other Reformed and Presbyterian Churches: Limited Contact which is largely exploratory, Limited Correspondence which is more in depth and Complete Correspondence which involves mutual recognition of each other as sister churches. At present the Free Reformed Churches have Limited Contact with the following denominations: The Orthodox Presbyterian Churches, Presbyterian Reformed Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and the United Reformed Churches. We have Limited Correspondence with the Free Church of Scotland Continuing and the Hersteld Hervormde Kerk in the Netherlands. This past year, our federation also moved to complete correspondence with the Heritage Reformed Congregations. We also have complete correspondence only with the CGK in the Netherlands.

Outreach

The Free Reformed Churches have one active church plant. It is in the "near north" of Ontario, approximately three hours north of Toronto. In this area, there is no other Reformed witness within a two hour drive. A church planting pastor and home missionary works in the community of Powassan. At present there is a small, but growing group of Reformed believers who form the congregation, The church receives many guests during the summer months as many from various Reformed churches further south vacation in the area. Our federation has been actively working towards an increased focus in the area of church planting.

In conjunction with other Reformed and Presbyterian churches, some of churches in Ontario are involved in outreach ministries to migrant farm workers from Central America (mainly Mexico). Rev. Ken Herfst, a missionary pastor of the FRCNA, who serves as theological instructor at Evangelical Presbyterian Seminary in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala will be spending half the year in southern Ontario serving as pastor to the migrant workers.

For several years our churches have been working towards the establishment of a ministry to the Punjabi speaking people (especially Sikhs) here in North America and in India. One of our pastors, Rev. Kudip Gangar, was born into a Sikh family in India and is able to speak and write in Punjabi. Substantial booklets have been written explaining the basics of the Christian faith in various Indian languages, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, and soon also Nepali, the main dialects of the Indian people. A commentary on the gospel has been prepared to be published into these Asian languages. Presently he is working on a commentary on Genesis 1-11. This ministry can be accessed at www.truepathtogod.org.

We can reflect with thankfulness to the Lord when we consider the activities of the last year. He has sustained us through trials, and shown blessings on the work completed despite our sins and weaknesses. It is our desire to pray and work, always looking to him to glorify His Name in the work we do in His kingdom. May God keep us and every NAPARC federation faithful to His Word and to our Confessions. It is our prayer that the Lord would send a mighty outpouring of His Spirit to revive us and the church in North America.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Free Reformed Churches of
North America

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St. George, Ontario
Canada

and

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Pastor
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Heritage Reformed Congregations

Church Correspondence Committee

September 29, 2014

Esteemed Brethren of NAPARC,

We convey to you greetings from your brethren in Christ in the Heritage Reformed Congregations. It is our prayer that our gathering at NAPARC may bring glory to God, better understanding among Reformed Christians, and increased visible unity in the body of Christ, His church.

As the HRC's Church Correspondence Committee, we are thankful to God to be able to report on His mercies shown to us as a denomination. The following is a summary of the more noteworthy developments in the HRC:

1. An additional minister, David Van Brugge, was ordained and installed as an HRC pastor in our Grand Rapids, MI congregation. David is a graduate of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.
2. Our 2014 Synod approved entering into the highest level of correspondence short of complete union with the Free Reformed Congregations of North America (FRCNA). Synod also approved entering into a correspondence relationship with the Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS). We presently have ecclesiastical relationships with eight denominations.
3. We are thankful to the Lord for the nearly 17,000 sq. ft. addition to our Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. We are humbled to report that the \$3.67 million cost for new construction, renovations to the existing structure, furnishings, media, and technology has already been met.
4. Synod 2014 ratified our support of the Korean Protestant Association of Churches (KPAC) for membership in NAPARC.
5. On the mission front, we are grateful to God to report that Mukhanyo Theological College, which serves Reformed Churches throughout sub-Saharan Africa and enrolls approximately 450 students in various programs, is now serving nearly 75 off-campus sites in several countries through their Distance Learning Program. The hope is that a third brick-and-mortar campus will be established in the Pretoria area in 2015. HRC Pastors Dr. Brian DeVries and Dr. Arthur Miskin serve as President and Lecturer at Mukhanyo respectively. In Malawi, HRC Pastor Cees Molenaar was recently appointed as head of the masters-level program at African Bible College. He continues to teach theological courses at Logos Ministries as well.

For a small denomination of nine congregations, we marvel and are humbled at the Lord's mercy and abundant goodness shown to us since our formation as a denomination twenty-one years ago. We ask your prayers for us, that we might be kept faithful to God's Holy Word and our Reformed Standards both in doctrine and in life.

With Christian love,

David Lippy

Rev. David Lippy

Secretary

HRC Church Correspondence Secretary

Member Church Report for KAPC (2014)

Name of the Church: The Korean-American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)

Address of Official Website: www.kapc.org

Year Established: 1978

Confessional Standards: Westminster Confession of Faith with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms; The Creed of the Twelve Articles

Statistical Information (as of May of 2014):

Total number of members (including baptized covenant children): 63,000
Total number of communicant members: 53,000
Total number of congregations: 545
Total number of presbyteries: 30
Total number of ordained ministers: 1,319
Total number of ordained ruling elders: 672

Major Assembly:

Frequency: Once yearly
Dates and venue of the most recent: The 38th General Assembly met during May 20-23, 2014 at Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada
Dates and venue of the next: May 19-22, 2015 at an undetermined location in Brazil (as a result of the Rev. Young Soo Kim of Central & South America Presbytery being elected as the vice-moderator at the 38th General Assembly)

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organization: NAPARC
Fraternal relations: with NAPARC Churches, Korean Presbyterian Church (Hapdong), Korean Presbyterian Church (Hap-Shin)
Changes in ecclesiastical relationship: There is an ongoing study on the feasibility of fraternal relation with KPC (Dae-Shin) to be reported by the General Assembly of 2015.
There is no current discussion on organic union with other churches.

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor: South and Central America (Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Guatemala, Columbia),

Middle East, Japan, Africa (Ivory Coast, Kenya, Uganda), Russia, SE Asia, NE Asia, South Asia, Central Asia.

New fields being developed: In addition to the 104 missionary units already working in the above mentioned fields, three additional missionary units were commissioned during the 38th General Assembly (2014) for a church planting work in Japan, NK mission, and the work in South Africa.

Home Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: 4

There are no known new home mission works being planned.

Major Assembly Study Committee:

Theological Committee

- The use of TNIV is to be rejected for KAPC congregations for the reason of gender neutrality in its translation.
- KPCA (Koshin) is to be recognized as sharing the common Reformed heritage and confession, and therefore it is recommended that KAPC would vote affirmatively on KPCA (Koshin)'s membership into NAPARC.

Significant Actions of the Most Recent General Assembly:

- (1) That 34 pastoral ordination candidates, who successfully sustained the ordination qualification exams, would be approved for ordination in their respective presbyteries. (The KAPC has the tradition of examining pastoral/teaching elder candidates days prior to the meeting of the annual General Assembly at the same geographical location. Those who sustain the qualification exams administered by the GA's Examination Committee are then placed under the examination process conducted by their respective presbyteries prior to their ordination.)
- (2) That KAPC would vote affirmatively in support of KPCA (Koshin)'s membership in NAPARC.
- (3) That KAPC would vote affirmatively in favor of the Constitutional changes as proposed.
- (4) That the following new presbyteries to be established: Garden State Presbytery (emerging out of New York Presbytery), East California Presbytery (emerging out of West California Presbytery).
- (5) That a committee of 5 men would be established to settle the unresolved legal issues pertaining to those who have been removed from office in accordance to the judicial committee's sentencing during the 37th General Assembly.

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

- (1) Pray for peace and unity of the church.

- (2) Pray that the church's theological schools will prepare the future pastoral leaders adequately.

Suggested Topic for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

Our General Assembly spent a significant amount of time lamenting corporately the loss of a flag ship congregation in New York City (New York Presbyterian Church) which recently broke off from our West New York Presbytery and was received by the Northeast Presbytery (Korean Language Presbytery) of PCA under a newly installed senior pastor who transferred out of the PCA presbytery into the KAPC presbytery in order to receive the call. KAPC would like to bring to discussion how such a matter may be filtered through an inter-denominational dialogue in future times.

Submitted on September 30, 2014
By S. Steve Park in behalf of KAPC

2014 Report to NAPARC Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Name of Church/Federation: **Orthodox Presbyterian Church**

Address of Official Website: **www.opc.org**

Year Established: **1936**

Confessional Standards: **Westminster Standards**

Other Standards: **A Book of Church Order which includes Form of Government, Book of Discipline, Directory for Worship. May be viewed at <http://opc.org/order.html>**

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data: **June 2014**

Total number of members

(including baptized covenant children) **30,758**

Total number of communicant members: **22,493**

Total number of congregations including mission works not yet organized: **322**

Total number of organized congregations/churches: **269**

Total number of presbyteries/classes: **16**

Total number of ordained ministers : **534**

Total number of ordained ruling elders: **1106**

Total number of ordained deacons : **870**

Major Assembly:

Frequency: **Annually**

Date(s) and venue of most recent: **June 2014 Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI**

Date(s) and venue of next: **June 3, 2015 Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa**

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations: **NAPARC; ICRC**

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships:

The OPC has three levels of ecclesiastical relations:

1) Ecclesiastical Fellowship-16 churches (<http://opc.org/relations/links.html>)

2) Corresponding Relations-12 Churches (<http://opc.org/relations/links.html>)

3) Ecumenical Contact-12 churches. These are contacts maintained through ICRC and NAPARC, with churches with whom we do not have historical or geographic closeness .

Our rules for these relationships are found at: <http://opc.org/relations/rules.pdf>

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships: **The 81st GA invited the Independent Reformed Church of Korea into full ecclesiastical fellowship.**

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC churches: ***Great Commission Publications with the PCA. The ERQ and the OPC work closely in Quebec through the OPC Committee on Foreign Missions. The OPC has completed a joint Psalter Hymnal project with the URCNA.***

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with NAPARC and/or other churches: ***None***

World Missions Activity:

The OPC welcomes co-operative work on the mission field with a number of NAPARC and other churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

Current fields of labor: ***9***

New fields being developed or under consideration: ***2***

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: ***39 supported by denominational assistance funds.***

Location(s) of new mission works being planned: ***Carson, CA; Cincinnati, OH; Eau Claire, WI; Hartwell, GA; Lander, WY; Naples, FL; Seattle, WA.***

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches: ***Undetermined***

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing :***The 81st 2014 General Assembly established a Study Committee on the Doctrine of Republication. This came as a result of an overture from the Presbytery of the Northwest where the matter is in dispute.***

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly: ***Establishment of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the IRCK, the establishment of the Study Committee on Republication, and the approval of a joint Psalter together with the URCNA and plans for concurrent Assemblies to celebrate this inauguration as soon as practicable.***

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments:

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church: ***Please pray for unity in our Presbyteries, several of which have suffered in the past few years over doctrinal and disciplinary matters, and for continued commitment to home and foreign missions, and that the new Psalter Hymnal will be well received in our churches.***

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting: ***The doctrine of republication and the covenant of works might be helpful in light of discussions about this in a number of NAPARC Churches. Ancillary to this might be a fresh look at the Calvinistic doctrine of two kingdoms, given current debates in our circles and also increasing secularization of our Western Culture.***

**Actions of the 42nd General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church in America**
L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk PCA

42nd General Assembly in Houston, Texas

The 42nd General Assembly of the PCA met in Houston, Texas, June 17-19, 2014, hosted by Houston Metro Presbytery, with 1,123 commissioners attending (256 Ruling Elders, 867 Teaching Elders), representing 624 churches from 79 of the 81 Presbyteries. The annual gathering is a church business meeting that serves as a church family reunion where corporate worship, fellowship, training, networking, and resourcing are also important factors.

Preachers for the three evening services were Rev. Ray Cortese, pastor of Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, Lecanto, Florida, who preached on “A Beautiful Orthodoxy” from Matthew 12:14; Dr. Derek Thomas, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina, who preached on “Crucifixion x 3” from Galatians 6:11-18; and Rev. Bill Sim, pastor of New Church of Atlanta (Georgia), who preached on “Grace-filled Conviction” from Acts 20:17-30.

An Assembly-wide seminar on “The PCA: Past, Present, and Future” was led Dr. L. Roy Taylor, PCA Stated Clerk, Dr. Bryan Chapell, Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois, and Rev. Murray Lee, Pastor of Cahaba Park Church Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Alabama. The panel, representative of the early years, middle years, and recent years of the PCA, discussed 1) how and why the PCA was begun in 1973, reflecting the common experiences of evangelicals coming from other mainline denominations, 2) the present unity and variety of the PCA as an evangelical Reformed denomination, and 3) the future challenges and opportunities of the PCA in a culture that has changed considerably over the first four decades of the PCA ministry and that is becoming even more diverse and secularized.

Overall, the 42nd General Assembly proved to be an irenic meeting, even though several controversial matters were considered. The goodwill demonstrated may be attributed to the Overtures Committee’s helpful work, the Moderator’s wisdom and grace in moderating, and the Christian spirit evinced by commissioners both in committee and Assembly sessions, as a genuine meeting of the minds was accomplished.

Dr. Bryan S. Chapell, Moderator

Dr. George Robertson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Augusta, Georgia, nominated as Moderator Teaching Elder Bryan S. Chapell, who was elected without opposition. Dr. Chapell became the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois in 2013, after ministering from 1986 until 2013 at the PCA’s denominational seminary, Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, where he served as Professor of Practical Theology, Dean, President, and then Chancellor. Prior to that, he served as a pastor in Illinois. A prolific author, his most well-known book is *Christ-Centered Preaching*, which has become a widely used textbook on preaching and has been translated into several languages. He moderated the meeting capably, graciously, and fairly. Dr. Chapell and his wife, Kathleen, are the parents of four children.

Changes

- The Assembly approved changing the name of the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications to the Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM).
- TE Thomas K. (Tom) Cannon was elected to serve as Coordinator for the Committee on Reformed University Ministries, succeeding Dr. Rod S. Mays, Coordinator, 1999-2014, who has become Executive Pastor of Mitchell Road PCA in Greenville, South Carolina.

- The Committee on Mission to the World reported that they have not yet selected a successor to Dr. Paul Kooistra, who has served as Coordinator since 2004. TE Kooistra was re-elected, to serve until a new Coordinator is found.

Protecting Children in the PCA

Preventing the sexual abuse of children and dealing with instances of sexual abuse compassionately, wisely, and in accordance with the law, is a significant issue. Georgia Foothills Presbytery sent Overture 6, “Child Protection in the PCA,” asking the Assembly to address the matter. Twenty-three other Presbyteries endorsed the overture. Several seminars on Protecting Children were held at the Assembly. The Assembly approved the recommendation of the Overtures Committee that the overture be answered in the affirmative as amended.

- The Assembly exhorted church leaders to become informed about and take an active stance in preventing child sexual abuse.
- The Assembly reminded churches that the heinous crime of child sexual abuse must be reported to duly appointed, proper representatives of the God-ordained civil authorities in accordance with local laws and that we must cooperate with those authorities.
- The Assembly urged all church leaders to use their influence, by any and all godly means, for the protection of children and to offer compassionate support for victims of abuse.
- The Assembly directed the ten General Assembly Permanent Committees and Agencies to review their child protection policies, procedures, and practices, including disclosures and reporting and to report to the 43rd General Assembly.
- The Assembly urged all PCA members to love our children as Christ loves children, “for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Mark 10:14).

To read the full text of the overture as amended and approved, go to www.pcahistory.org.

Ad Interim Committee on Insider Movements in Islam

The 39th General Assembly formed a committee to study Insider Movements in Islam and related Bible translation issues. The so-called Insider Movement is composed of people who assert that they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, but remain in the Muslim religious community. The Bible translation challenge is how to present the Lord Jesus Christ as God the Son without any idea of sexual union between God the Father and Mary. The committee gave partial reports in 2012 and 2013, and a final report in 2014. *The Assembly does not adopt the extensive narrative text of reports which are for information and study. The Assembly adopts only the recommendations of a report, (RONR [11th ed.] pp. 507-508).* There were minority reports in both 2013 and 2014. The Assembly did not approve the minority reports. The Assembly approved the 2012 and 2014 recommendations of the committee.

- **“Part One – Like Father, Like Son: Divine Familial Language in Bible Translation.”** The 40th General Assembly *adopted a recommendation* that, “since social familial terms fail to capture the biblical meaning of ‘Son’ (*huios*) and ‘Son of God’ (*huios tou theou*) applied to Jesus and ‘Father’ (*pater*) applied to God, Bibles should always translate divine familial names using common biological terms.”
- **“Part Two –Theology, Gospel Missions, and Insider Movements”** emphasized that full obedience to the Great Commission includes baptism and identification with the Church. The report offers guidance to Presbyteries, Sessions, and local church Missions Committees in applying the insights of the committee in dealing with those who seek to share the Gospel.

The Assembly adopted a recommendation that the complete Ad Interim Committee report be made available. Please find the report at www.pcahistory.org.

Judicial Procedures

- The General Assembly has a 24-man Standing Judicial Commission (SJC), to which it has committed all judicial matters arising from Presbyteries (*Book of Church Order [BCO]* 15-4). The SJC acts on behalf of the General Assembly and SJC decisions are final unless, 1) there is a minority report submitted by at least one-third of the voting members of the SJC (*BCO* 15-5 c.) or 2) the General Assembly directs the SJC to retry a case, if the Committee on Constitutional Business (CCB) takes exception to the minutes of the SJC citing alleged violation of procedures specified in the *Operating Manual of the SJC (OMSJC)* (see *BCO* 15-5; *Rules of Assembly Operations [RAO]* 17-1).
- Grace Presbytery sent Overture 3, “Revise *BCO* 15-5 a. and b.” which would have changed the present procedures so that SJC decisions would not be final until each case is reviewed and approved by the General Assembly as a whole. Several other overtures (8, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 20) either endorsed Overture 3 as first written or added more provisions. Overture 9 from Southwest Presbytery, “Revise *RAO* 17-1 to Allow the Committee on Constitutional Business to Take Exception to SJC Decisions,” would have allowed the CCB to call into question the actual case decisions made by the SJC. By a substantial majority the Assembly approved the recommendation of the Overtures Committee that Overtures 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 20 all be answered in the negative, thus retaining present judicial procedures.
- Overture 40, “Amend *BCO* 15-1 and 15-3 regarding Presbytery Judicial Commission Decisions,” submitted by TE Chris Keidel of Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery, was returned to the author without prejudice for further consideration and perfecting by the Presbytery. The overture, if adopted, would have made Presbytery judicial commission decisions the final decision of the Presbytery in the same way that SJC decisions are the final decisions of the Assembly.

Assembly Action on Other Overtures

- The Assembly approved a minority report on Overture 43 from Savannah River Presbytery, for the Assembly to express gratitude to the Lord for his sustaining Christians who face ostracism, persecution and penalties for standing for the sanctity of human life and for declining to participate in the cultural redefinition of marriage.
- Overtures 2 and 5 to reaffirm the PCA position on marriage were ruled out of order because under *Roberts Rules of Order* (11th ed.), §10, p. 104, lines 24ff, a motion to reaffirm, whether it passes or fails, does not change the PCA Constitution (see *BCO* Chapter 26). The PCA’s position on marriage is already clearly stated in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* XXXIV, *Westminster Larger Catechism* Qq. 137-139, and *Westminster Shorter Catechism* Qq. 70-72. The PCA holds that from creation God ordained the marriage covenant to be a bond between one man and one woman, and that the divinely sanctioned standard for sexual activity is fidelity within a marriage between a man and a woman or chastity outside of marriage.
- The Assembly declined to add biblical proof texts to *BCO* Chapter 59-3 regarding marriage. Such proof texts are already included in the relevant portions of the *Westminster Standards*.
- The Assembly declined to approve Overture 32 to issue a warning regarding erroneous views of creation because *in thesi* statements do not change the constitution (*BCO* 14-7; *BCO* 26) and the Twenty-eighth General Assembly approved the recommendations of a study committee on the issue addressed in the overture. The PCA position that God created the universe out of nothing and that Adam is a divinely created, historical person, and the federal head of humanity is already affirmed in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* IV, VI, *Westminster Larger Catechism* Qq. 15, 17, 20-30, and *Westminster Shorter Catechism* Qq. 9-20.

- The Assembly declined to approve the formation of a study committee regarding the third ordination vow of BCO 21-5 in which states that the polity of the PCA is “in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity.” A study committee was deemed unnecessary.
- The Assembly referred to MTW Overture 29 regarding a provisional Presbytery in Paraguay.
- The Assembly referred to the AC Overture 52 regarding a PCA logo/seal.

Book of Church Order Amendments – The General Assembly:

- Gave final approval to an amendment to BCO 34-8 and 37-6 to require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of a Presbytery to restore to office a deposed minister.
- Gave final approval to an amendment to BCO 43-10 regarding procedures to follow in a complaint regarding a Session or Presbytery failing to indict someone in a doctrinal case or matter of public scandal when the case is referred to a higher court for trial.
- Approved sending to Presbyteries proposed amendments to BCO 43-3; 43-8; and 43-9 regarding complaint procedures.
- Approved sending to Presbyteries a proposed amendment to BCO 18-7 regarding procedures for removal of Candidates and Interns.
- Approved sending to Presbyteries a proposed amendment to BCO 5-2 regarding mission churches.
- Approved sending to Presbyteries a proposed amendment to BCO 8-6 regarding evangelists.

PCA Statistics for 2013

Some statistics for 2013 as reported to the Office of the Stated Clerk and compared with 2012 are:

- Churches and missions – 1,808 an increase of 31
- Total professions of faith – 9,237 an increase of 92
- Ministers – 4,416, an increase of 95.
- Candidates for ministry – 366, a decrease of 202
- Licentiates – 88, a decrease of 40.
- Total membership (Communicants, ministers & non-communicants) – 367,033, an increase of 3,014, (0.82%), a positive gain, but not as strong as earlier years.
- Total Family Units – 139,634, an increase of 1,623
- Sunday School Attendance – 101,003, a decrease of 806
- Total Reported Contributions to Churches – \$ 763,985,123, an increase of \$26,817,256

Suggested Prayer, Offerings and Events

- Prayer for Covenant College as determined by local sessions
- November 2014, a Month of Prayer for Global Missions (MTW)
- A special offering for MTW Compassion Ministries on a date chosen by local sessions.
- November 9, 2014 a Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Worldwide (MTW).
- Annual Relief Ministry Offering (RBI)
- 2014 Love Gift for PCA Women in the Church (CDM) is for PCA Women’s Ministry
- 50 Days of Prayer prior for the General Assembly to the 43rd Assembly (CDM & MNA)
- **The 43rd General Assembly will meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 9-12, 2015**

The Assembly approved the request that churches contribute to the Administrative Committee on the basis of 0.35% of total tithes and offerings (excepting capital campaign projects). Churches that give \$10 per member to Covenant College qualify for the college’s Church Scholarship Promise program.

Report of the Presbyterian Reformed Church to NAPARC, 2014

Fathers and brethren, we bring you warm, Christian greetings in the worthy name of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful to have this opportunity to report to you the following highlights of our body from the last year.

Missions

As you may well know, the Presbyterian Reformed Church, being a small and relatively young denomination, has not as yet developed its own foreign mission agency. Yet we continue to be involved in training church leaders in Liberia through a pilot correspondence course on the Westminster Shorter Catechism. After completing the first year's course on S. Cat. 1-38, the second on S. Cat. 39-81, and a catechism memorization program for Liberian school children, we are beginning the third and final segment on Qs 82-107 – conversion and the means of grace.

The presbytery did decide in April to send a minister to Liberia for the purposes of on-the-ground pastoral training. However, Ebola outbreak may end up postponing such a trip. In the meantime, we continue our correspondence program and are actively working diaconally to send shipments of medical and prophylactic supplies.

With regards to home missions, the Presbytery presently has no active church plants. Nevertheless, our various congregations have been engaging in outreach to extend their local and regional witness. These efforts have included open air work, door-to-door district visitation, prison ministry, and Spanish-speaking outreach. It is our earnest prayer that the Most High may own these labors to the furtherance of His Kingdom.

Fraternal Relations

The Presbyterian Reformed Church is presently in the first stage of fraternal relations with the Free Reformed Churches and in the second stage with the Heritage Reformed Congregations, bodies with whom we have had some history and are closer in faith and practice. We have had ongoing dialogue with them, working towards the possibility of moving higher in their levels of relations. We have also extended a stated supply offer to an FRC licentiate, and he has accepted. We are presently applying to immigration, as the licentiate is Canadian.

Other Matters of Note

Our publications committee had been tasked to renovate our website, and it was able to report this year that the new website has been launched. The website is <http://presbyterianreformed.org>.

It was also moved and seconded that the Presbytery approve the application of the KPCA to the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) for membership in that

body. After some discussion, the motion was tabled.

Next, the presbytery has for some time been desirous of improving its form of government and book of discipline. At our 2012, it was decided to encourage our sessions to utilize the Free Church of Scotland's 'blue book' as a resource over the next five years, with a view towards possibly adopting and using relevant portions in the place of our present book.

Finally, in light of the troubling religious and moral decline both in the Church and society, the presbytery appointed Saturday, October 18, 2014, as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, that we and our people might humble ourselves and call upon the Lord for mercy on our lands, the Church in them, and our congregations that God may intervene, pardon, and pour out His Holy Spirit.

Next Meeting of Presbytery

The Presbyterian Reformed Church plans to hold its next annual meeting at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park near Nashville, Indiana, from Tuesday, June 9 to Friday, June 12, 2015.

Report to NAPARC 2014 by the Reformed Church in the U.S.

Name of Church/Federation: Reformed Church in the United States

Address of Official Website: .www.rcus.org

Year Established: 1747

Confessional Standards: The Three Forms of Unity

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data: January 1, 2014

Total number of members

(including baptized covenant children): 3,764

Total number of communicant members: 2,901

Total number of congregations (including mission works not yet organized): 53

Total number of organized congregations/churches: 47.

Total number of presbyteries/classes: 4

Total number of ordained ministers: 57

Total number of ordained ruling elders: 118

Total number of ordained deacons: 108

Major Assembly:

Frequency: Annual

Date(s) and venue of most recent: Emmanuel Reformed Church Sutton, NE May 19-22, 2014

Date(s) and venue of next: Zion Reformed Church, Menno, SD May 18, 2015

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations: NAPARC, ICRC

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships

(and number of churches/federations in each) .The RCUS has one official category, Fraternal Relationship with 7 denominations. In addition there are discussions and exchange of observers.

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships: none

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC Churches: none at this time

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with NAPARC and/or other churches: none at this time

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor Congo, Kenya, Philippines. The RCUS also supports the work of two agencies, Westminster Biblical Missions and Middle East Reformed Fellowship.

New fields being developed or under consideration: none

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches: none at this time

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: nine

Location(s) of new mission works being planned: Omaha, NE

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches: none at this time

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

A Committee was erected to consider language to be inserted into the Constitution and/or the liturgy for marriage which will clarify and reflect the historic Christian doctrine, and recently reaffirmed by the RCUS in a position paper, that a marriage is a God-ordained institution between only a man and a woman.

The establishment and support of a Hispanic Mission work to the Shafter, CA area. The Rev. Valentin Alpuche has been called by Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter with the specific purpose of establishing a Hispanic mission work in the area.

Efforts continue to begin a mission work in the Omaha, NE, Council Bluffs, IA area. This effort is under the oversight of the Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church in Lincoln, NE who will be establishing a plan for moving forward and seeking someone to carry out the work.

The body was also blessed to hear a report on the work of Rev. Dennis Roe who has been very active in foreign missions this past year. We saw a presentation on his trip to Kenya and heard of his trip to Romania and Russia as well. We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us with opportunities to labor overseas in the work of spreading the gospel, and thankful for men such as Rev. Roe to take advantage of those opportunities. We pray that God would make use of him, for we know His word never goes forth without accomplishing His purposes.

The RCUS continues to follow developments in the RCN in the Netherlands. Developments of in this sister Church are of great concern to the RCUS.

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments:

The RCUS has several vacancies.

Several of the Classes have had to deal with difficulties and conflicts in local congregations.

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church: The health of several of the elderly retired ministers and ministers' widows.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reformed Church in the United States
Dr. Maynard Koerner

Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Name of Church/Federation: Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Address of Official Website: Reformedpresbyterianchurch.org

Year Established: 1798

Confessional Standards: Westminster Confession of Faith, Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Reformed Presbyterian Testimony

Other Standards: Directory for Church Government, Book of Discipline, Directory for Public Worship

Statistical Information: (N.B.: Except for "Total number of presbyteries" these statistics do not include 2 presbyteries in an East Asian country.

Effective date of statistical data: December 31, 2013

Total number of members

(including baptized covenant children): 6,786

Total number of communicant members 4,891

Total number of congregations (including mission works not yet organized) 95

Total number of organized congregations/churches 88

Total number of presbyteries: 6 in North America; 3 in Asia

Total number of ordained ministers 170

Total number of ordained ruling elders 297

Total number of ordained deacons 241

Major Assembly:

Frequency: Annually (with a few exceptions)

Date(s) and venue of most recent: June 23-26, 2014; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana

Date(s) and venue of next: June 8-12, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, North Carolina

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations: NAPARC, ICRC

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships

(and number of churches/federations in each)

I. REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES—Full intercommunion (4)

- Reformed Presbytery of Australia
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland
- Trinity Christian Community Fellowship

II. CHURCHES IN FRATERNAL RELATIONS (9)

- Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- Free Church of Scotland (Synod of N. America)

- Korean American Presbyterian Church
- Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Church in America
- Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia
- Reformed Church in the U.S.
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of South Sudan
- United Reformed Churches in North America

III. OBSERVER CHURCHES (2)

- Canadian Reformed Churches
- Heritage Reformed Churches

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships None

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC

churches Generally seeking to work more closely with the ARPC

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with
NAPARC and/or other churches:

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor: Japan, South Sudan, Cyprus, India, another Asian Country

New fields being developed or under consideration: Yet another Asian country

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other
 NAPARC churches

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works & Location(s) of new mission works being planned Casper, WY;
Laramie, WY; Bryan, TX; Dallas, TX; Tucson, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; Terra Haute, IN;
Marion, IN; Southwest Ohio; Pageland, SC; Harrisonberg, VA; Dayton, TN; Western
Massachusetts; Calgary, AB; Chinese-language in Irvine, CA; Korean Language in Los
Angeles, CA; Mexico City, Mexico.

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other
 NAPARC churches

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing (year established): Mediatorial Kingship of Christ, 2014

Final report(s) received at last major assembly (include
 links to website)

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

1. Meet concurrently with ARPC in 2015
2. Establishment of a South American Committee
3. First oral report from an East Asian Presbytery given and translated on the floor of Synod.
4. Board of Pension Trustees

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments:

1. The Board of Pension Trustees is considering whether to dissolve the pension program as we
know it because it may involve holding to an unbiblical definition of marriage as required by the
Internal Revenue Service.

2. "Regarding the lawsuit filed by Geneva College against the Federal Government in February
2012 over the Department of Health and Human Services Mandate requiring that abortifacients
be provided under employee health plans, Geneva has been granted a preliminary injunction.
The attorney filed for a summary decision with the court. We do not know the time frame for that.

Should we lose, we are looking at options. We continue to ask everyone who is committed to maintaining religious freedom in this country to support us through their voices and prayers."

--From the report of the Geneva College Trustees to the Geneva College Corporators.

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

1. For relief from unbiblical requirements by civil government and ultimately to overthrow of those unbiblical requirements.
2. For the development of relationships with reformed churches in South and Central America.
3. For the strengthening of Asian presbyteries toward becoming self-sustaining.
4. For the development of new missions in India and another Asian country.
5. For a clearer understanding of the Mediatorial Kingship of Christ and its implications for the church.

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

URCNA CHURCH REPORT

Name of Federation: United Reformed Churches in North America

Address of Official Website: <http://www.urna.org>

Year Established: 1995

Confessional Standards: Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession of Faith, Canons of Dort

Other Standards: Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data: December 31, 2013

Total number of members (including baptized covenant children): 23,917

Total number of communicant members: 15,966

Total number of congregations including mission works not yet organized): 118

Total number of organized congregations/churches: 103

Total number of presbyteries/classes: 8

Total number of ordained ministers: 142

Total number of ordained ruling elders & deacons: 1,122 (Separate figures for elders and deacons are not available.)

Major Assembly:

Frequency: Required at least once every three years but since 2012 we have met every two years.

Date and venue of most recent: June 2014 Visalia, California

Date and venue of next: June 2016 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations: NAPARC and ICRC

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships (and number of churches/federations in each)

Churches in Phase One – *Corresponding Relations*

1. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
2. Free Reformed Churches (FRC)
3. Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
4. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
5. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
6. Presbyterian Reformed Church (overseas):
7. The Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA)
8. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (GKv)
9. The United Reformed Churches in Congo (URCC)
10. The Calvinist Reformed Church in Indonesia
11. The Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC)
12. The Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia (ERCLAT)
13. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW)

Churches in Phase Two – *Ecclesiastical Fellowship*

1. Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)
2. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
3. Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
4. Reformed Church of Quebec / L'Eglise Reformee du Quebec (ERQ)

5. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)

6. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships:

- Synod Visalia 2014 approved moving to Phase Two with the United Reformed Churches of Congo. This is subject to ratification by a majority of the consistories by December 31, 2014.
- Synod Visalia 2014 terminated Phase One with the Free Protestant Church in Argentina since they have experienced internal conflicts and now number 8-10 persons meeting in a private home. One of our congregations maintains contact with the small group to give such support and encouragement as providential circumstances allow.

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC Churches:

- A song book including all 150 Psalms with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with NAPARC and/or other churches:

- Ongoing discussions with the Canadian Reformed Churches.

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor:

- Costa Rica: Guadalupe and Cartago
- Honduras: Comayagua and Tegucigalpa
- India: Dehra Dun
- Italy: Novate, Milan
- Mexico: Tepic, Nayarit
- Philippines: Imus, Carvite and Pasig City, Metro Manila

For contact info see:

<https://www.urchna.org/sysfiles/member/custom/custom.cfm?memberid=1651&customid=24981>

New fields being developed or under consideration: (information not available)

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches: Information not available.

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works: 15. For a complete list see:

<https://www.urchna.org/sysfiles/member/custom/custom.cfm?memberid=1651&customid=24835>

Location(s) of new mission works being planned: Information not available.

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches: Information not available.

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing (year established)

- Ad Hoc Retirement Committee – Mandated in 2014 to investigate and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of a federation wide retirement plan for pastors in the Canada and the United States and recommend to the next synod the feasibility and potential implementation of such a plan.
- Membership Departure – Mandated in 2014 to review and evaluate the various ways by which members leave or attempt to leave a local congregation, whether under discipline or not. The various ways include but are not limited to transfer, withdrawal, resignation, desertion, or forsaking the church; to define the various ways and recommend which ways of leaving may be appropriate and under what circumstances; and, to recommend pastoral advice on how consistories may deal with the various ways of leaving.

Final report(s) received at recent major assemblies:

All reports can be found at:

<https://www.urchna.org/sysfiles/member/custom/custom.cfm?memberid=1651&customid=23888>

- Office of Deacon in the Churches: Report that Synod St. Catharines 1997 referred to the churches for study.
- Biblical and Confessional View of Missions: Report that Synod Escondido 2001 referred to the churches for study and implementation.

- URCNA-OPC Study Committee Report: Report that Synod Escondido 2001 referred to the churches for further study.
- Federal Vision and Justification Report that Synod London 2010 referred to the churches for study.
- Mission Committee Report Synod Visalia 2013: *How to Plant a Reformed Church*
<https://www.urncna.org/urncna/Missions/ChurchPlantingManual/How%20to%20Plant%20a%20Reformed%20Church.pdf>

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

- The approval of the Psalm portion of a new Psalter Hymnal being developed jointly with the OPC. The hymn section is scheduled to be approved in 2016.
- The hiring of the federation's first full time employee, a Missions Coordinator, Rev. Richard Bout who will begin his new position in January 2015, D.V.
- The production of a missions manual, "How To Plant A Reformed Church"

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments:

- At Synod Visalia 2014, a two hour doctrinal conversation was held between two Canadian Reformed professors of theology and two United Reformed professors of theology on the subject of the covenant, with opportunity for questions and comments from the synodical delegates. Although historical situations have produced various nuances on the subject of the covenant in our respective federations, no confessional or substantial differences were discovered.

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE
to the
40th (2014) Meeting of NAPARC

REPORT

Since the last meeting of NAPARC, your Committee met three times (February 6, July 3, and September 25, 2014) by telephone conference call (one other meeting was canceled due to last-minute schedule conflicts of its members). Copies of the minutes of our meetings are in the hands of NAPARC's secretary. Mr. Bube continues as the webmaster.

After the informal response at last year's meeting of NAPARC to a suggestion that the Committee consider the development of a NAPARC Member Church congregation locator map, the Committee determined not to move forward with such at this time. Your Committee continues to fine tune the website. The minutes of all thirty-nine meetings of NAPARC (1975–2013) have been digitized, together with the supporting meeting papers.

Your Committee requests each of the member churches' delegations to complete a NAPARC MEMBER CHURCH 2014 CONTACT DATA INFORMATION SHEET—and forward it to the webmaster at webmaster@naparc.org, fax it to him (215–830–0350), or bring the completed sheet with them and give it to him at the November meeting.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Since we're able to piggy-back onto the OPC's host server, the annual fee for hosting NAPARC.ORG is only \$25. Your Committee requests a total budget of \$200 to be able to continue its work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark T. Bube (chairman)
James K. Kim
R. Bruce Parnell (secretary)
Ronald L. Potter (advisory)
Lee Shelnuitt

September 25, 2014

NAPARC MEMBER CHURCH 2014 CONTACT DATA INFORMATION SHEET

Each of the NAPARC member churches' delegations is requested to provide the following contact information for the respective ministry committees of their churches/federations (if the NAPARC website already has the current information for a ministry committee, just check the box in the right-hand column—you don't need to resubmit the same information):

Name of Member Church: _____

<i>Ministry Committee</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Check here if NAPARC Website has correct info</i>
Interchurch relations			☐
World missions			☐
Home (North- American) missions			☐
Christian education			☐
Diaconal ministries			☐
Stated clerk of the major assembly			☐

Web link to Vacant Pulpit List: _____ ☐

Date of 2015 major assembly: _____ Venue: _____

Please email this completed form to webmaster@naparc.org, fax it to 215-830-0350 (Attn: Mark Bube), or bring it with you to the November meeting. Thank you.

Report of World Missions Consultation

On 9/25/2014 2:55 PM, Mark Bube wrote:
September 25, 2014

Dear Brother Ron,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with His blood purchased for God men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. In April 2014, we decided to combine the NAPARC World Missions Consultations scheduled for September 2014 and September 2015 into the ICRC Missions Consultation scheduled for May 6-7, 2015, in Willow Grove, PA. Therefore, there was no NAPARC World Missions Consultation in 2014.

By way of background to the decision to combine the meetings, most of the NAPARC Member Churches that regularly send representatives to the NAPARC World Missions Consultations are also Member Churches in the ICRC. In its meeting on March 18, 2014, the ICRC Missions Committee determined to schedule its own World Missions Consultation for May 2015. If we all tried to go to each of the scheduled Consultations, we would end up having (and incurring the travel costs for) three Consultations roughly six month apart: NAPARC in Sept 2014; ICRC in May 2015; and NAPARC in Sept 2015. Since May 2015 is roughly halfway between September 2013 and September 2016, we agreed to combine the NAPARC World Missions Consultation into the ICRC's Missions Consultation in May 2015, and to dispense with the regular NAPARC World Missions Consultations in September 2014 and September 2015. The advantage of juggling our schedule of meetings to accommodate the ICRC Missions Consultation in May 2015 is that t

he world missions representatives from our "sister churches" overseas, with whom we have had little opportunity to consult as we have enjoyed doing among ourselves, would also have the opportunity to participate. It would also give some of our travel budgets a break. The net result is that, between the NAPARC World Missions Consultation in September 2013 and September 2016, we would have only one Consultation rather than the usual two.

May our gracious Lord continue to use your labors for His own glory and the increase of His kingdom.

Your servant in Christ,
Mark

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