

**Interim Committee Docket
Forty First Meeting
North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
Quebec, City, QC Canada
November 10th, 2015, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 Noon**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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)
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)

III. Adoption of Docket

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. Interim Committee 2014

B. Council Meeting 2014

V. Report of the Secretary to the Interim Committee

VI. Communications:

A. NAPARC 2015 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches.

B. Church Reports for 2015 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. From the Stated Clerk of the PCA June 6th, 2015: *Statement on Same-sex Marriage* for information.

E. From the HRC June 17, 2015 to the Interim Committee regarding limitation on oral presentations.

- F. From Mark Bube, OPC, September 28th, 2015 re: NAPARC Foreign Missions Consultation.
 - G. From Mark Bube, OPC September 30th, 2015, final Report of the Web Site Committee (draft received September 28th, 2015).
 - H. From the HRC October 6th, 2015 for the Interim Committee regarding approval of a *Sanctity of Life Sunday*. (Clerks note: requires Interim Committee approval to be placed on the docket Bylaws IV.2 & VI.4.b.)
- VII. Treasurer's Report/Auditors Report.
- VIII. Reports and Appointments of Operating Committee's.
 - A. Web Site Committee. (Approval of budget request)
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - A. Assignments for questions and prayer following member church reports (By-laws VI.4.b.(2)).
 - B. Suggestions for discussion regarding progress toward organic union (By-laws VI.4.b.(3) (2015 Council Docket item X.)
- XI. Additional Delegates Appointed to the Interim Committee
- XII. Nominations of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- XIII. Proposed Budget (2015 Council Docket XVIII)
- XIV. Proposed Docket for plenary session of NAPARC
- XV. Arrangements for next (2016) meeting
 - A. Host: Free Reformed Churches of North America (2011 Minutes p.27; XVI. Rec.#12)

B. Place:

C. Date:

D. Invitees

XVI. Adjournment.

Statement on Same-sex Marriage
L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church in America

The Supreme Court of the United States has issued a 5-4 ruling legalizing same-sex marriage. The Office of the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) has received numerous inquiries regarding the position of the PCA on this issue. The PCA, like other evangelical, conservative, orthodox, and traditional Christians from many denominations, believes that from creation God ordained the marriage covenant to be a bond only between one man and one woman. That understanding is what the Church has always believed, taught, and confessed. It is based upon the teachings of the Holy Scriptures and is clearly stated in the doctrinal standards of the PCA.

Over the last 2,000 years, changing cultures and secular legal perspectives have differed on significant occasions from that of Christians and the Church because the Church bases her ethical and moral positions on timeless truths divinely revealed in the Bible. The ancient and undivided Church disagreed with abortion and infanticide, practices that were acceptable in Roman culture and legal under Roman law. In 1973 the Supreme Court of the United States legalized abortion. Though abortion became legal, we cannot regard it to be moral. Though same-sex marriage is now legal, the PCA, like many others, does not regard it to be in keeping with God's intentions for marriage. We hope that the recent Supreme Court ruling does not become the occasion for limiting the religious and free-speech rights of believers and churches who, like others for thousands of years, sincerely believe in traditional marriage.

Received NAPARC June 6, 2015- RP

Heritage Reformed Congregations

Church Correspondence Committee

June 17, 2015

Esteemed Brethren of the Interim Committee of NAPARC,

Receive greetings in Christ's name from the Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC).

The HRC Church Correspondence Committee (CCC) would like to present a point for the 2016 NAPARC Interim Committee's agenda.

Motion: That NAPARC member churches try to limit oral presentations to material not already covered in their written reports.

Rationale:

During recent NAPARC meetings, our delegation noted considerable redundancy between the written and oral reports submitted by the member churches. Oral reports often summarized and/or restated material already received in writing prior to the meetings.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless our churches for His glory, His people's edification, and the good of this fallen world.

With Christian love,



Rev. David Lippy

Secretary

HRC Church Correspondence Committee

From: Heritage Reformed Congregations:

Dear Ron,

We have an additional point for NAPARC this year. I don't know if it's too late to submit it. This should be the second point you received from us.

The HRC Church Correspondence Committee recommends the following to NAPARC member churches:

Approve having a "Sanctity of Marriage Sunday," similar to "Sanctity of Life Sunday," each year on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding same-gender marriage. This would involve designating the Lord's Day closest to June 26 as Sanctity of Marriage Sunday.

With Christian love,
Rev. David Lipsy

Heritage Reformed Congregations
Church Correspondence Committee Secretary

Received October 7th, 2015 - RP

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Question and Prayer Assignment Proposals to the Interim Committee

Bylaws III.2.b.(4)

Prepared by L.W. Bilkes

NAPARC Reporting Church

Questions and Prayer

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)	RPCNA
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Observer Churches

Protestant Reformed Churches in North America (PRCNA)	HRC
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