

THE MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod

Teleconference Meeting January 21, 2006



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Stated Clerk

Mr. Ken Turner
Moderator

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(End of term – June 30, 2006)

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Covenanters ARP Church

Grace Fellowship Church, ARPC

Mt. Zion ARP Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church

ONTARIO REGION

Grace Presbyterian Church

Reformed Hungarian Church

Riverside ARP Church

Trinity ARP Church

MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY, ARPC
STATED JANUARY MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2006
Teleconference Meeting

The Stated January Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on January 21, 2006 by teleconference. Nineteen (19) presbyters were in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery Convenes for Stated January Teleconference Meeting

At 9:05 a.m. (E.S.T.), the Vice-moderator, Rev. Frank Kovacs, called the presbyters to order and convened the 2006 Stated January Teleconference Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. Rev. Kovacs constituted the teleconference meeting as a court of the church of Jesus Christ, with an opening prayer and a reading of Scripture from Isaiah 11: 1-5, followed by a short devotion.

Calling of the Roll by the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk, Mr. Bill McKay called the roll of presbyters for this meeting. The brothers named were asked to signify their attendance at this meeting with a verbal acknowledgement.

a) Roll Call of ministers, Licentiates and Students of Theology present:

Rev. Kevin Carter
Rev. Rick Barnes
Rev. Brian Murray
Rev. Henry Bartsch
Rev. John Shearouse
Rev. John van Eyk
Rev. Frank Kovacs
Rev. David Els
Rev. Jeff Kingswood
Rev. Dr. Jack C. Whytock
Mr. Bill VanDoodewaard (Student of Theology)

b) Roll Call of Ruling Elders (as delegates to presbytery):

Mr. Alan Jones (Covenanters ARPC)
Mr. Troy McNulty (Mt. Zion ARPC)
Mr. Mike Flewelling (Trinity Presbyterian, NB)
Mr. Bill McKay (Grace Presbyterian Church – Woodstock, ON)
Mr. Greig Park (Riverside ARPC)
Mr. Jim Haas (Trinity ARPC – Chatham, ON)
Mr. Frank Kovacs Sr. - (Reformed Hungarian Church)
Mr. Dave Alexander – (Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Rev. William Campbell and Mr. Ken Turner sent their regrets for their absence from this meeting and were excused.

Rudy de Vries (Licentiate), David Martinez (Student) and Mark Blaauw (Student) were absent.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors.

The attendance of the following guests was noted:

- Mr. Albert Gerrits and Jonathan Gerrits (Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church)
- Mr. Marven MacLean (Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Motion from Outreach Canada for Elder Representatives of Mission Congregations.

- **Motion:** To allow the Elder Representatives of Mission Congregations to be full participants in this meeting. **M/S/C**

Report of the Moderator (Rev. Frank Kovacs):

1. **Presentation and Approval of the Docket.** Rev. Kovacs presented the proposed docket.
 - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as presented. **M/S**
 - **Motion:** to amend the docket by adding to the Announcements an offer of special prayer for Ruling Elder Frank Masters as he mourns the recent loss of his wife, Louise, to cancer and also prayer for Rev. Rick Barnes and the congregation of Grace Fellowship as they prepare for the funeral this afternoon. **M/S/C**
 - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as amended. **M/S/C**

Report of the Stated Clerk (Mr. Bill McKay)

1. **Approval of 2005 Stated Fall Meeting Minutes.**
 - **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery (September 28-29, 2005) as circulated. **M/S/C**
2. **Report of Correspondence Received.** None received.
 - **Motion:** to adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

Old Business

1. **Tabled Motion regarding sharing of Yearly Statistical Reports with the Congregational Life Committee:**
 - **Motion:** To direct the Principal Clerk to pass the Yearly Statistical Forms to the Congregational Life Committee. **M/S/Tabled to Stated Spring Meeting**
 - **Motion:** to bring the motion back from the table. **M/S/C**
 - **Motion:** to refer the motion to the Congregational Life Committee for their study and to report back to the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting. **M/S/C**

Minister and His Work Committee (Rev. John Shearouse):

1. **Mr. Rudy de Vries:** At the 2005 Stated Fall Meeting, the committee was instructed to “*prepare a call to Mr. Rudy de Vries in conjunction with the Board of Cornerstone Bible Institute to labour as an ordained minister in the prisons of Canada for Cornerstone Bible Institute.*” The plan is to have an arrangement in which the Canadian Presbytery shall be the church court that issues the call to Mr. de Vries, and in which Cornerstone Bible Institute shall provide the finances to sustain this call. The proposed terms for the call are being drawn up at this time.
 - **Motion:** that Mr. Rudy de Vries be examined for ordination at the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery provided the call is in order. **M/S/C**
2. **Mr. David Martinez:** The committee has received notification from David Martinez that he does not wish to be re-examined for licensure by the Canadian Presbytery. David has requested that he not be removed as a student at this time while he is assessing his future.
 - **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

Outreach Canada (Rev. John van Eyk):

1. Meeting in London, ON: In consultation with other members of the Ontario region of the Canadian Presbytery, Outreach Canada (Ontario Region) plans to hold an information evening on February 13th at the Ramada Inn in London, ON. The purpose of this meeting is to investigate the potential for an ARP Church plant in the south end of the City of London.
 - **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. M/S/C

Congregational Life Committee: No report.

Nominations Committee (Mr. Bill McKay):

1. Alternate to serve on Denominational Nominating Committee: The presbytery needs to select an alternate representative to serve on the ARPC Nominating Committee when the Stated Clerk is unable to attend meetings. Rev. Henry Bartsch volunteered to take on this task.
 - **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. M/S/C

Stewardship Committee (Rev. David Els):

1. Treasurer's Report for 2005: Rev. Els presented the 2005 Treasurer's Report (**see Appendix 1**).
 - **Motion:** To receive the 2005 Treasurer's Report (ending December 31) as presented. M/S/C
2. 2006 Canadian Presbytery Budget Report: (**see Appendix 2**)
 - **Motion:** To adopt the 2006 Budget for the Canadian Presbytery as presented. M/S/C

The various churches of the presbytery were commended for their faithfulness in supporting the work of the presbytery with their generous contributions.

- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. M/S/C

New Business:

1. Change date of 2006 Stated Spring Meeting: The Moderator (Mr. Ken Turner) is requesting that the dates for the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting be changed to April 20-21, 2006 (Thursday/Friday) due to scheduling conflicts with his work schedule and also a problem with the availability of the church facilities on the Wednesday evening by the host congregation (the Reformed Hungarian Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church).
 - **Motion:** To approve the change of dates for the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting to April 20-21, 2006 (Thursday/Friday). M/S/C
2. Change dates and times of future Stated Meetings: There is a request to consider establishing the dates of future Stated Meetings to be held on the Thursday and Friday of the weeks they are held. There was a further request to also begin the meetings at 9:00 a.m. of the Thursday morning. The reasons for these changes were to make it easier for Ruling Elders to arrange time off work so they may find it easier to attend the meetings and to try to give the Standing Committees more time to deliberate before giving reports to the presbytery. Also, by scheduling the meetings for Thursday and Friday, it is hoped that any ministers who were traveling could be encouraged to stay over and preach at the other churches on the following Lord's Day.
 - **Motion:** To establish the meeting dates for future Stated Meetings of the Canadian Presbytery to be scheduled on the Thursday and Friday of the weeks scheduled. M/S/C

- **Motion:** To establish the start time on the first day (Thursday) of the presbytery meeting at 1:00 p.m. **M/S/C**

Dates & Locations of Future Meetings of the Canadian Presbytery:

Stated Spring Meeting: April 20 – 21, 2006 - Reformed Hungarian Church ARP, Toronto, ON

Adjourned Meeting: June 7, 2006 - General Synod, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, N.C.

Stated Fall Meeting: September 28 – 29, 2006 - Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Kentville, NS

Stated Teleconference: Saturday, January 20, 2007 (9:00 a.m. E.S.T.)

Stated Spring Meeting: April 19–20, 2007 - Trinity ARP Church, Chatham, ON

Stated Fall Meeting: September 27-28, 2007 - Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Halifax. NS

Adjournment/ Announcements

Rev. Henry Bartsch offered prayer for comfort and guidance for Frank Masters at this time as he mourns the recent loss of his wife to cancer.

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting. **M/S/C**

Closing Prayer and Benediction.

At 9:58 a.m., Rev. Kevin Carter closed the meeting with prayer and Rev. Kovacs presented a benediction to the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Bill McKay
Principal Clerk

Mr. Ken Turner
Moderator

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches
in Canada*

Treasurer's Report

for the year ending December 31, 2005

	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds 2005	Total All Funds 2004
	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges		
RECEIPTS								
Covenant Reformed	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,675.00
Covenanters	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	227.10	600.00	527.10	710.75
Grace Fellowship, NS	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,200.00	3,385.00
Grace Presbyterian, CN	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	4,222.85	2,100.00	5,422.85	5,918.34
Mount Zion	900.00	1,200.00	300.00	400.00	1,875.00	2,500.00	3,075.00	4,527.90
Reformed Hungarian	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	500.00	500.00	750.00	750.00
Riverside	2,000.00	2,000.00	300.00	300.00	7,247.85	5,200.00	9,547.85	8,662.75
Trinity Chatham CN	2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00	200.00	5,223.68	5,423.68	7,423.68	8,632.00
Trinity Woodstock, NB	500.00	1,000.00	100.00	200.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,650.00
Interest	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,695.95	0.00	1,696.31	2,908.48
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,800.36	9,600.00	2,450.00	2,650.00	24,892.43	19,723.68	36,142.79	39,820.22
DISBURSEMENTS		Budget				Budget		
Supplement paid to Covenanters					15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Canadian Associates Newsletter	1,307.94	1,600.00					1,307.94	1,320.77
Travel and Advertising	625.88	2,500.00					625.88	444.07
Telephone, teleconference calls	413.73	1,600.00					413.73	94.47
Printing Minutes, Manual of Procedure	615.34	250.00					615.34	44.28
Treasurer's Wbrk, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	74.95	150.00					74.95	150.58
Student Bursaries & Expenses	819.63	2,000.00					819.63	1,951.59
Computer (2003 expense)	0.00	0.00					0.00	2,513.18
Incorporation	0.00	3,000.00					0.00	0.00
Contingency	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,857.47	11,500.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	18,857.47	21,518.94
Excess - Receipts over Disbursements	4,942.89	-\$1,900.00	2,450.00	\$2,650.00	9,892.43	\$4,723.68	17,285.32	18,301.28
Bank and Investments - January 1	8,919.57		12,921.16		66,196.93		88,037.66	69,736.38
Bank and Investments - December 31	\$13,862.46		\$15,371.16		\$76,089.36		\$105,322.98	\$88,037.66
Represented by:								
Bank Balance							\$7,802.89	\$6,489.95
Investment Certificates							97,520.09	81,547.71
Total Funds - December 31							\$105,322.98	\$88,037.66

CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Proposed Budget for the Canadian Presbytery for the Calendar Year 2006

Canadian News Letter	1600.00
Travel and Advertising	2500.00
Moderator/Clerk Travel	2000.00
Telephone	1600.00
Printing of Minutes of Presbytery	250.00
Treasurers work, Postage, Bank Charges.	150.00
Contingency	400.00
Incorporation	3000.00
Student Bursaries & Expenses	<u>2000.00</u>
	\$13500.00

Pledges for the Presbytery Expense Fund:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	800.00
2.	Covenanter's ARP	NS	200.00
3.	Grace Fellowship	NS	1200.00
4.	Grace Presbyterian	ON	1000.00
5.	Mount Zion	NB	1200.00
6.	Reformed Hungarian Church	ON	200.00
7.	Riverside	ON	2000.00
8.	Trinity ARP Chatham	ON	2800.00
9.	Trinity ARP Woodstock	NB	<u>1000.00</u>
			10400.00

Pledges for the Denominational Ministry Fund:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	200.00
2.	Covenanter's ARP	NS	100.00
3.	Grace Fellowship	NS	1000.00
4.	Grace Presbyterian	ON	200.00
5.	Mount Zion	NB	400.00
6.	Reformed Hungarian Church	ON	50.00
7.	Riverside	ON	300.00
8.	Trinity ARP Chatham	ON	300.00
9.	Trinity ARP Woodstock	NB	<u>200.00</u>
			2750.00

Pledges for the Canadian Church Development Trust:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	2400.00
2.	Covenanter's ARP	NS	400.00
3.	Grace Fellowship	NS	1000.00
4.	Grace Presbyterian	ON	3000.00
5.	Mount Zion	NB	3000.00
6.	Reformed Hungarian Church	ON	500.00
7.	Riverside	ON	7000.00
8.	Trinity ARP Chatham	ON	7500.00
9.	Trinity ARP Woodstock	NB	<u>1000.00</u>
			25800.00

Payments should be made not less than quarterly to the Canadian Presbytery Treasurer.

Cheques are to be made out to: ARP Churches in Canada, Reg Number 87885 6061-RR0001

Cheques are to be sent to:

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