

# THE MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod*

## **2006 Stated Spring Meeting**

April 20 -21, 2006

Reformed Hungarian Church, ARPC

Toronto, Ontario



Mr. Bill McKay  
Principal Clerk

Mr. Ken Turner  
Moderator

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**MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY, ARPC**  
**STATED SPRING MEETING – April 20-21, 2006**  
Reformed Hungarian Church (ARP), Toronto, Ontario  
in the Free Reformed Church Building, Toronto, ON

The Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on April 20 and 21, 2006 hosted by Reformed Hungarian Church, Toronto, Ontario. Eighteen (18) persons (presbyters and guests) were in attendance for this stated meeting of presbytery.

**Thursday – April 20, 2006**

The delegates for presbytery gathered for a time of Christian fellowship, refreshments and prayer prior to the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. It is by God's grace and under His blessing that we gather as a court of His church. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**Presbytery Convenes for Stated Fall Meeting.**

The Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery, Mr. Ken Turner, called the presbyters to order at 1:00 p.m. and convened the 2006 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. The attending presbyters and guests joined in the singing of hymn #246 "Man of Sorrows!" from The Trinity Hymnal. After reading from Scripture (Luke 15: 1-10) Mr. Turner constituted this meeting of the Canadian Presbytery, as a court of the Church of Jesus Christ, with prayer.

**Greetings from the Host Church**

On behalf of the congregation of Reformed Hungarian Church, Rev. Frank Kovacs extended warmest greetings and salutations to the presbyters and guests of the Canadian Presbytery.

**Calling of the Roll**

The Principal Clerk, Bill McKay, called the roll of presbyters for this stated meeting.

- a) Roll Call of ministers and Students of Theology present:
  - Rev. Kevin Carter
  - Rev. Rick Barnes
  - Rev. Jeff Kingswood
  - Rev. Brian Murray
  - Rev. Henry Bartsch
  - Rev. John Shearouse
  - Rev. John van Eyk
  - Rev. Frank Kovacs
  - Rev. David Els
  - Mr. Rudy deVries (Licentiate)
  
- b) Roll Call of Ruling Elders:
  - Mr. Ken Turner (Moderator)
  - Mr. Kevin Bigney (Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church)
  - Mr. Mike Flewelling (Trinity Presbyterian Church – Woodstock, NB)
  - Mr. Bill McKay (Grace Presbyterian Church)
  - Mr. Rudy deVries (Riverside ARPC)
  - Dr. Eric Whyte (Grace Fellowship Church, ARP)

Mr. John Moerman (Trinity ARPC – Chatham, ON)  
Mr. Frank Kovacs Sr. (Reformed Hungarian Church)  
Mr. Alan Jones (Covenanters ARPC)

Rev. William Campbell sent his apologies and regrets for his absence and offered his prayers for the court during its deliberations.

Dr. Jack Whytock's flight will be arriving tonight. It is his plan to be in attendance for the morning session on Friday.

The Stated Clerk, Mr. Bill McKay, declared a quorum was present.

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors.**

A warm welcome was extended by the moderator, Mr. Ken Turner (Grace Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, ON) to the guests and visitors who were in attendance. The visitors introduced were Jennifer Hovestadt (ARP Women's Ministry), Rev. Frank Van Dalen (World Witness) and Mr. Alexander Greig Park (Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church).

**Motion for Elder Representatives of Mission Congregations to be full participants.**

- **Motion:** from Outreach Canada to extend the right of full participation to the elders from the mission congregations. **M/S/C**

**Report of the Moderator (Mr. Ken Turner):**

1. Presentation and Approval of the Docket. Mr. Turner presented the proposed docket.
  - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as presented. **M/S/C**
2. Appointment of the Moderator's Committees:
  - a) Mr. Turner appointed the following men to serve on the Resolutions and Excuses Committee: Rudy de Vries and Rev. Henry Bartsch.
3. Election of Officers for 2006/07:
  - a) Moderator of Presbytery:
    - **Motion:** that Rev. David Els (Trinity Presbyterian Church) be accepted by acclamation to the office of Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2006/07.  
**M/S/C**
  - b) Vice- moderator of Presbytery (2006/07):  
Rev. Els refrained from naming his nomination to serve as Vice-moderator (2006/07) at this time. There will be a further report to Presbytery during the Nominations Committee Report tomorrow.

**Report of the Stated Clerk (Mr. Bill McKay):**

1. Approval of Teleconference Meeting Minutes
  - **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the Teleconference Meeting of January 21, 2006.  
**M/S/C**
2. Report of Correspondence Received.
  - a) Memorial regarding "Congregational Accountability". Presbytery has received a memorial from Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) regarding "Congregational Accountability". **(See Appendix 1)**

- **Motion:** To refer the Memorial from Grace Presbyterian Church regarding “Congregational Accountability” to the Congregational Life Committee for their study and to report back to the Presbytery by the 2006 Stated Fall Meeting. **M/S/C**
- b) **Financial Support for Brochure for Post-secondary Students.** Presbytery has received a letter from Mrs. Stephanie MacDonald (Grace Presbyterian Church) with a request for financial support from the presbytery in the costs of printing of a brochure (“A Practical Look at Student Life for Christians”). This is a brochure directed towards post-secondary students within the presbytery. This brochure offers advice and spiritual encouragement to those Christian students who are contemplating attending any post-secondary facilities (either church-affiliated or secular). It is intended to be distributed to all of the churches throughout the presbytery.
- **Motion:** To refer the request for financial support for printing costs of the “A Practical Look at Student Life for Christians” brochure to the Congregational Life Committee for their study and to report back to the Presbytery by tomorrow. **M/S/C**
3. **Executive Council Report.**
- a) The Executive Council met (via teleconference) on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 to discuss the question of how to respond to invitations from other Christian bodies to attend their higher assemblies. The Executive Council discussed this situation from various perspectives and now offers this recommendation for the presbytery to consider.
- **Motion:** That in the event members of the Canadian Presbytery receive “invitations from other Christian bodies to attend their higher assemblies”, the presbyters should direct the “inviting” body to send an official invitation to the Stated Clerk of the Canadian Presbytery, who will then ask for volunteers to attend the function; and further that the Canadian Presbytery establish a policy of inviting designated members of NAPARC (and/or other possible denominations who are in fellowship with the churches of the Canadian Presbytery) as Fraternal Delegates to the Stated Meetings of the Canadian Presbytery, subject to the discretion and determination of the Executive Council prior to any Stated Meeting. **M/S/C**

Rev. Frank Kovacs assumed the role of Moderator and Rev. Brian Murray assumed the role of Clerk Pro Tem at this point in the session due to a “conflict of interest” on behalf of the Moderator, Stated Clerk and Reading Clerk for the next item of the Executive Council report.

- b) The Stated Clerk has received correspondence from Mr. Richard Konopasky regarding an action of discipline that was enacted by the Provisional Session of Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He is requesting a rescinding of the action of discipline as taken by session. **(See Appendix 2)**
- **Motion:** To refer this item to the Outreach Canada Committee for their assessment; and further, to request the Provisional Session of Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church submit their minutes from the pertaining years for review of the matter, and that the committee return with a report and recommendation at tomorrow’s session. **M/S/C**

4. Second Reading of Amendments to the Form of Government (#35-44). The Amendments to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Form of Government (#35-44) were presented for Second Reading. **(See Appendix 3)**
- **Motion:** To accept the presentation of the Amendments (#35-40 & 42-44) to the Form of Government as the Second Reading (as presented). **M/S/C (The votes were 17 in favour, none opposed)**
  - **Motion:** To accept the presentation of Amendment #41 to the Form of Government for the Second Reading (as presented). **M/S/**
  - **Motion:** To grant Privilege of the Floor to Rev. Frank Van Dalen. **M/S/C**
  - **Motion:** To “Lay on the Table” the motion regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Amendment #41 to the Form of Government until after the report on The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women’s Ministry (Jennifer Hovestadt). **M/S/C**
5. Second Reading of Amendment to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure. The Amendment to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure (re. Officers: Moderator) was presented for Second Reading. **(See Appendix 4)**
- **Motion:** To accept the presentation of the Amendment to the Manual of Procedure as the Second Reading (as presented). **M/S/C**

**Report of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women’s Ministry.**

- **Motion:** to grant Privilege of the Floor to Miss Jennifer Hovestadt for her presentation on the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women’s Ministry. **M/S/C**

Miss Jennifer Hovestadt presented a report on the ongoing work of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women’s Ministry and her participation with that ministry. She reported on the name change from “Women’s Synodical” to “ARP Women’s Ministry” to reflect a change in how they want to work in and with the churches. She also noted the new vision statement of the group, *“ARP Women’s Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God’s glory and purpose. Our focus is on women developing their relationship with God, ministry to others and supporting the denomination through the local church.”* The group is looking at implementing a mentoring program for all of its members. Jennifer also spoke on the idea of setting up a Ladies’ Retreat in the future for the Ontario churches and also possibly in the Maritime Region. **(See Appendix 5)**

**Report of the Stated Clerk (continued):**

- **Motion:** To “Take from the Table” the motion regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Amendment #41 to the Form of Government until after the report on The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women’s Ministry. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To accept the presentation of Amendment #41 to the Form of Government for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (as presented). **M/S/C (The vote was 8 in favour, 6 opposed)**
- **Motion:** To adopt the Report of the Stated Clerk as a whole. **M/S/C**

**Report of World Witness.**

Rev. Frank Van Dalen presented a report on the work of World Witness. Rev. Van Dalen noted that the presence of World Witness in different countries around the world has greatly increased over the past twenty years. World Witness is reaching out to gather people into the church

throughout the world through the auspices of the Great Commission. The other question arises as to how to deal with people once they are in the church and this is an ongoing mission. There are four areas of focus for World Witness. 1) They are working at encouraging the ministry to go back into Pakistan; 2) the ongoing work in Turkey; 3) the ongoing work in Mexico; 4) working with the MT3 group. World Witness is also working with Outreach North America to work together with multi-ethnic congregations in North America. Rev. Van Dalen also noted that World Witness is working in a deficit position and have had to significantly cut back their expenses. Mike Flewelling offered prayer for the work of World Witness and Rev. Frank Van Dalen.

### **Presbytery Recesses.**

Mr. Turner called a recess for this session of presbytery.

The presbyters and friends of the Canadian Presbytery gathered together again at 7:00 p.m. with the congregation and friends of Reformed Hungarian Church for a time of worship and communion. Rev. Frank Kovacs presided over the service and Rev. Kevin Carter brought God's Word to the congregation. A time of fellowship followed the worship service.

### **Friday, April 21, 2006**

At 8:20 a.m., the presbytery assembled for a time of prayer. At 8:30 a.m., the presbytery gathered in the sanctuary for a worship service. Rev. John Shearouse presided over the proceedings and led the presbytery in prayer and in the singing of hymn #1. Rev. Brian Murray brought the Word of God to the congregation as he preached from Isaiah 3:1- 4:1. Rev. Shearouse then led the presbytery in prayer and in the singing of hymn #12.

### **Presbytery Re-Convenes**

At 9:20 a.m., following the worship service, Rev. Frank Kovacs (as Vice-moderator in Ken Turner's absence) called the presbytery to order and re-convened the 2006 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery with a scripture reading from Psalm 133:1-3, followed by prayer.

### **Calling of the Roll by the Reading Clerk**

The Reading Clerk called the roll. Mr. Tibor Lacko assumed the role of Elder Representative for Reformed Hungarian Church. Rev. Dr. Jack C. Whytock was also present for this session of presbytery. The clerk declared a quorum was present.

### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

1. Mr. Jake Tamminga was introduced as a guest from the Riverside congregation.

### **Introduction of Fraternal Delegates**

1. There were no Fraternal Delegates present.

### **Announcements**

1. The Stated Clerk requested that all name tags be returned to him at the close of today's session, as well as making sure everyone received a copy of the new page for the Manual of Procedure.

### **MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMITTEE (Rev. John Shearouse)**

1. Report on Students of Theology

- a) Rudy de Vries: The committee reported that Rudy would not be examined for ordination until the 2006 Stated Fall Meeting as several pertinent portions of the call from the presbytery are properly prepared. The committee is working in conjunction

with Cornerstone Bible Institute and Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

- b) David Martinez: David has expressed his desire to refrain from undergoing a second examination for licensure. He is still classified as a Student of Theology under the care of the Canadian Presbytery. He is currently seeking ministry options elsewhere.
  - c) Mark Blauuw: The committee informed the presbytery that Mark's church membership has been transferred from Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church (Halifax) to the ERQ in Montreal where he is currently studying. This action effectively removes him from the list of Students of Theology of the presbytery. There is no need for action from the presbytery.
  - d) Bill Van Doodewaard: Bill is currently proceeding with his PhD studies at Highland Theological Seminary in Inverness, Scotland. The committee is recommending that Rev. John van Eyk be appointed as Bill's mentor.
    - **Motion**: The Rev. John van Eyk is appointed as the mentor to Bill Van Doodewaard. **M/S/C**
2. Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: Rev. John van Eyk is planning on taking a sabbatical leave from May 15 – September 2, 2006. This will leave Riverside without a moderator for their session.
- **Motion**: That Rev. Jeff Kingswood is appointed as the Interim Moderator of the Session of Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church while Rev. van Eyk is on sabbatical leave from May 15 - September 2, 2006. **M/S/C**
3. Recommendation on motion referred to M&HW in September, 2005: The following motion was referred to the M&HW Committee. The M&HW Committee recommends that the motion be defeated.
- **Motion**: To amend the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure (Chapter VII, Part D, Art. 2, sec. c), item (1)(e) (pg. 14) to read:  
*“Before licensure the M&HW Committee **shall require a written examination** and shall examine the candidate in English Bible, Theology, Church History, and Polity/Pastoral Care to determine his fitness for a Presbytery Floor Examination. If the student is found to be deficient in any of the four areas, the M&HW committee and the mentor shall assign remedial work with a view to correcting the deficiency.”* **M/S/D**
  - **Motion**: To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

### **OUTREACH CANADA (Rev. John van Eyk)**

#### 1. Ontario Retreat.

The Ontario Region of the Presbytery held a retreat on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion focused on how to live together as churches in a presbytery. Discussions centered upon the need to encourage each other, to help each other financially, to pray for one another, and to pursue mutual accountability to spur each other on. There was discussion on locations for possible church plants. Windsor, London, and Toronto were suggested as possibilities. London



seems like the most likely possibility because of the proximity to Grace, Riverside, and Trinity. Other concerns such as finances, a mission developer, and the desirability of a core group were also mentioned. **(See Appendix 6)**

2. Reports from Mission Congregations.

a) Rev. Kevin Carter presented the report from Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Kentville, NS. **(See Appendix 7)**

i. Outreach Canada noted that a plot of property (1.8 acres) has been offered to the congregation for their use.

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery approve the acquisition of the property for the use of Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. **M/S/C**

iii. The congregation has plans to erect a building on the property at a date to be determined. The cost of building will be about \$180,000. They currently have \$30,000 in the bank and \$20,000 in pledges. They are requesting matching funds of \$30,000 (USD) from ONA which needs to be approved by presbytery.

- **Motion:** To approve the application to the ONA for matching funds of #30,000 (USD) for their building program. **M/S/C**

It is to be noted that ONA has approved the request for these matching funds subject to presbytery's approval.

iii. The congregation of Covenanter's Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is petitioning the Canadian Presbytery to organize as a Particular Church of the Canadian Presbytery.

- **Motion:** To approve the request of the Covenanter's Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in their petition to the Canadian Presbytery to organize as a Particular Church of the Canadian Presbytery. **M/S/C**

The Organization Service is scheduled to be held on September 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The congregation (and the presbytery) would like to give thanks and praise to God for the faithful service shown by Mr. Gary Plewes and Mr. Alan Jones in their faithful work on the Provisional Session in their attendance at meetings and their pastoral care shown to the congregation.

Elder Kevin Bigney offered prayer on behalf of Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

b) Rev. Henry Bartsch presented the report from Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Chatham, ON. – **(See Appendix 8)**

i. **Konopasky Appeal:** The Presbytery assigned to Outreach Canada the task of assessing the situation between Richard Konopasky and the Provisional Session of Trinity.

- **Motion:** That the Clerk of Presbytery write a letter to Richard Konopasky: stating that it would be improper for us to intervene while a discipline case is in process; reminding the Richard Konopasky of their promise to submit themselves in love to the government and discipline of that congregation and to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of that congregation so long as they are members of it; reminding them of their right to appeal a decision of the Provisional Session to the Presbytery after the process has been concluded. **M/S/D**
- **Motion:** To have the Canadian Presbytery establish a Moderator's Commission to

review the session minutes of the Provisional Session of Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (and any relevant correspondence the commission feels they need); and further, to act and rule on the appeal when they have reached a conclusion. M/S/C

Rev. Rick Barnes offered prayer on behalf of Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Chatham, ON.

2. Outreach Canada Presentations:

- a) St. Claude, Manitoba - Rev. Kevin Carter and Rev. John van Eyk visited St. Claude, MB and presented the ARP Church at the invitation of Mr. Theo Hogeterp to a group of interested people. Twenty-one people, (mostly from a Canadian Reformed congregation (including the pastor)), were in attendance. The conclusion was that it was not viable to move forward at this time due to a lack of interest on the part of enough people in that area. The expenses for this were covered by a couple of interested people in Manitoba.
- b) London, ON - Revs. Henry Bartsch, Jeff Kingswood, and John van Eyk presented the ARP Church to a group of people in London, ON on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The attendance was disappointing. One family that initiated the process have since joined elsewhere and did not even attend the information evening. A couple of the families that showed the most interest were contacted following the meeting. One family stated that they were not prepared at this time to be involved in a new church and the other family, though interested, did not see the feasibility of such a project at this time. The expenses of this meeting were paid from the Canadian Presbytery account. No further action needs to be taken at this time.
- c) Canadian Church Development Trust
  - **Motion:** That the congregations of the Canadian Presbytery consider holding a special offering for the Canadian Church Development Trust on a Lord's Day around Reformation Day; and further, that a letter be sent to the congregations with this recommendation. M/S/C

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

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE (Rev. Brian Murray)**

1. Minutes to be received and approved.

The 2005 Session Minutes from Grace Presbyterian Church, Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Hungarian Presbyterian Church were received and examined according to the Form of Government.

- **Motion:** To receive and approve the minutes from Grace Presbyterian Church, Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Riverside Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Hungarian Presbyterian Church. M/S/C

2. Formal Recognition of Exclusive Church Marriages.

- **Motion:** That in light of the Woodstock Memorial on Marriage the Presbytery appoint an ad hoc Committee to study the issue of marriage, examining how the societies of church and state relate in this matter, and bringing to Presbytery a positional paper. M/S/D

It was strongly suggested that the Stated Clerk should work on a request for a memorial on this

issue to be presented to the General Synod for their study and response.

3. Congregational Accountability.

Due to the overwhelming amount of work the committee needed to look at during this meeting of presbytery, the committee requested that the report on Congregational Accountability be presented at the 2006 Stated Fall Meeting.

4. Annual Review of Pastoral Call.

- **Motion:** That the terms of the Pastoral Call be reviewed by every session of the Canadian Presbytery on an annual basis and then included in the session minutes (on a separate page) where they will be noted by the Congregational Life Committee in their annual review of those minutes. **M/S/C**

5. Report on “Sharing of Yearly Statistical Reports with the Congregational Life Committee”:

- **Motion:** That the Clerk of Presbytery submit the statistical information from the churches concerning the minister’s call, prior to the spring meeting of Presbytery to be reviewed at the spring meeting of Presbytery by the M&HW Committee. **M/S/C**

6. Request for Support of Printing Costs.

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery supports and provides funding for the printing costs (up to \$300.00) associated with the pamphlet, “Student Life for Christians”, pending further editing. **M/S/**

During the discussion on the motion, concerns were raised that a precedent would be established regarding the presbytery’s support of the possible publication of other materials. Because of these concerns, the request for funding support by the presbytery was withdrawn.

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

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Rev. David Els)**

1. Treasurer’s Report.

Rev. Els reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the Canadian Presbytery ending March 31, 2006. **(See Appendix 9)**

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

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Mr. Bill McKay)**

1. Moderator.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to report (after the fact) that our dear Brother David Els has willingly and without any hint of indecision has agreed to take on the role of Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2006/07. We thank God for his willingness to take on this onerous task. Dr. Whytock offered a prayer for David’s guidance for the coming year.

2. Vice-moderator.

Rev. Els presented the name of Mr. John Moerman (Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chatham, ON) to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2006/07.

- **Motion:** to confirm Mr. John Moerman as Vice-moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2006/07. **M/S/C**

Rev. Henry Bartsch offered a prayer for John to be led through God’s grace in the year to

come.

3. Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Canadian Presbytery requires one more person to serve on the board. Rudy de Vries has agreed to take on this position.

4. Treasurer.

Mr. Henry Brunsveld, who has faithfully served the Lord through his work as the Treasurer of the Canadian Presbytery, has tendered his resignation as Treasurer. The presbytery is in need to have someone in place as soon as possible. The committee is asking the members of the presbytery to advertise the position throughout their congregations to see if there any people who would volunteer for this position. Rudy de Vries will put together a bulletin announcement to be sent to all of the churches.

- **Motion:** To direct the Moderator, Vice-moderator and Stated Clerk to decide on a suitable monetary gift for Mr. Brunsveld for his years of faithful service to the Canadian Presbytery; and further, that the Moderator present the gift to Mr. Brunsveld at a suitable time. **M/S/C**

5. Executive Board of the General Synod.

The presbytery has received a request from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church office in Greenville, NC, that we need to supply a representative to sit on the General Synod Executive Board. Rev. Jeff Kingswood has volunteered to take up this posting. Rev. John van Eyk volunteered to serve as the alternate representative for 2006/07.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Trustees (Rev. Kevin Carter).

The Board of Trustees is still working on the final process of being formalized as a legal entity. They mentioned some concerns over health insurance. Rev. Kingswood noted that the deacons of Grace Presbyterian Church work his health insurance benefits through a company called Benecaid. Their website is "benecaid.com", and the churches were encouraged to look into it further.

## **REPORTS OF MODERATOR COMMITTEE(S)**

1. Excuses and Absences.

- a) Rudy de Vries noted that none of the Students of Theology were present, although Bill Van Doodewaard is in Scotland.
- b) Rev. William Campbell sent his regrets for his absence, but offered his prayers during our deliberations.

2. Resolutions. The following motion from the Excuses and Resolutions Committee was presented by Mr. Rudy de Vries and Rev. Henry Bartsch.

- **Motion:** **M/S/C**

**Whereas, the Canadian Presbytery has experienced delightful Hungarian hospitality in food and fellowship, and has been reacquainted with the rotary**

phone and,

Whereas, trusting we are not left with a bill for unconsumed food, because, as the Hungarians say, “you pay for what you leave”,

Be it resolved, that the Canadian Presbytery express its gratitude to the congregation of the Reformed Hungarian Church and request that an announcement to that effect be placed in the bulletin of the RHC.

**DATES & LOCATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY**

**September 27–28/06:** Covenanters ARPC, Kentville, NS

**January 20/07:** Teleconference

**April 18–19/07:** Trinity ARP Church, Chatham, ON

**Adjourned Meeting (if needed):** June, 2007 - General Synod, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, N.C.

**September 27-28/07:** Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Halifax. NS

**ADJOURNMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.**

Rev. Kovacs gave the closing announcements and benediction. The court adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with the singing of Psalm 133.

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

Respectfully submitted and attested by:

Mr. Bill McKay  
Principal Clerk

Mr. Ken Turner  
Moderator

APPENDIX 1 (April/06)



# Grace Presbyterian Church

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## MEMORIAL FROM GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ARPC

### “CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY”

**WHEREAS**, the current practice of the Congregational Life Committee (of the Canadian Presbytery) of assessing a congregation’s health through the annual review of Sessional minutes has shown itself in the past to be somewhat inadequate, resulting in a lack of accountability between the sister congregations/sessions of the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod; and,

**WHEREAS**, all members of the body of Christ are directed by scripture to be accountable to one another in order that we might edify, strengthen and encourage the different parts of the body so that the body is united to God’s greater glory.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, we believe it to be the ongoing desire of the Canadian Presbytery to fulfill its biblical and constitutional responsibilities in a more thorough manner thus strengthening and unifying the churches of the presbytery.

**THEREFORE**, the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) respectfully **MEMORIALIZES** the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod to have the Presbytery establish a system of delegations of representatives from the Presbytery-at-large (one schedule for the Ontario region and one schedule for the Maritime region) by which members of presbytery would make regular annual visits to each congregation/session; and,

**FURTHER**, that these representatives would inquire of each congregation/session as to their ongoing spiritual state; and,

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**FURTHER**, that these representatives would offer recommendations to the local churches for enhancing and encouraging their ministry; and,

**FURTHER**, every member of the presbytery be encouraged to make inquiry of their brothers in ministry as to their ongoing spiritual state so that they may be encouraged and edified.

Approved by the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church on April 6, 2006 (A.D.)

Attest: Bill McKay  
Stated Clerk of Session,  
Grace Presbyterian Church

**APPENDIX 2 (April/06)**

Richard Konopasky  
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April 9, 2006

Mr. Bill McKay  
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Dear Bill,

I understand you to be the clerk of the Canadian ARP Presbytery. I wish to address Presbytery with our concerns.

*We left Trinity ARP Church one year ago. We left in a quiet and peaceable fashion. We left for reasons that we have stated to session verbally, by email as well as two letters. We left as a matter of conscience for reasons we believe are valid.*

*We have received a letter from session one year later stating we are under discipline for leaving. We believe that this is not right. We request a rescinding of this action.*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Konopasky



**APPENDIX 3 (April/06)**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO *FORM OF GOVERNMENT*  
SUMMARY**

**Amendment No. 35**

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER X, Section E.11.** be amended to read:

11. The call shall clearly state the amount of salary and other allowances, and shall include information as to manse, vacation, moving expense, medical and hospitalization insurance and, ~~where the minister's customary employment is expected to be for more than and aggregate of 1,000 hours in a calendar year,~~ **except for calls to new fields or congregations which are unable to support a pastor (i.e., as an evangelist)**, shall include provisions for the church to make contributions to the General Synod in support of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan (for churches in the United States) or to a locally-accredited and registered retirement plan approved by the presbytery (for churches located outside the United States), according to the guidelines approved by the General Synod. **Calls shall and** provide for an annual review of the terms of the call. Without such a statement the call shall not be approved. The call shall meet all requirements of the Presbytery before approval. A call shall be presented to a pastor-elect by the Presbytery in which the congregation issuing the call is located.

**Amendment No. 36**

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER X, Section H.1.** be amended to read:

1. The procedure for calls to ministers other than those involving pastoral relationship shall be essentially the same as for calls to the pastorate. The court or agency issuing the call shall present to the Presbytery of which he is a member, **which shall retain primary jurisdiction**, a call appropriate to the service involved.

**Amendment No. 37**

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER XI, Section B.1.** be amended to read:

1. The session shall have as its primary responsibility the initiation, planning, organization and administration of programs designed to enable the congregation to carry on the mission of God in Christ's Church by word and deed in the community and also in the Presbytery, the General Synod and the whole world. **In order to institute and supervise the general work of the congregation, the Session has the power to appoint boards, commissions, or committees (See Chapter XIV).**

**Amendment No. 38**

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER XII, Section B.1.** be amended to read:

1. The Presbytery shall have as its primary responsibility the initiation, planning, organization and administration of programs designed to enable it to carry on the mission of God in Christ's Church by word and deed in the Presbytery and also in the local congregations, the General Synod and the whole world. **In order to institute and supervise the general work of the Presbytery, the Presbytery has the power to appoint boards, commissions, or committees (See Chapter XIV).**

**Amendment No. 39**

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER XIII** be amended to add an introductory sentence following the heading **CONCERNING THE GENERAL SYNOD** to read:

**In order to institute and supervise the general work of the Church, the General Synod the power to appoint boards, commissions, and committees (See Chapter XIV).**

**Amendment No. 40**

Shall the *Form of Government*, CHAPTER XIII, Section B.2.b. be amended to read:

b. To institute, **create operating rules**, and supervise the agencies necessary in the general work of the Church.

**Amendment No. 41**

Shall the *Form of Government*, CHAPTER XIII be amended to add Section D to read:

**D. THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN**

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of Associate Reformed Presbyterian women to minister together for God's glory and purpose, functioning under the ecclesiastical leadership of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

ARP Women's Ministries accomplishes its purposes through its Board and presbytery and local church organizations.

ARP Women's Ministries shall report to the General Synod on an annual basis.

**Amendment No. 42**

Shall the *Form of Government*, CHAPTER XIV, Section A. be amended to read:

**A. BOARDS**

1. Purpose.

A board is a body appointed and empowered by a court of the Church to take management of certain specified duties in advancing the mission of the church.

**The specified duties shall be set forth and published in a manual of authorities and duties or other document of the appointing court.**

2. Authority and responsibility.

a. A board shall perform ~~special work~~ **the specified duties** entrusted to it without particular instructions from the appointing court but shall follow the general instructions of the court.

b. A board ~~shall be~~ **is** empowered to study, initiate, **and** administer programs and funds **within its specific area of responsibility**, and hold title to properties within its specific area of responsibility.

c. **A board is empowered to create and staff an administrative entity for the purpose of carrying out its specified duties. A position description of an administrative officer of a board of the General Synod shall be submitted to the General Synod for inclusion in a manual of authorities and duties. The administrative officer shall report to the board on the basis of his position description.**

d. A board shall make an annual report to the appointing court, giving full statement of all business transacted, ~~and~~ actions taken during the year, **and newly initiated and/or planned programs. The report shall address the specified duties as set forth in a manual of authorities and duties or other document of the appointing court.**

e. Any action of a board may be approved, amended, or set aside by the appointing court.

f. A board shall keep full and accurate records of its proceedings in a permanent form which shall be available for review and inspection as required by the appointing court.

3. Composition and organization.

a. Members of a board shall be appointed and their terms of membership shall be fixed by the appointing court.

b. A board shall elect its own officers and, subject to the approval of the appointing court, shall adopt a constitution, **policy book**, and/or by-laws. **Changes to governing documents shall be reported to the appointing court.**

c. A board may incorporate; however, the provision of its charter and by-laws must always be in accordance with the *Form of Government of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*.

4. Any newly-elected member of any board ~~or committee~~ or any newly-appointed administrative or teaching employee shall have given satisfactory evidence of his **or her** belief in

and adherence to the basic doctrines of evangelical Christianity **as adopted by the General Synod and as set forth in a manual of authorities and duties.**

**Amendment No. 43**

Shall the *Form of Government*, CHAPTER XIV, Section B.2. be amended to change “b” to “c” and insert “b” to read:

**b. An ecclesiastical commission may be formed to interpret, construe, and apply the constitution and laws of the church to all matters involving constitutionality referred to it by the appointing court.**

**Amendment No. 44**

Shall the *Form of Government*, CHAPTER XIV, Section C. be amended to add “4” to read:

**4. Any newly-elected member of any Committee shall have given satisfactory evidence of his or her belief in and adherence to the basic doctrines of evangelical Christianity as adopted by the General Synod and as set forth in a manual of authorities and duties.**

**APPENDIX 4 (April/06)**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO CANADIAN PRESBYTERY MANUAL OF PROCEDURE**

**Amendment to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure re. OFFICERS:  
(MODERATOR).**

The Nominations Committee recommends an amendment to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure under Chapter V, PART A, Art. 1 (regarding the Moderator) to clarify the stipulations of the Manner of Selection to reflect the language used to describe the Manner of Selection for the Vice-moderator and to bring them in line with one another in order that a congregation's right to proper representation at presbytery meetings is made more evident in the event of the election of a Ruling Elder as Moderator.

Therefore, the Nominations Committee recommends the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod amend the wording of the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure under Chapter V, PART A, Art. 1 (pg. 4) to read as follows:

***"Manner of Selection: The Moderator must be a member of the ~~congregation~~ Presbytery-at-large over which he presides and is to be elected by it at the Spring Meeting. ~~Any Teaching or Ruling Elder is~~ He must be a Teaching Minister or Ruling Elder to be eligible to the office of Moderator. (In the case of the election of a Ruling Elder, his congregation may still send an Elder delegate to represent them)."***

## **APPENDIX 5 (April/06)**

### **ARP Women's Ministries - Canadian Representative**

Gentlemen, thank you for inviting me here to talk a bit about the ARP Women's ministries. Thank you also for not taking this time to go and call your wives (as I've been told usually happens at Synod).

Last spring I was asked to represent the Canadian Presbytery for the ARP Women's Ministries. I have since been to two board meetings last October and this past March.

At my first meeting in October I felt quite apprehensive as I had heard that they were quite a 'rah rah we are women hear us roar' type of group, but I was very relieved to find that this was something that they were trying to change. First the name of Women's Synodical has been changed to ARP Women's Ministries to reflect that they want to work in and with the churches and not be a separate entity. A new vision statement was also revealed at that time. "ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encouraged and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose. Our focus is on women developing their relationship with God, ministry to others and supporting the denomination through the local church." This is being reflected in a number of ways within the organization the primary one that I could see was encouraging the women to give their donations to the different organizations via their churches. As far as I can tell the only things that they will still take offerings for is the Jubilee Birthdays (which supplements the support of 2 missionary women one in Berlin and one in Russia) and the Silver Tea which is money that is used for the Synodical Hall maintenance at BonClarcken.

Each year the Women's Ministries recommends topics (along with books) for the women to study together. For the 2006/2007 year they are recommending "Let's Study Luke" by Douglas J.W. Milne. There are also different theme verses/topics for the women to study and meditate on on a monthly basis. The 2005/2006 theme is Nurturing and Equipping God's people with a main theme verse of Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you."

At our March meeting we talked a lot about starting up mentoring programs within the church, either a one-on-one or in a group setting. There will be some guidelines put into place to help the churches to organize this in their areas at the annual meeting in Bonclarcken this July, where there will be a workshop to help the churches to start this. There are definite benefits to both types, if you are in a church where there are not a lot of 'older' women a group setting would work out better. One church does it by ages and a woman from the 'older' decade is the mentor (i.e. the 20's would have a 30 year old mentor, the 30's a 40 mentor, the 50's a 60). They also have groups separated for the singles, young mothers, working, and older ladies.

I met with some of the ladies at Riverside this week and they were quite eager about the idea of setting up a Ladies' Retreat for the Ontario churches. It was recommended to have 1 lady from each church along with myself to organize this event. It would be a great way for us to meet each other within the denomination. We hope to have something planned for this fall to help the ladies get a bit organized as they begin their study year. One could also be planned for the churches in the East, and having spoken to one pastor about this there is also great excitement there. It would also be beneficial for the ladies to meet each other and get to know others within the denomination.

We are also currently working on putting together a quilt from the Canadian Presbytery. Each church is making a square with the date of their organization (or church plant as may be the case). We hope to have this ready for the Annual Meeting at Bonclarcken in July of 2006. I also hope to bring them along when the ladies get together for their retreats.

As the Canadian representative, I am available to go to any church and offer my services as well as give of some information on the resources that are available to help the women in the ARP churches to encourage and equip them to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Jennifer Hovestadt  
ARP Women's Ministries  
Canadian Representative

## **APPENDIX 6 (April/06)**

Minister/Elder/Deacon Retreat 2005  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005

Rev. John van Eyk introduced the meeting with a talk “How do we live as churches in a presbytery?”

1. We need to encourage each other.
2. We need to help each other financially, that is partnering with another church.
3. We need to pray for one another and share our burdens.
4. We need mutual accountability to spur each other on.

An interesting and edifying exchange of ideas ensued. Much time was spent discussing how we might implement greater accountability among our congregations. It was suggested that regular annual visitation to each congregation by Presbytery appointed delegates to inquire as to the spiritual state of the congregation and offer recommendations for enhancing the local Church’s ministry might, under God, be a blessing to strengthen each congregation. Jeff Kingswood agreed to do some preliminary work on this idea.

The first topic discussion was “Where do we do a church plant and what do we need”. Several locations were discussed such as Windsor, London, and Toronto. As far as support from other congregations is concerned London seems like a good location. Geographically it is relatively close to Grace, Riverside and Trinity. Toronto was also considered because of its expansion northward.

Needs such as money, diaconal help, a developer, and a core group in a given area was also brought into the discussion.

The following day we started our day with a time of prayer for all our brothers and churches in the ARP. The next topic of discussion was methods of evangelism; “What can we do to get the gospel out?” Henry Bartsch presented “Christianity Explored” (an Alpha type program that is theologically sound) as an outreach tool. We talked about opportunities on Christian radio, partnering with other congregations to go door to door handing out flyers, Grace Woodstock’s distribution of water at their city’s sidewalk sale days to increase the prominence of the Church in the city, and we did some thinking about the advisability of a parish approach to evangelism.

The final discussion dealt with the issue of a church building, and new church plants. We dealt with when to buy land, or an existing building, location of that land or building,

The retreat was very beneficial in talking about strategies in the spread of the gospel in Canada, but more importantly to encourage one another, and pray for one another. It was agreed that we should plan on another retreat for 2006.

**APPENDIX 7 (April/06)****Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**

April 2006

The following is a brief report on the status of Covenanters ARP Mission church for the April 2006 Presbytery meeting.

**1. Membership/attendance:** Our membership remains the same at 7 family members with 2 adherent families making our core attendance 40. I have been able to follow through on a couple contacts that are developing. One is a young couple that have been out to our Bible Study and frequented church services occasionally. The other is a young man whom I have begun counseling sessions with, who is wrestling with faith. He providentially found our number in the phone book and called me. He has been out to Bible Study evenings and the Good Friday service, but not church worship. I have also struck up contact again with a Chinese lady and her children. She was in contact with us last year but ended up at the Mormon building for a while. She has since left there and is interested in renewing contact with us. She is not a Christian, but is interested in spiritual matters. She also was out to our Good Friday Service. Our congregation is battling, a little, with discouragement that people wise we have not progressed further. Patience and perseverance is so necessary.

**2. Outreach Ministry:** We held a Good Friday service that was specifically focused on outreach and evangelism. As far as getting people out it was a success. We had several first time visitors and returnees to this service. Some made promises to be out for church services on the Lord's Day, unfortunately none came; but the Friday service was encouraging, and our invitations were well received. Children's Catechism Club is going on presently as well. We have a visitor coming to this and expect a couple more children to come out. My articles to the local newspaper have resumed again and these are being met with favourable comments. We are also hosting the second Valley Reformed Bible Conference, with Jeff Kingswood and John Shearouse as our speakers. One purpose of this event is to bring fellowship of a Reformed flavour and we hope to have representation from all over the province.

**3. Eldership/organization:** our congregation held a meeting on March 29 to deal with the issue of organization as a particular congregation of the Canadian Presbytery. After much discussion is what unanimously agreed upon to petition Presbytery for this purpose. We held nomination and election for officers and two men, Henry Hogeterp and Albert Gerrits, were unanimously elected as elders by the congregation. They have also issued a call to myself [Kevin Carter] for their Pastor. The pertinent documents are before Presbytery to consider regarding this. The congregations only concern was regarding financial support and we have included that in our petition to be a matter of discussion for Presbytery.

**4. Finances:** From January to March our general receipts and expenses [not including any missions/mercy/building fund] are as follows: Total receipts - \$8695. [avg. monthly = \$2898]; total expenses - \$13408. [avg. monthly = \$4469]. The short fall is \$1570 monthly. We thank Presbytery for your financial assistance, which does indeed sustain us. Attached is a copy of our 2005-year end audit report and budget for 2006.

**5. Building Fund:** Our building fund presently stands at \$21,817 in short term investments plus \$5485 in our banking account: total of \$27302. We have asked Presbytery to request Outreach North America for a matching grant of \$30000. from a fund specially for churches involved in first time land purchases and church building. We have also asked Presbytery to approve the acquisition of a parcel of land approx. 1.8acres in prime location in Kentville, which Henry Hogeterp [a member of the congregation] is purposed to donate to the church once his arrangements are finalized with a developer. If all is successful, not only would we receive the land, but we would also have free access to water and sewer. Our membership is also pledging to give to a building project and if we are able, we are going to look at the building project within the near future.

**6. Prayer Requests:** -Please remember our seniors. The health of some is faltering a bit and yet they are such a vital part of our fellowship.

-Pray for our outreach service. Might these contacts develop into further ministry and might the word of God have been planted in good soil.

-Pray for our growth. We desire to see people won to Christ and nurtured in Christ. Some

who have been in contact with our Bible Studies really appreciate the spiritual food and fellowship. It has yet to translate into effective church attendance.

-Pray that we remain upbeat and excited in our congregation.

Respectfully in Christ,  
Kevin Carter



**APPENDIX 8 (April/06)**

***Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church***

*Pastor: Rev. Henry G. Bartsch*

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**Spring 2006 Report to Canadian Presbytery ARP**

Greetings to the Presbyters of Canadian Presbytery:

As the spring season opens before us, it is good to pause and reflect on the goodness of God in the life of the church.

Trinity ARP (Mission) in Chatham Ontario marks her fifth anniversary this month. Over this period of time, God has shown his blessings by faithful preaching, rising membership and attendance, and healthy financial giving.

**Preaching of the Word:** Rev Bartsch has concluded his series on the Sermon on the Mount, as well as the series on Titus. The Titus series was designed to help the congregation prepare for the selection of office-bearers. The sermon on the Mount was designed to teach the congregants the principles of Kingdom citizenship. Rev Bartsch has begun a study of Ephesians... the purpose of which is to show the beauty and majesty of salvation in Christ... and indeed, the beauty and majesty of Christ Himself!!

**Attendance and Membership:**

There are usually upwards of 75 - 80 people in attendance at a morning worship service, with evenings in the 60's. Two member families are not worshipping with us at present. Session is working with these families, but there is little hope of resolution. The painful but necessary work of church discipline is upon us. On the upside, however, 5 of our youth have recently become communicant members by profession of faith. And another communicants class has been completed which will likely lead to several more professions of faith.

**Offerings**

Weekly offerings are now in the \$2,500.00 (CAD) range, which is running at 112% of budget. We are thankful that the Lord is allowing us to fully meet our budget requirements as well as build financially for the future. This in spite of the bleak outlook in the automotive industry.... which affects the work of some of our members. We will see how that will affect giving for the summer and following months.

2005 closed with a \$ 34,000 budget surplus.

There is currently \$130,000 set aside for land and/or building. ONA funding is drawing to a close this month.

Attached is a current statement showing year to date figures.

**Congregational Life**

Prayer meetings continue on a weekly basis. Currently, two prayer groups meet – one in Essex County, and one in Chatham. Attendance at the Chatham meeting can be erratic at times – 1 to 6 pray-ers with usually no children. The Essex group is more consistent – about 10 including children.

We have had the joy of welcoming three new non-communicants by birth and baptism since January. We are anticipating the arrival of one more in October. One family grieves the loss of a child due to miscarriage.

During the winter, an invitation went out to the neighborhood to attend a "Christianity Explored" Bible

Study. This did give us some contacts and exposure as a few attended some of the sessions. We may give this a try again.... the program is basic, yet good.

Rev Bartsch has completed an extensive elder/deacon training course. Several men attended, and some of these have been nominated by Session for office. It remains now to visit with these men with the prayer that God would raise them up to work as elders/deacons in His Church.

**Mission activity:**

There were plans again for some members to travel to Haiti (in February), but this was cancelled due to safety concerns. As a substitute, we had one mother/son team join a CRC effort to Belize to work in a PCA Mission for 10 days.

Also, opportunity has been granted to Trinity to expand her influence and ministry to the local jail. Two volunteers have stepped forward to be available for chapels there on a weekly basis. Rev Bartsch continues to speak there on Saturdays once per month.

**Organization:** As you can see, we are not quite ready to apply for 'particular church' status. It seems the finances are working their way into order, but we have yet to expand our Session numbers. Lord willing, we will have all 'our ducks in a row' for fall Presbytery.

**Location:** We continue to be well served with the facility at Chatham Christian School. Our search for land so far has only uncovered expensive dirt. Other building options have not been better than what we currently enjoy. The separate office facility serves Rev Bartsch well, as well as provide us with a mid-week meeting room.

Thank you once again to all who faithfully pray for us. We pray for the Lord's harvest to continue, not only here, but amongst you all.

Respectfully submitted

John Moerman on behalf of Trinity ARP

**APPENDIX 9 (April/06)**

<b>Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada</b>							
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>							
<b>for the period ending September 20, 2005</b>							
	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds to Sep. 20/05
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
Covenant Reformed	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
Covenanters		200.00		100.00		600.00	-
Grace Fellowship, NS	600.00	1,200.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	3,000.89	2,100.00	4,200.89
Mbunt Zion	600.00	1,200.00	200.00	400.00	1,250.00	2,500.00	2,050.00
Reformed Hungarian		200.00		50.00		500.00	-
Riverside	2,000.00	2,000.00	300.00	300.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	7,500.00
Trinity Chatham, ON	2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00	200.00	5,223.68	5,423.68	7,423.68
Trinity Woodstock, NB	500.00	1,000.00	100.00	200.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
Canadian Associates Donations		-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	0.36	-	-	-	1,333.32	-	1,333.68
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	7,500.36	9,600.00	1,700.00	2,650.00	19,407.89	19,723.68	28,608.25
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>Budget</b>				<b>Budget</b>	
Supplement paid to Covenanters					15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Canadian Associates Newsletter	651.77	1,600.00					651.77
Travel and Advertising	342.90	2,500.00					342.90
Telephone, teleconference calls	370.87	1,600.00					370.87
Printing Minutes, Manual of Procedure	615.34	250.00					615.34
Treasurer's Work, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	74.95	150.00					74.95
Student Bursaries & Expenses	819.63	2,000.00					819.63
Computer (2003 expense)	-	-					-
Incorporation	-	3,000.00					-
Contingency	-	400.00	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	2,875.46	11,500.00	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	17,875.46
<b>Excess - Receipts over Disbursements</b>	4,624.90	\$ (1,900.00)	1,700.00	\$ 2,650.00	4,407.89	\$ 4,723.68	10,732.79
Bank and Investments - January 1	8,919.57		12,921.16		66,196.93		88,037.66
Bank and Investments - September 20	\$ 13,544.47		\$ 14,621.16		\$ 70,604.82		\$ 98,770.45
<b>Represented by:</b>							
Bank Balance							\$ 1,250.36
Investment Certificates							97,520.09
Total Funds - September 20							\$ 98,770.45