

THE MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod

Teleconference Meeting January 27, 2007



Mr. Bill McKay
Stated Clerk

Rev. David Els
Moderator

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(1 yr. Term expires June 30, 2007)

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7 Kipling Crescent
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* Mr. Gary Armstrong is completing Mr. Henry Brunsveld's term as Treasurer on June 30, 2007

CHURCHES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

MARITIMES REGION

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church

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 27, 2007
Teleconference Meeting

The Stated January Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on January 27, 2007 by teleconference. Eighteen (18) presbyters were in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery Convenes for Stated January Teleconference Meeting

At 9:00 a.m. (E.S.T.), the Moderator, Rev. David Els, called the presbyters to order and convened the 2007 Stated January Teleconference Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. Rev. Els constituted the teleconference meeting as a court of the church of Jesus Christ, with an opening prayer and a reading of Scripture from Acts 2: 37-ff.

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 verbally acknowledge their attendance at this meeting.

a) Roll Call of ministers present:

Rick Barnes
Henry Bartsch
Kevin Carter
David Els
Jeff Kingswood
Frank Kovacs
Brian Murray
John Shearouse
John van Eyk
Dr. Jack C. Whytock

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

Rudy de Vries (Licentiate)
Bill VanDoodewaard (Student of Theology)
Alan Jones (Student of Theology)

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

Albert Gerrits (Covenanters ARPC)
Troy McNulty (Mt. Zion ARPC)
Mike Flewelling (Trinity Presbyterian, NB)
John Rood (Grace Presbyterian Church – Woodstock, ON)
Rudy de Vries (Riverside ARPC)
John Moerman (Trinity ARPC – Chatham, ON)
Dave Alexander – (Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Rev. William Campbell sent his regrets for his absence from this meeting and was excused.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors.

The attendance of the following guests was noted:

- Reg Lindsay (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, NB)
- Gary Plewes (Mt. Zion ARP Church, Moncton, NB)
- Ken Turner (Grace Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, ON)
- Gary Armstrong (Canadian Presbytery Treasurer)

Motion from Outreach Canada for Elder Representatives of Mission Congregations.

- **Motion:** To allow the Elder Representative of the Trinity ARP Mission Congregation to be a full participant in this meeting. M/S/C

Report of the Moderator (Rev. David Els):

1. **Presentation and Approval of the Docket.** The Moderator, David Els, presented the proposed docket.
 - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as presented. M/S
 - **Motion:** to amend the docket by adding to the Report of the Stated Clerk, a correspondence received from the law firm of White, Coad LLP regarding a report for the Board of Trustees. M/S/C
 - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as amended. M/S/C

Report of the Stated Clerk (Mr. Bill McKay)

1. **Approval of 2006 Stated Fall Meeting Minutes.**
 - Motion:** To approve the minutes from the 2006 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery (September 28-29, 2006) as circulated. M/S/C
2. **Request for change to dates for future stated meetings.**
 - Motion:** To change the date for the 2007 Stated Fall Meeting from September 27 -28/07 to September 20 – 21/07 to avoid a conflict with the Maritime Reformed Institute Conference which is hosted by Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. M/S/C
 - Motion:** To change the date of the 2008 January Teleconference Meeting from January 26/08 to January 19/08 in order to facilitate a co-ordination with the annual Ontario Region retreat. M/S/C
3. **Report of Correspondence Received.**
 - a) Correspondence was received from Mr. Tom Patterson regarding a situation that has developed with 3 families in the Mt. Zion ARP Church (Moncton, NB) who wish to know the denominational position over the issue of whether you need to fully subscribe to the Westminster Standards in order to be members of the local church. As a result of this action, the Session of Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church requests assistance from the presbytery to help resolve the situation.
 - Motion:** At the request from the Session of Mt. Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Moncton, NB), the Canadian Presbytery will form a Special Committee to investigate the situation and then to make a report of recommendations to the presbytery (as soon as possible) to help resolve growing tensions between some families and the Session, that are beginning to seriously impact the life and ministry of that congregation. M/S/C
 - Motion:** To give the Moderator, David Els, power to name the members for a Special Committee. M/S/C

The committee (as appointed by the moderator) consists of Rev. John Shearouse, Rev. Rick Barnes, Rev. Jeff Kingswood, Kevin Bigney, Henry Hogeterp and Mike Flewelling.

- a) Correspondence was received from the Law Firm of White, Coad LLP regarding the establishment of a permanent Board of Directors for the incorporation of the Canadian Presbytery. The correspondence included a set of by-laws for the actions of the Board of Directors which are in conflict with the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure's approved descriptions for the Board of Trustees. The Stated Clerk will review and report at the next stated meeting of any needed changes to bring the Manual of Procedure in line with any legal requirements for the Board of Directors/Trustees.

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

Old Business

1. Memorial to General Synod requesting a time extension to further discuss changes to the ARP Book of Worship.

Motion: To approve the proposed memorial as presented. **M/S/C** *

(* A count of the votes was requested showing 12 in favour of the motion, 2 opposed to the motion and 2 abstentions.)

New Business

1. We have received a request from the Covenanters congregation in Kentville requesting financial assistance (\$12,000) for 2007.

Motion: To approve the request for the financial assistance of \$12,000 for 2007 to Covenanters ARP Church (Kentville, NS). **M/S/C**

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

5. Rudy de Vries: John Shearouse offered a word of encouragement to Rudy who is currently studying for his scheduled upcoming examination for ordination at the 2007 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery.
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6. Fariborz Khandani: John van Eyk reported on an exchange he had with Fariborz Khandani, an Iranian PCA minister who is currently living in Toronto studying for his ThM and hoping to do his PhD at the Toronto School of Theology. He has been courted by World Witness to minister to the Iranian Christian Community.

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

Outreach Canada (Rev. John van Eyk):

5. Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Chatham, ON): John van Eyk reported that the Outreach Canada Committee has received a request from the Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Chatham requesting to be organized as a Particular Congregation of the Canadian Presbytery. A sub-committee of the Outreach Canada Committee will meet with the congregation and the prospective elders of the congregation in order to assess them for suitability to be organized. Afterwards the Outreach Canada Committee will request a Called Meeting (TBA) of the presbytery to report on their findings.

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

Congregational Life Committee: No report.

Nominations Committee (Bill McKay):

5. Alternate to serve on Denominational Nominating Committee: The Canadian Presbytery needs someone to attend the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee at their meeting on February 12, 2007. Rev. Henry Bartsch volunteered to go.

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

Stewardship Committee (Rev. Kevin Carter):

1. Treasurer's Report for 2006: Rev. Carter presented the 2006 Treasurer's Report (see Appendix 1).

Motion: To receive the 2006 Treasurer's Report (ending December 31) as presented. **M/S/C**

2. 2007 Canadian Presbytery Budget Report: (see Appendix 2)

Motion: To adopt the 2007 Budget for the Canadian Presbytery as presented. **M/S/C**

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

Dates & Locations of Future Meetings of the Canadian Presbytery:

Stated Spring Meeting: April 26–27, 2007 - Trinity ARP Church, Chatham, ON

Stated Fall Meeting: September 20-21, 2007 - Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Halifax, NS

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

Adjournment/ Announcements

Rev. Kevin Carter gave thanks and praise for God's goodness in the upholding of prayers for intervention in the spiritual life of Kevin's son Matthew. Kevin reported that Matthew is showing improvement in aspects of his spiritual life.

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

Closing Prayer and Benediction.

At 10:05 a.m., Rev. John van Eyk closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Bill McKay
Principal Clerk

Rev. David Els
Moderator

APPENDIX 1 – 2006 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report								
for the year ending December 31, 2006								
	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds	Total All Funds
RECEIPTS	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges	2006	2005
Covenant Reformed	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$2,400.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 3,400.00
Covenanters	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	400.00	400.00	700.00	527.10
Grace Fellowship, NS	900.00	1,200.00	750.00	1,000.00	750.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	3,200.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	3,715.94	3,000.00	4,915.94	5,422.85
Mount Zion	1,500.00	1,200.00	500.00	400.00	4,555.80	3,000.00	6,555.80	3,075.00
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	7,000.00	7,000.00	9,300.00	9,547.85
Trinity Chatham, ON	2,800.00	2,800.00	300.00	300.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	10,600.00	7,423.68
Trinity Woodstock, NB	750.00	1,000.00	150.00	200.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,650.00	1,100.00
GST	326.25						326.25	1,696.31
Interest	1,862.06	-	-	-	-	-	1,862.06	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,338.31	10,400.00	2,550.00	2,750.00	27,741.74	25,800.00	42,630.05	36,142.79
DISBURSEMENTS		Budget				Budget		
Supplement paid to Covenanters					17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	15,000.00
Canadian Associates Newsletter	671.12	1,600.00					671.12	1,307.94
Travel and Advertising	1,187.18	2,500.00					1,187.18	625.88
Telephone, teleconference calls	515.77	1,600.00					515.77	413.73
Printing Minutes, Manual of Procedure		250.00					-	615.34
Treasurer's Work, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	202.79	150.00					202.79	74.95
Student Bursaries & Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00					2,000.00	819.63
Computer (2003 expense)	-	-					-	-
Incorporation	-	3,000.00					-	-
Contingency	73.17	400.00	-	-	-	-	73.17	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,650.03	11,500.00	-	-	17,000.00	17,000.00	21,650.03	18,857.47
Excess - Receipts over Disbursements	7,688.28	\$(1,100.00)	2,550.00	\$ 2,750.00	10,741.74	\$8,800.00	20,980.02	17,285.32
Bank and Investments - January 1	13,862.46		15,371.16		76,089.36		105,322.98	88,037.66
Bank and Investments - December 31	\$21,550.74		\$17,921.16		\$86,831.10		\$126,303.00	\$105,322.98
Represented by:								
Bank Balance							\$ 7,216.54	\$ 7,802.89
Investment Certificates							119,086.46	97,520.09
Total Funds - December 31							\$126,303.00	\$105,322.98

APPENDIX 2 – 2007 Budget

**Proposed Budget for the Canadian Presbytery
for the Calendar Year 2007**

Canadian Associates	1600.00
Travel	2000.00
Moderator/Clerk Travel	1500.00
Telephone Conference	1500.00
Printing	100.00
Treasurers Work	1500.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Incorporation	3000.00
Student Bursaries & Travel Expenses	<u>4800.00</u>
	\$16,400.00

Pledges for the Presbytery Expense Fund:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	400.00
2.	Covenanter's ARP	NS	200.00
3.	Grace Fellowship	NS	1200.00
4.	Grace Presbyterian	ON	1800.00
5.	Mount Zion	NB	1000.00
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>
			10,600.00

Pledges for the Denominational Ministry Fund:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	100.00
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>
			2650.00

Pledges for the Canadian Church Development Trust:

1.	Covenant Reformed	NS	-----
2.	Covenanter's ARP	NS	400.00
3.	Grace Fellowship	NS	1000.00
4.	Grace Presbyterian	ON	2500.00
5.	Mount Zion	NB	3000.00
6.	Reformed Hungarian Church	ON	500.00
7.	Riverside	ON	10,000.00
8.	Trinity ARP Chatham	ON	7600.00
9.	Trinity ARP Woodstock	NB	<u>1000.00</u>
			26,000.00

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

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

Cheques are to be sent to:

Gary Armstrong

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Past Officers of the Canadian Presbytery

2004-05

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Jack C. Whytock

Vice-moderator: Rev. Rick Barnes

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld
Armstrong

2005-06

Moderator: Ken Turner

Vice-moderator: Rev. Frank Kovacs

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld

2006-07

Moderator: Rev. David Els

Vice-moderator: John Moerman

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld/Gary