

THE MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada,
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod*

Stated Spring Meeting

April 15-16, 2010

Grace Presbyterian Church
Woodstock, Ontario



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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

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**MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY,
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN CANADA,
ARP GENERAL SYNOD
STATED SPRING MEETING – April 15-16, 2010
Grace Presbyterian Church
Woodstock, Ontario**

The 2010 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on April 15 and 16, 2010 and hosted by the Grace Presbyterian Church Congregation (Woodstock, Ontario). The meeting was held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Woodstock, ON. Sixteen (16) presbyters were in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

Thursday – April 15, 2010

The delegates for presbytery gathered for a time of Christian fellowship, refreshments and prayer prior to the beginning of the 2010 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. We give praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

Presentation on Church Renewal and Revitalization

The Canadian Presbytery began this year's Stated Spring Meeting with a presentation on Church Renewal and Revitalization from Rev. Ken Priddy of ONA. Rev. Priddy gave the first part of his presentation on Wednesday evening, April 14, 2010 with the follow-up questions and discussion on Thursday morning.

Presbytery Convenes for 2010 Stated Spring Meeting

The Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery (2009/10), Rev. Brian Murray, called the presbyters to order at 9:50 a.m. and convened the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. Rev. Murray constituted the meeting of the Canadian Presbytery as a court of the church of Jesus Christ, with prayer.

Greetings from the Host Congregation

On behalf of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jeff Kingswood extended warmest greetings and salutations to the presbyters and guests of the Canadian Presbytery.

Calling of the Roll

The Stated Clerk, Bill McKay, called the roll of presbyters for this stated meeting. The following brothers were in attendance.

a) **Ministers**

Rick Barnes	Henry Bartsch	William Campbell
Kevin Carter	Rudy deVries	David Els
Jeff Kingswood	Brian Murray	John Shearouse
Frank Kovacs	Andrew Savill	

- b) Roll of Licentiates and Students of Theology
Russ Kosits (Student of Theology)
- c) Roll of Ruling Elders (as delegates to presbytery)
Albert Gerrits (Covenanters ARPC)
John Rood (Grace Presbyterian Church)
Greig Park (Riverside ARPC)
Dave Alexander (Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church)
Henry Van Til (Trinity ARP Mission – Chatham, ON)
Tibor Lacko (Hungarian Reformed ARP Church)
- d) Officers of the Court
Brian Murray (Moderator)
Bill McKay (Stated Clerk)
Gary Armstrong (Treasurer)

Dr. Jack Whytock and Fariborz Khandani were not present and sent their regrets regarding their absence from the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting.

Dr. Bill VanDoodewaard was absent and notified the clerk of his absence for Thursday's meetings.

Bill McKay noted that he would not be in attendance on Thursday afternoon due to work commitments. Rev. Jeff Kingswood will serve as the Clerk Pro Tem on Thursday afternoon.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Grace Fellowship Church and Mt. Zion ARP Church were not represented with Ruling Elders at this meeting.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors and Fraternal Delegates

Rev. Kingswood also introduced the following guests Rev. Greg Bylsma (URC), Rev. Ken Priddy (ONA), Rev. Steve Richardson, and Mr. Sye TenBruggencate. Rev. Rudy de Vries introduced a friend Rev. Tom Albaugh. Rev. Frank Kovacs introduced his father, Mr. Frank Kovacs Sr.

Report of the Moderator (Rev. Brian Murray)

1. Presentation and Approval of the Docket

Rev. Murray presented the proposed docket. It was noted that Rev. Joseph Alghrary was not present and had sent his regrets, so he would not be addressing presbytery after lunch. Also the time for the Ordination Service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m. as noted in the docket.

- **Motion:** to adopt the docket as presented. **M/S/C**

2. Appointment of the Moderator's Committees

Rev. Murray appointed Rev. Rudy de Vries and Rev. Andrew Savill to serve on the Moderator's Committee for Excuses and Resolutions.

Report of the Stated Clerk (Bill McKay)

1. Approval of the Minutes of Presbytery

- **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of Presbytery for the January 6, 2010 Called Meeting. **M/S/C**

2. Report of Correspondence Received

a) The presbytery received correspondence on January 28, 2010 from Rev. Don Codling (Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Eastern Canada, PCA), informing the Canadian Presbytery (under the terms of the Golden Comity Agreement of their intention to establish a “mission church” in Moncton, NB. He noted in his correspondence that the core group involved in this venture is comprised of those former members of Mt. Zion who left. The reply that was sent expressed best wishes for the future of this work.

b) The presbytery received correspondence from the Board of Deacons putting forward a proposal to establish a fund within the Canadian Presbytery to assist Canadian churches that may be facing a financial need.

- **Motion:** To refer this correspondence to the Stewardship Committee. **M/S/C**

c) The presbytery received correspondence from Mr. Sye TenBruggencate of Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON). Mr. TenBruggencate operates an apologetics website (www.proofthatgodexists.org) and would like to be accountable to the church at large as well as make his services as an apologist available to the presbytery at large.

- **Motion:** To refer this correspondence to the Congregational Life Committee. **M/S/C**

3. 2nd Reading of Change to Manual of Procedure

A motion was moved, supported and carried at the April 24, 2009 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery to remove the Annual January Teleconference Meeting from the rotation of meetings for the Canadian Presbytery. In order to facilitate this motion, two revisions to the Manual of Procedure of the Canadian Presbytery will require two readings before approval.

(SEE APPENDIX 1)

- **Motion:** To receive the proposed revisions to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure as the Second Reading. **M/S/C**

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

Introduction of Fraternal Delegates

- **Motion:** to grant Privilege of the Floor to Rev. Greg Bylsma, in order that he may be allowed to address the presbytery. **M/S/C**

1. Rev. Greg Bylsma was introduced as the Fraternal Delegate from the United Reformed Church. Rev. Bylsma brought greetings and words of encouragement on behalf of Bethel URC and the Classis of Southern Ontario of the United Reformed Church.

The presbytery recessed for Standing Committee Meetings.

The presbytery observed the Order of the Day at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Rev. Kevin Carter)

There was no report from this committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Rev. Henry Bartsch)

1. Moderator

- **Motion:** That Rev. Frank Kovacs (Reformed Hungarian Church ARP) is accepted by acclamation to the office of Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010/11. **M/S/C**

2. Vice-moderator

Rev. Kovacs presented the name of Rev. David Els (Trinity Presbyterian Church – Woodstock, NB) to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010/11.

- **Motion:** To confirm Rev. David Els as Vice-Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010/11. **M/S/C**

3. Stated Clerk

- **Motion:** To approve Bill McKay to serve as the Stated Clerk of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010-2013. **M/S/C**

4. Reading Clerk

- **Motion:** To approve Rev. Jeff Kingswood to serve as the Reading Clerk of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010-2013. **M/S/C**

5. Treasurer

- **Motion:** To approve Mr. Gary Armstrong to serve as the Treasurer of the Canadian Presbytery for 2010-2013. **M/S/C**

6. Standing Committees

- **Motion:** To approve the recommendations for the various Standing Committees of the Canadian Presbytery as presented. **M/S/C (See Appendix 2)**
- **Motion:** That Rev. Andrew Savill is appointed to the Minister and His Work Committee as stated in the appendix. **M/S/C**

7. General Synod Nominations Committee

- **Motion:** Rev. Henry Bartsch is appointed to serve as an alternate delegate for the denominational Nominations committee in the event Rev. Kevin Carter should be unable to attend. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE (Rev. David Els)

1. 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**

Jennifer made a presentation on behalf of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry. **(See Appendix 3)**

Rev. Kevin Carter offered prayer for Jennifer and her work with the Women's Ministry in the Canadian Presbytery and also Cornerstone Bible Institute.

2. Sye TenBruggencate

- **Motion:** That the request from Sye TenBruggencate for oversight be referred back to the Session of Grace ARP. **M/S/C**

3. Review of Annual Statistical Forms

The Statistical reports were reviewed and accepted.

4. Session Minutes to be Examined

The 2009 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**
- **Motion:** That the Stated Clerk research and develop a new protocol for the keeping of session records; and further that every session will be required to follow this proposed protocol in the future. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Rev. John Shearouse)

1. 2010 Financial Report (See Appendix 4)

The Financial Report for 2010 (year to date) was presented for information only.

- **Motion:** To receive the financial reports for information. **M/S/C**

2. Treasurer

- **Motion:** The Canadian Presbytery expresses it's thanks to Mr. Gary Armstrong for his work as the Treasurer of the Canadian Presbytery. **M/S/C**

3. Rev. Andrew Savill

The situation regarding Rev. Andrew Savill's financial needs be referred back to the deacons of Mt. Zion for their further investigation and for them to respond to the committee.

4. Student Bursary

The committee consulted with the M&HW committee and agreed to continue to support Dr. Kosits at the rate of \$250 per course, however, in the future, the CP treasurer will send the bursary to Riverside so that one US money order can be sent to RTS.

5. Special Called Synod Meeting of 2010

- **Motion:** Those congregations which were placed in a position of financial hardship by the unexpected and unbudgeted expenses with regard to travel for the Special Called Synod Meeting of 2010, submit their expenses to be reimbursed from the Presbytery expense fund by no later than May 31st. **M/S/C**

6. June 2010 Meeting of Synod

- **Motion:** That funding be made available from the Presbytery Expense Fund to cover travel expenses for congregations who would otherwise be unable to send delegates to the June 2010 meeting of Synod. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

MINISTER AND HIS WORK (Rev. Rick Barnes)1. Review of Annual Statistical Reports

The Annual Presbytery reports were reviewed and accepted.

2. Pastoral Call

The Call from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary to Dr. VanDoodewaard was reviewed and its terms were approved.

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery confirm the call from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. **M/S/C**

3. Report on Student Dr. Russell Kosits

The committee reported that although his progress is slow, his marks are excellent and he is encouraged. He continues to study through the distance program of RTS Jackson and his request for funding was referred to the Stewardship Committee: \$250 per course in CDN to be distributed through Riverside to qualify for the tuition matching program. Dr. Kosits will be recommended to preach his second sermon at the Spring Presbytery 2011.

4. Outside of the Bounds of Presbytery

Reports were received from Rev. Fariborz Khandani and Rev. Brian Murray. There was no report received from Dr. Jack Whytock. Rev. Rudy deVries is reporting to Outreach Canada. These ministries and ministers are to be commended to our congregations for prayer.

5. General Synod Orientation Program

- **Motion:** That Presbytery requires new ministers to attend the Synod orientation program. **M/no second.**
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

RECESS

At 3:45 p.m. Rev. Murray declared a recess for this session of presbytery to allow Outreach Canada to finish its committee work.

DINNER

At 5:00 pm the presbytery met for dinner.

Service of Ordination and Worship (See Appendix 5)

The presbyters and friends of the Canadian Presbytery gathered together again at 7:30 p.m. (April 15, 2010) in the sanctuary of the Bethel United Reformed Church, for a special service of Ordination and worship. The presbytery celebrated the ordination of Dr. William VanDoodewaard as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Dr. VanDoodewaard will serve as the Professor of Church History at Puritan Reformed Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. Rev. Brian Murray presided over the service and Rev. Barry York (Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church (RPCNA), Kokomo, IN) presented God's Word to the congregation. He preached from Matthew 11:25-30. Dr. Bill Kleyn (Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary) brought the charge to Dr. VanDoodewaard and Rev. William Campbell (retired) offered prayer during the "Laying on of Hands". A time of fellowship followed the worship service.

Friday, April 16, 2010

At 7:45 a.m., the presbytery assembled for a time of prayer.

At 8:15 a.m., the Presbytery gathered in the sanctuary for a communion service. The Rev. Dr. William VanDoodewaard presided at the Lord's Table and led the presbytery in prayer and in the singing of hymns from the Trinity Hymnbook. Rev. Rick Barnes brought the Word of God to the presbytery as he preached from Mark 6:30-44.

Presbytery Re-Convenes

At 9:30 a.m., following the worship service, Rev. Murray called the presbytery to order and re-convened the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery with prayer.

Calling of the Roll by the Stated Clerk

The clerk declared a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Rev. Kingswood introduced Mr. Willem Spelt (Chairman of the Deacons – Grace Presbyterian Church) and Rev. Barry York (RPCNA). Rev. Frank Kovacs introduced Mr. Zoltan Nagy from his congregation.

UNFINISHED COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTREACH CANADA (Rev. Brian Murray)

Rev. Kevin Carter assumed the Moderator's chair at this time to allow Rev. Murray to bring the Outreach Committee Report.

1. Rev. Rudy de Vries

Rev. de Vries presented his report to the presbytery on his ongoing prison ministry with Cornerstone Bible Institute. **(See Appendix 6)**

2. Kingston Church Plant Exploration

Rev. de Vries offered that not much has transpired with the proposed work in Kingston but that he has been in contact with one family who will be in the area for a period of time. This family has expressed great interest in being part of any work to establish a church plant in the city.

Greig Park offered prayer for Rudy, his work in prison ministry and the proposed church plant in Kingston.

3. Fariborz Khandani

Rev. Murray gave an update on Rev. Khandani's work in Toronto and his situation with regards to his work with World Witness. He noted that there is some confusion with three presbytery committees trying to formulate reports and assess his situation when he is primarily reporting to World Witness. There is also concern over his financial position with the recent cutbacks at World Witness.

- **Motion:** That a commission be established at the Moderator's direction to investigate Fariborz Khandani's situation; and further to be authorized to provide financial support in consultation with the Stewardship Committee. **M/S/C** (The Moderator will name the members of the Commission after the close of the meeting today.)

4. Rev. Ken Priddy

The committee discussed the feedback on Rev. Priddy's presentation on Church Renewal and Revitalization. The committee is recommending and encouraging the members of the presbytery to read Rev. Priddy's book "Teaching Churches To Fish" and bringing feedback to the Fall 2010 Presbytery meeting.

5. London Church Plant

The presbytery has received a report from the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church on the recent progress of the work they have begun in London. They report that in the six months they have been holding worship services, attendance from the community has been very small with maybe five or six visitors over that time period. The session is presenting four recommendations for the presbytery to consider.

- a) Canadian Presbytery takes over the work in London as a mission church plant
- b) Canadian Presbytery search for a church planter as soon as possible
- c) Canadian Presbytery allocates a further \$20,000 going forward.
- d) Canadian Presbytery reassesses this effort again at the September Presbytery meeting.

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery takes over the work in London as a mission church plant. **M/S/D**

With the defeat of this motion, the other three recommendations become redundant. The committee is recommending to Grace ARP that they continue the London effort in the form of a mid-week prayer and study meeting in a private home until such time that a workable core group is established.

6. Canadian Mission Developers

At present there are no prospective men available in Canada to act as “Mission Developers” and the presbytery has no protocols in place to facilitate a mission development should the need arise (such as in London or Kingston). The committee will begin discussions in this direction and consideration will be given to meeting via conference call regarding church planting and planters.

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

Rev. Bartsch offered prayer for Rev. de Vries, Rev. Khandani, the London work and the need for church planters in Canada.

Rev. Murray reassumed the chair at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Commission Report on examination and Installation of Andrew Savill

- **Motion:** To dismiss the Moderator’s Commission with gratitude. **M/S/C**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Covenanters’ Building/property Proposal

Mr. Albert Gerrits presented the proposal from the Covenanters’ ARP Church to purchase a new property and building with the intention of adding an extension to the current building. The proposed total cost of the project is \$200,000. There will be no debt anticipated as the expenses have all been calculated to be covered by current assets and pledges. They anticipate being in the building in July of this year with construction of the addition beginning immediately.

- **Motion:** To approve the proposal for Covenanter’s building proposal. **M/S/C**

2. Erskine support recommendation

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery go on record as supporting the actions of the Moderator’s Commission on Erskine College and Seminary, urging the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod to stand fast in truth and love, continuing to uphold the full inerrancy and authority of the Word of God in all her presbyteries, congregations and ministries.

M/S/C

Rev. Rudy de Vries requested that his abstention from the vote be noted in the minutes of these proceedings.

- **Motion:** That the aforesaid motion be communicated to Moderator de Witt personally, to the Synod as communication through the Principal Clerk of Synod (Rev. Ron Beard); and further that it published in the bulletins of the congregations of the Canadian Presbytery.

M/S/C

REPORTS OF MODERATOR’S COMMITTEE

1. Excuses and Absences

Excuses were received from Fariborz Khandani, Bill McKay, Jack C. Whytock, Bill Van Doodewaard, and Mike Flewelling.

2. Resolutions

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

- **Motion:** “Be it resolved that the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada, extend their sincere thanks to Grace Associate Reformed Presbyterian of Woodstock, ON for their generous and competent hospitality; from the welcoming billets to the west wing buffet to the cheerful faces that stood ready to serve. Rest assured, our experience was not dampened in the least by the very memorable event of much of Woodstock’s police force descending on the area searching for an escaped inmate from the nearby courthouse.

We further resolve to have this note of thanks communicated to the Grace ARP congregation in some fashion.” **M/S/C**

This resolution will be conveyed to the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) as well as the thanks of the presbytery to the congregation of the Bethel United Reformed Church for graciously allowing us the use of their facilities for the Ordination Service on Thursday evening.

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

DATES & LOCATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY (D.V.)

September 23-24/10: Mt. Zion ARPC, Moncton, NB

April 28-29/11: Reformed Hungarian Church ARP, Toronto, ON

ADJOURNMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Murray prayed and gave the benediction. The court adjourned at 10:58 a.m. with the singing of Psalm 133.

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

Respectfully submitted and attested by:

Mr. Bill McKay
Stated Clerk

Rev. Brian Murray
Moderator

APPENDIX 1 (April/10)

**AMENDMENT TO THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE
OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY**

A motion was moved, supported and carried at the April 24, 2009 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. In order to facilitate this motion, the following two revisions to the Manual of Procedure of the Canadian Presbytery will require two readings before approval.

- **Motion:** To remove the Annual January Teleconference Meeting from the rotation of meetings for the Canadian Presbytery. **M/S/C**

CANADIAN PRESBYTERY MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

CHAPTER III: MEETINGS

PART A

Article I

Stated Meetings as governed by F.O.G. XII C. 5, shall ordinarily be held (~~in January via teleconference call,~~) in the Ontario Region in the Spring, and in the Maritime Region in the Fall of each year.

PART C

Article I

The program for all Stated Meetings shall ordinarily include the following:

b) ~~January Teleconference~~

- ~~(1) Roll by the Clerk as people come into the teleconference call.~~
- ~~(2) Reading of Scripture and Prayer by the Moderator or one appointed by him.~~
- ~~(3) Outreach Canada: Recommendation of floor & voting privileges for an Elder from each Mission Congregation.~~
- ~~(4) Items needing action now by committee (Not a full committee report).~~
- ~~(5) New Business~~
- ~~(6) Reading and Adoption of Minutes~~
- ~~(7) Adjournment~~
- ~~(8) Benediction~~

APPENDIX 2 (April/10)

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
CANADIAN PRESBYTERY (2010)**

Outreach Canada

Rev. Brian Murray (2011) – CHAIR
Mr. Reg Lindsay (2011)
Rev. Rudy de Vries (2012)
Mr. Albert Gerrits (2013)
Mr. Lloyd Johnstone (2013)
Mr. Tibor Lacko (2013)
Rev. Rick Barnes (2014)
Mr. Ken Turner (2014)

Minister and His Work

Rev Jeff Kingswood (2012) - CHAIR
Mr. John Rood (2011)
*Mr. Henry Van Til (2012)
Mr. Mike Flewelling (2013)
Rev. Henry Bartsch (2014)
Mr. Henry Hogeterp (2014)

Stewardship

Rev John Shearouse (2012) – CHAIR
Mr. Kevin Bigney (2011)
Rev. Fariborz Khandani (2012)
Mr. Frank Kovacs Sr. (2013)
Mr. Greig Park (2014)

Congregational Life

Rev David Els (2012) - CHAIR
Dr. Jack C. Whytock (2011)
Mr. Dave Alexander (2011)
Mr. Bill McKay (2012)
Mr. Jon Van Dyk (2013)
Mr. Rick Whyte (2013)
Rev. Frank Kovacs (2014)
Mr. Simon Oosterhof (2014)

Nominations

Rev Kevin Carter (2012)- CHAIR
Rev. Henry Bartsch (2011)
Mr. John Moerman (2012)
Mr. Sean Panjer (2013)
Mr. Winston MacEachern (2014)

Board of Directors

Rev. Kevin Carter (2013) - CHAIR
Mr. Dave Alexander (2011)
Rev. Jeff Kingswood (2012)
Rev. Frank Kovacs (2013)
Mr. John Moerman (2014)
Mr. Dave MacKenna (2014)

* Mr. Henry Van Til to take over the term previously held by Mr. Frank Masters in Minister and His Work.

*Terms of service commence July 1/10 through to June 30/11
Grey shaded areas indicate new appointments.

APPENDIX 3 (April/10)

ARP Women's Ministry
Presbytery Report
April 15, 2010

Last month the 4th Annual Ontario ARP Ladies' retreat was hosted by Riverside ARP in Cambridge. There were 50 ladies from Grace Woodstock, Redeemer London, Trinity Chatham and Riverside Cambridge in attendance. The theme for the weekend was Godly Living in a Fallen World. Mr. Jerry Hamstra (who has been doing some pulpit supply for Riverside) was our speaker on Friday evening. Looking at Col 3:1-4, he reminded us that we are in Christ, that we have died and risen with him and are already glorified through him. A great time of Q&A followed his talk, as we further delved into the glorious hope of Christ's resurrection.

Three ladies from Riverside were speakers on Saturday morning. Andrea McCabe spoke on the need to be disciplined in reading the word and how that affects our home, church and culture. Betty Ann Korvemaker spoke on our speech and what comes from our mouth is a reflection of what is in our hearts.

We were also challenged to think about how training our hearts and speech now could be effected later in life (for example with dementia) and how we need to fill our hearts and mouths with truth. Jennifer Hovestadt rounded out the morning speaking on hope and how we are to share that hope with our families, our church and our unbelieving friends and neighbours. Each session was followed by a small group discussion time.

At last year's spring Presbytery meeting, I met with the Congregation Life committee and in our discussion it was suggested to invite some of the Women's Ministry board members to our annual Ontario ladies' retreat. As Riverside was hosting the retreat this year an invitation was sent to the board members at the October meeting. Kathy Barron the president, Joanne Hamilton, the VP and Elizabeth Burns all came up for the retreat in March. It was a great blessing to have them come and meet with some of the women from the Canadian churches.

The ladies from Trinity Chatham are already talking about plans for the 2011 retreat.

The third issue of the ARP Encouragers newsletter is available today as well. There was a great response from the women after the second issue and a number of ladies sent in articles that they had written. A number of ladies from Covenanters ARP offered to do a write up of their church and the goings on there so that we have an idea of how to better pray for each other. The hope is that each of the churches will take turns in giving a report from their church and the ministries that they are involved in as well as things that can be kept in prayer.

It has been a great blessing to be able to put this newsletter together and have so many different contributors from the different churches.

In 2009 I did not attend any of the board meetings at Bon Clarken (mostly due to costs). We are looking at ways to be Skyped into the meeting so that I can still be a part of the discussions that go on to plan the continuing development of the Women's Ministries within the ARP denomination. Now, more than ever, it is important to speak up to encourage the women to seek the council and wisdom of the leaders of the church and to not be separate from the church but continue on where they started 5 years ago in a more biblical format of service to the church of God.

I look forward to continuing serving the Canadian churches.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Hovestadt
ARP Women's Ministry
Canadian Representative.

APPENDIX 4 (April/10)**Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches
in Canada****Treasurer's Report**

for the period ending December 31, 2009

	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds 2009	Total All Funds 2008
	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Actual	Pledges		
RECEIPTS								
Covenant Reformed	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Covenanters	300.00	300.00	100.00	100.00	600.00	600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grace Fellowship, NS	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,712.04	1,250.00	5,462.04	5,242.28
Mount Zion	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
Reformed Hungarian	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	500.00	500.00	750.00	750.00
Riverside	3,000.00	3,000.00	300.00	300.00	3,500.00	2,500.00	6,800.00	7,300.00
Trinity Chatham, ON	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00	3,200.00
Trinity Woodstock, NB	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,200.00	1,650.00
Interest	2,787.55	-	-	-	-	-	2,787.55	3,329.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,787.55	10,600.00	3,300.00	3,150.00	10,312.04	9,600.00	28,399.59	26,171.33
DISBURSEMENTS		Budget				Budget		
Church plants					10,096.75	2,500.00	10,096.75	-
Supplement paid for Iranian supplies					1,060.00		1,060.00	1,101.32
Computer	1,383.64	1,500.00					1,383.64	
Travel	1,462.87	1,500.00					1,462.87	3,958.32
Moderator/Clerk Travel	-	2,000.00					-	
Telephone, teleconference calls	58.74	500.00					58.74	2,291.40
Treasurer's Work, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	30.00	1,300.00					30.00	1,157.80
Student Bursaries & Expenses	750.00	3,800.00					750.00	2,308.00
Miscellaneous	-	-					-	9,289.06
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,685.25	10,600.00	-	-	11,156.75	2,500.00	14,842.00	20,105.90
Excess - Receipts over Disbursements	9,102.30	\$ -	3,300.00	\$ 3,150.00	(844.71)	\$ 7,100.00	11,557.59	6,065.43
Bank and Investments - January 1	13,091.60		22,771.16		116,951.51		158,143.32	150,077.89
Bank and Investments - September 1	\$ 22,193.90		\$ 26,071.16		\$ 116,106.80		\$ 167,700.91	\$ 156,143.32
Represented by:								
Bank Balance							\$ 11,757.57	\$ 14,170.21
Investment Certificates							155,943.34	141,973.11
Total Funds							\$ 167,700.91	\$ 156,143.32

**Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches
in Canada**

Treasurer's Report

for the period ending March 31, 2010

	Expense Fund	Denominational Ministry Fund	Canadian Church Development Trust	Total All Funds 2010	Total All Funds 2009
RECEIPTS	Actual	Actual	Actual		
Covenant Reformed Covenanters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Grace Fellowship, NS	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	-	-	-	-	3,200.00
Mount Zion	-	-	-	-	5,462.04
Reformed Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside	3,000.00	300.00	2,500.00	5,800.00	750.00
Trinity Chatham, ON	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00	2,200.00	6,800.00
Trinity Woodstock, NB	-	-	-	-	2,200.00
Interest	-	-	-	-	2,787.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,000.00	500.00	3,500.00	8,000.00	28,399.59
DISBURSEMENTS	Budget			Budget	
Church plants - Kingston	-	-	-	2,500.00	96.75
Church plants - London	-	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Supplement paid for Iranian supplies	-	-	-	-	1,080.00
Computer	-	-	-	-	1,383.64
Travel	654.82	1,500.00	-	654.82	1,462.87
Moderator/Clerk Travel	-	2,000.00	-	-	-
Telephone, teleconference calls	82.87	500.00	-	82.87	58.74
Treasurer's Work, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	451.96	1,500.00	-	451.96	30.00
Student Bursaries & Expenses	-	4,000.00	-	-	750.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,189.65	9,500.00	-	12,500.00	14,842.00
Excess - Receipts over Disbursements	2,810.35	\$ (9,500.00)	500.00	\$ (12,500.00)	6,810.35
Bank and Investments - January 1	19,408.35	26,071.16	116,108.80	164,371.86	152,814.27
Bank and Investments - September 1	\$ 22,216.70	\$ 26,571.16	\$ 119,606.80	\$ 171,182.21	\$ 164,371.86
Represented by:					
Bank Balance				\$ 17,817.92	\$ 11,757.57
Investment Certificates				153,364.29	152,614.29
Total Funds - Sept 1				\$ 171,182.21	\$ 164,371.86

APPENDIX 5 (April/10)

<p style="text-align: center;">The Ordination Service of Dr. Wm. VanDoodeward April 15, 2010 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p>*Call to Worship</p> <p>*Hymn of Adoration: Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord (Psalm 148).</p> <p>*Prayer of Adoration and Confession</p> <p>*Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed</p> <p>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:</p> <p>Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p>Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation.</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30</p> <p>Sermon Title: <i>Offering Christ Freely</i></p>	<p>Prayer</p> <p>*Hymn of Response: Not What My Hands Have Done.</p> <p>Overview of Process Toward Ordination – Moderator of the Presbytery The Rev. Brian Murray</p> <p>Formula of Questions for Ordination</p> <p>(1) Do you believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and do you confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and acknowledge Him Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body?</p> <p>(2) Do you reaffirm your belief in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of the Living God, the only perfect rule of faith and practice, to which nothing is to be added and from which nothing is to be taken at any time or upon any pretext?</p> <p>(3) Do you accept the doctrines of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, as founded on the Word of God and as the expression of your own faith, and do you resolve to adhere thereto?</p> <p>(4) Do you accept the government, discipline, and worship of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as agreeable to and founded on the Word of God?</p> <p>(5) Do you promise to submit in the spirit of love to the authority of the Presbytery in subordination to the General Synod, and to promote the unity, peace, purity, and prosperity of the Church?</p> <p>(6) Do you sincerely resolve to fulfill all your responsibilities in your home life and in all your relations with your fellowman, following after righteousness, faith, and love?</p>
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(7) Do you accept and enter upon your ministry with a desire to glorify God and to be instrumental in strengthening His Church?

(8) Do you promise to preach the gospel in its purity and simplicity, declaring the whole counsel of God, and to perform all your official duties with zeal and faithfulness, seeking the salvation of sinners?

Laying on of Hands – Ministers of NAPARC affiliated Churches are invited to join the Presbytery.

Ordination Prayer

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Declaration of Ordination

Questions for Commissioning

Form of Government (1:206.2.a) Some ministers are especially qualified by their gifts to be teachers and may be called to teach in seminaries, colleges, and other schools, provided such teaching is in keeping with their calling as ministers and has the approval of the Presbytery of which they are members.

Do you accept the call of teacher, labouring outside of the Bounds of this Presbytery, at the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and do you promise to perform faithfully all the duties of this office, both public and private, to the best of your ability as you are led by the Holy Spirit?

Do you make these promises in the presence of Him to Whom you must ultimately give an account?

Question to the Presbytery

Do you, the members of the Canadian Presbytery, now acknowledge and receive William VanDoodewaard as a minister of your Presbytery and a Teacher of Theology, and do you promise to give him all the honour, encouragement, cooperation, and support in the spirit of love to which this office entitles him and as is promised by this call?

Charge to the Minister

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Hymn: The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear (Psalm 22).

Benediction: The Rev. Dr. William Edward VanDoodewaard

Biographical Sketch of Dr. Wm. E. VanDoodeward

Born into a faithful, Christian home, Bill VanDoodeward learned of his sin, need for Christ, and God's provision of grace from childhood. In his teens, this became particularly clear and personally applied, and Bill publicly professed his faith at the Free Reformed Church of St. Thomas, Ontario.

Bill studied at the University of Western Ontario, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary and the University of Aberdeen. During those studies, he and his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Anna and Marthew, have been blessed to fellowship and hear the Word preached faithfully in FRC, ARP, APC, RPCNA and other congregations. Sycamore RP church gave Bill a pastoral internship for two years, where he was able to preach and assist in the pastoral ministry.

Bill has also taught at the high-school and university levels for over a decade, and hopes to continue building up the Church of Christ as he ministers in a teaching capacity at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids [www.puritanseminary.org].

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's Form of Government allows for the ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament those who will be labouring as pastors, theological teachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We commend Bill to your prayers as he labours as a professor at PRTS.

APPENDIX 6 (April/10)

Ministry Report from Rudy de Vries
Prison Evangelist for the Canadian Presbytery

For the period of September 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010
Prepared for the Outreach Canada Committee of the Canadian Presbytery
April 15-16, 2010 -- Woodstock, ON.

1. In Prison Ministry

- a. During this period I've had 115 one on one visits with inmates at 11 federal prisons and 1 provincial prison.
- b. I currently have five men who I am studying the WCF with. I am planning to develop a study guide as I go along.
- c. I've had the opportunity to preach at prison chapel services at four different prisons. One of these was at the Women's Prison in Kitchener and though it has the lowest inmate population of any of the prisons I visit, that service was attended by more inmates than any other service I've preached at before, approximately 35 inmates attended plus staff and volunteers.
- d. I've also attended a number of chapel services. This gives me the opportunity to worship with the inmates and to strengthen ties with inmates and Chaplaincy.
- e. It was a joy to be in the Atlantic Region with Hans visiting the five federal prisons and the Chaplains there in addition to meeting with some inmates individually and joining them for chapel services.
- f. The work at the Women's Prison in Kitchener continues to advance and grow. Because of its close proximity to the Cornerstone office we have become more involved there than at any other prison. I have trained two volunteers to minister there and they are both involved with one on one ministry and one attends the Sunday chapel service twice per month.
- g. I have also been facilitating and equipping another volunteer in the Kingston area for prison ministry
- h. On March 24 an inmate who I've known for about 12 years died in prison. In God's providence I had the privilege of visiting with him less than 24 hours prior to his death. This has been a joyful experience in knowing that he was a strong believer and at the same time a sad experience to have this brother die in a cold prison cell all alone and because I will miss my monthly pastoral meetings with him.

2. Interactions with Chaplains

- a. Relationships with Chaplains continue to strengthen.

3. Reintegration Opportunities

- a. I continue with contact and ministry with four men who I first ministered to while in prison
- b. The Cornerstone "Stepping Out" support and accountability group (provided by Riverside ARP) that I have been leading for one of our students is expected to wind down this year. The last two years have been disappointing as the reintegratee has resisted accountability.

4. Other Preaching and Ministry Opportunities

- a. I have continued to help with pulpit supply at Riverside preaching there five times during this period.
- b. I have also provided pulpit supply for Chatham, Woodstock and London ARPs as well as Bethel URC in Woodstock.
- c. Continue to lead one out of every four chapel services at Queen's Square Terrace in Cambridge

5. Professional Development

- a. Nothing formal to report

6. Relationship with Cornerstone Board and Staff

- a. My relationship with the Board of Directors is good. They continue to encourage me in my labours and I report to them at regular board meetings.
- b. Relationships with fellow staff are good as well. I think we are working fairly well together.

7. Involvement in the Canadian Presbytery and Synod

- a. Involvement with Riverside ARP which has provided a reintegration support team for a Cornerstone student
- b. Attended the September and January meetings of the Canadian Presbytery
- c. Provided input to Jennifer Hovestadt and her work for the Women's Ministry
- d. Attended the March meeting of Synod
- e. Have begun serving on the Interchurch Relations Committee of Synod

8. Assessment of Workload

- a. I am thankful for the way the Lord has given new ministry opportunities. My "tired" times are usually when I return from two days in Kingston doing back to back visits at four prisons.
- b. I do limit my pulpit supply preaching commitments in order to guard my time for prison ministry and for my family.
- c. My assessment is that the workload is balanced. One of the challenges in this area is that when I visit Kingston I like to fill my time with the maximum amount of visits. At times this push reduces the quality of the visits. The Lord willing, this will be remedied when I can move to Kingston.

9. Joys and Struggles of Ministry

- a. Joys
 - i. To see how the Lord is at work in the prisons through other people and ministries
 - ii. For inmates whom the Lord uses to challenge me in faith and obedience
 - iii. For my wife and children who are so supportive of my ministry and regularly give me up for 42 hours stretches for the gospel's sake.
- b. Struggles
 - i. Being patient regarding our desire to be in Kingston as a family
 - ii. I desire to preach more to prisoners
 - iii. It is difficult seeing men wanting to give up or letting themselves slide into patterns of sin against better knowledge

iv. I need to pray more for the ministry

10. Prayer Requests

- a. Pray for Jamie who wants to leave his wife
- b. Pray for Russell who is determined to end his life
- c. Pray for inmates who refuse to humble themselves in confession and repentance
- d. For a better understanding of the lives, backgrounds, and experiences of inmates
- e. Pray for more preaching opportunities
- f. That I would keep Christ and his work central in my message and ministry
- g. Pray for necessary grace for my family as they give me up for my travels to Kingston.

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