

THE MINUTES OF THE **CANADIAN PRESBYTERY**

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

Stated Fall Meeting

September 24-25, 2009

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Woodstock, New Brunswick



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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 FALL MEETING – September 24-25, 2009**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Woodstock, New Brunswick**

The 2009 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on September 24 and 25, 2009 and hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, New Brunswick). 13 presbyters were in attendance for this stated meeting of presbytery.

Thursday – September 24, 2009

The delegates for presbytery gathered for a time of Christian fellowship, refreshments and prayer prior to the 2009 Stated Fall 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.

Presbytery Convenes for 2009 Stated Fall Meeting

The Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery (2009/10), Rev. Brian Murray, called the presbyters to order at 10:30 a.m. and convened the 2009 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. After reading from Psalm 122, 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 the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rev. David Els extended warmest greetings and salutations to the presbyters and guests of the Canadian Presbytery.

Calling of the Roll

The Reading Clerk, Rev. Jeff Kingswood, called the roll of presbyters for this stated meeting. The following brothers were in attendance.

Roll Call of ministers present

Rick Barnes
Henry Bartsch
Kevin Carter
Rudy de Vries
David Els
Jeff Kingswood
Brian Murray
John Shearouse

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

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church - Kevin Bigney
Trinity Presbyterian, (Woodstock, NB) – Reg Lindsay
Covenanters ARP Church - Henry Hogeterp
Riverside ARP Church – Greig Park
Mt. Zion ARPC – Mike Flewelling
Grace Fellowship Church, ARPC – No representative
Trinity ARPC (Chatham, ON) - No representative
Reformed Hungarian Church – No representative
Grace Presbyterian Church - No representative

Fariborz Khandani, Dr. Jack C. Whytock, Frank Kovacs, William Campbell, Dr. William Van Doodewaard (Licentiate), Dr. Russell Kosits (Student), John Moerman and Bill McKay sent their regrets for their absence from this meeting and were excused.

The clerk declared a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brinkman, Owen, Olivia, Millie, and Debbie Flewelling.

Report of the Moderator (Rev. Brian Murray)

1. Presentation and Approval of the Docket. Rev. Murray presented the proposed docket.
 - **Motion:** to adopt the docket as presented. **M/S/C**
2. Appointment of the Moderator's Committees:
 - a) Rev. Murray appointed the following men to serve on the Resolutions and Excuses Committee: Rev. Henry Bartsch, Greig Park, and Henry Hogeterp

Report of the Stated Clerk (Rev. Jeff Kingswood)

1. Approval of the Minutes of Presbytery.
 - **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of Presbytery for the April 23-24, 2009 (2009 Stated Spring Meeting). **M/S/C**
2. Report of Correspondence Received.
 - a) Letter from Grace Presbyterian Church. The presbytery has received a letter from Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) requesting financial support for a proposed "satellite small group" they wish to begin and locate in London, ON. **(SEE APPENDIX 1)**
 - **Motion:** To refer this correspondence to the Outreach Canada Committee for their study and possible recommendations. **M/S/C**
 - b) Correspondence from Paul Bell (Executive Director, ARP Central Services)
The presbytery has received a correspondence from the General Synod of a list of matters that were approved at the recent General Synod meetings for the presbyteries to consider. This communication was received for information purposes only. **(SEE APPENDIX 2)**
3. Amendment to the 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 3)**

- **Motion:** To receive the proposed revisions to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure as the First Reading. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Report from the Provisional Session of Mt. Zion ARP Church. (See Appendix 4)

Rev. John Shearouse presented the letter of procedure and introduced the Rev. Andrew Savill to the Presbytery.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Kevin Carter

NOMINATIONS (Rev. Henry Bartsch)

No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Rev. Kevin Carter)

No report.

RECESS

Rev. Murray declared a recess for this session of presbytery to give the various Standing Committees an opportunity to meet and form their reports for presentation to the Presbytery.

Committees adjourned at 12:00 noon for lunch and re-convened at 1:30 pm.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK (Rev. Rick Barnes)

1. Rev. Andrew Savill

- **Motion:** To have the presbytery act as a Committee of the Whole to deal with matters before the Minister and His Work Committee with regard to receiving the Rev. Andrew Savill as a candidate for a call to Mt. Zion ARP. **M/S/C**

Rev. Andrew Savill gave his testimony and after the clerk read Rev. Savill's Statement of Faith, Rev. Savill was examined by the presbyters.

- **Motion:** That the examination of Andrew Savill by Committee be sustained. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To move out of Committee of the Whole. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That a Commission be appointed, made up of the ministers of the Maritime churches and an elder from each congregation, and pending the issue of the call by Mt. Zion, set a date to examine Andrew Savill and if those examinations are sustained, proceed to the installation of Rev. Savill as pastor of Mt. Zion and member of the Canadian Presbytery. **M/S/C**

2. Report on Dr. William VanDoodewaard

- **Motion:** That the Presbytery issue a call to Dr. Wm. VanDoodewaard as a Professor of Theology and Church History, labouring out of bounds; and further, that the presbytery move toward ordination at the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery; and further, that the ordination service be a part of the 2010 Stated Spring Presbytery meeting. **M/S/C**

3. Report on Dr. Russell Kosits

- **Motion:** In cooperation with the Stewardship Committee, it was agreed that a bursary of \$250 per course up to \$2000 per annum be extended to Dr. Kosits. That would be a total of \$750 for the year 2009 (Gary Armstrong to be instructed to send these funds to RTS for qualification for the matching tuition grant program). **M/S/C**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (Rev. David Els)

1. Minutes to be received and approved. The 2008 Session Minutes from Grace Fellowship Church ARPC, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mt. Zion ARP Church, Covenanters ARP Church and the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church were received and examined according to the Form of Government.

- **Motion:** To receive and approve the minutes from Grace Fellowship Church ARPC, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mt. Zion ARP Church, Covenanters ARP Church and the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church. **M/S/C**

The Committee informed the Presbytery that this will be the last approval of any session minutes with more than one category of the requirements not being fulfilled.

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

The vice-moderator, Rev. Carter, assumed the chair to allow Rev. Murray (as chairman of Outreach Canada) to give his report.

OUTREACH CANADA (Rev. Brian Murray)

1. Rev. Rudy deVries

Rev. Rudy deVries gave a verbal summary of his report as Prison Chaplain working within the bounds of Presbytery.

2. Potential New Works

- a) Rev. Fariborz Khandani is working with a small group of Persian believers in the Toronto area but any solid work is a long way off.
- b) Rev. Rudy deVries reported on the investigation of the possibility of an ARP plant in the Kingston area and his contacts with the URC and Bath Rd. Baptist churches in the area. A web presence is being planned along with some newspaper advertising.

3. Proposal from Grace Presbyterian Church

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery approve that Grace Presbyterian church

proceed with the satellite work in London and that it be given \$10,000 from the Canadian Church Development Trust to make this possible, and further, to report back at the 2010 Stated Spring Presbytery meeting. **M/S/C**

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

RECESS

The Presbytery recessed at 4:00 pm to allow further Committee work.

WORSHIP

The presbyters and friends of the Canadian Presbytery gathered together again at 7:00 p.m., for a time of worship and communion. Rev. John Shearouse preached from Luke 22:14-30, "Greatness in Christ's Kingdom", and Rev. David Els presided over the service. A time of fellowship followed the worship service.

Friday, September 25, 2008

At 8:15 a.m., the presbytery gathered in the sanctuary for worship. Rev. Kevin Carter presided over the proceedings and led the presbytery in prayer and in the singing of a hymn. Rev. Andrew Savill brought the Word of God to the congregation as he preached from Ephesians 2:11-22.

Presbytery Re-Convenes

At 9:15 a.m., following the worship service, Rev. Murray called the presbytery to order and re-convened the 2009 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery with prayer.

Calling of the Roll

Rev. Jeff Kingswood called the roll of the Canadian Presbytery. A quorum was declared to be present.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Ricky Graham, Nicolas Budd, Andrew Barnard, Amelia Flewelling, Owen Flewelling

Introduction of Fraternal Delegates

There were no Fraternal Delegates present.

Announcements

1. The presbyters were reminded to sign the attendance sheets.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMITTEE (Rev. Rick Barnes)

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Rev. John Shearouse)

1. Treasurer's Report.

- a) Rev. Shearouse reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the Canadian Presbytery ending September, 2009. **(See Appendix 5)**

- **Motion:** To receive the 2009 Treasurer's Report (to date) as presented. **M/S/C**

- **Motion:** That henceforth, the budget will be presented and approved at the September meeting of Presbytery each year; and further, that churches will no

longer be asked to pledge an amount to Presbytery, but will be encouraged to continue to include Presbytery in their church budgets; and further, that committees and others notify the Stewardship Committee of expenses they anticipate in the upcoming calendar year by August 31st.

- **Motion:** The budget for the Canadian Presbytery for 2010 was presented. **M/S/C**
(See Appendix 6)
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

REPORTS OF MODERATOR COMMITTEE(S)

1. **Excuses and Absences.** Excuses were received from Fariborz Khandani, Dr. Jack C. Whytock, Frank Kovacs, William Campbell, Dr. William Van Doodewaard, John Moerman, Russ Kosits, and Bill McKay.

- **Motion:** That the excuse received from Rev. Frank Kovacs not be received; and further, that the Canadian Presbytery reminds Rev. Frank Kovacs (in writing) of his responsibility to give clear and specific reasons for being excused as per the motion of the September 2006 minutes of Presbytery which states... *"That excuses for absence are specific as to why the member is unable to be present and that vague excuses will not be accepted."* **M/S/C**

This notification is to be communicated by the Stated Clerk.

2. **Resolutions.** The following motion from the Excuses and Resolutions Committee was presented by Rev. Henry Bartsch.

- **Motion:** Be it resolved that the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada, extend their sincere thanks to Trinity Associate Reformed Presbyterian of Woodstock, NB for their warm hospitality, delectable BBQ and other foods, and friendliness towards us during the meeting of the Canadian Presbytery; and further, that this resolution is to be conveyed to the congregation of Trinity ARP Church either verbally or through the bulletin. **M/S/C**

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

- **Motion:** To set aside the Rules of Order calling for a Teleconference Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery in January 2010. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To change the date for the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting from April 23-24 to April 15-16, 2010. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To request that the Spring Presbytery be moved from Reformed Hungarian Church ARP, Toronto, ON to Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON.) to accommodate the ordination of Dr. William VanDoodewaard. **M/S/C**

April 15-16/09: Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) - Tentative

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

ADJOURNMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

The court adjourned at 9:44 am with the singing of Psalm 133.

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

Respectfully submitted and attested by:

Mr. Bill McKay
Principal Clerk

Rev. Brian Murray
Moderator

APPENDIX 1 (September/09)



Grace Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada

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September 9, 2009

To the Canadian Presbytery,

Dear brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our only risen Lord and Saviour.

We are reminded that over 2,000 years ago, the message the early church sent out is the same message today. Jesus Christ is our risen Lord and Saviour and will one day return in glory. As the apostles were "*witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria and to the end of the earth*" (Acts 1:8b, ESV), so also are we given that same command and responsibility today.

In the brief history of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada (under the auspices of the Canadian Presbytery), there have been a small number of

explorations towards church planting with no successful implementation of missions from those explorations. Some more recent examples of previously established mission congregations in Canada (during our time in the NE Presbytery) that have grown are to be found in Chatham, ON, Kentville and Halifax, NS. At the past 2009 Stated Spring Meeting, the presbytery approved of an exploration work to be undertaken in the Kingston, ON area with the results still pending from that work.

The City of London, Ontario has a population of over 350,000. According to the 2006 census there are almost 97,000 families in the city. It is a diverse population with a mixture of predominantly European backgrounds as well as some Asian and a large rapidly growing Muslim community. There are currently eleven Presbyterian churches in the city (almost all associated with the PCC) so there is be some familiarity with Presbyterianism.

At a meeting on September 3, 2009, the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church approved a plan to move ahead and attempt to establish a satellite small group in the City of London, Ontario using members from her own congregation (some of whom live in London) as we work to establish a core group. It is our intention to see if this group (with the addition of others) could eventually grow into a Church Mission of the Canadian Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada. There is currently no established Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church presence in London. There is one United Reformed Church within the city limits, one Orthodox Presbyterian Church outside of the city limits to the west (Komoka, ON) and a Free Reformed Church in the extreme west end of the city as well as another in St. Thomas, ON (south-west of London). The area we are targeting is in the east end of the city which places it away and somewhat isolated from the other NAPARC recognized churches. Our prospective start date is for November 1, 2009.

We have already received confirmation from Rev. Henry Bartsch, Rev. Brian Murray and Rev. Jeff Kingswood as to their participation (on a rotating basis) in leading one Sunday afternoon service per week at a location yet to be determined within the city limits of the City of London (east end). With the establishment of this group, we are anticipating that there will be several costs involved (such as rent for facilities, hymnbooks, advertising and other items).

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, ON) hereby humbly petitions the Canadian Presbytery for funding assistance of \$10,000.00 from the Canadian Church Development Fund to be used towards the establishment of a satellite small group under the ministry and authority of the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church with the intention to see this group eventually grow into a viable church mission which would then be placed under the care of the Outreach Canada Committee of the Canadian Presbytery.

It is our full intention to report back to the court at the 2010 Stated Spring Meeting as to our progress in this endeavour.

We give thanks to our Lord for His faithfulness to us through our lives on earth. We ask for your prayerful consideration in this matter and await your response to this request at your earliest convenience.

In Christ's service,

Bill McKay,
Clerk of Session
Grace Presbyterian Church

APPENDIX 2 (September/09)

SYNOD MATTERS FOR PRESBYTERY CONSIDERATION

We have received a list of Synod recommendations in which Presbyteries were referenced. None of these matters requires a vote by the presbytery, but are simply a reminder of them. The numbers by each item are the recommendation numbers as reflected in the Minutes of Synod 2010 under the respective committee/board report.

Board of Benefits

3. That presbyteries direct all congregations (except for congregations that have been excluded by action of the Board of Benefits) to enroll and pay premiums for all employees eligible to participate in the life, dependent life (if applicable), accidental death and dismemberment, and long term disability plans.

Erskine

2. That special days be designated when the work of Erskine College and Seminary can be presented to the congregations of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and when special offerings to support the ministries of this institution can be received.

3. That the educational opportunities at Erskine College and Erskine Seminary be promoted in local churches, presbyteries and denominational events such as conferences, retreats and other occasions. Special attention should be given the Presidential Scholarship Program in the College and the lecture series offered by the Seminary.

Investment

1. That this report be received as information and that presbyteries and sessions note the availability of services offered by the Investment Committee.

Minister & His Work

1. That presbyteries be encouraged to utilize the 20 recommendations listed in the "Pastoral Care for Pastors" report which was part of this committee's report to General Synod in 2008.

2. That presbyteries be encouraged to devote considerable time to prayer and worship during presbytery meetings, i.e., to consider these meetings as opportunities for spiritual retreat as well as for business.

3. That presbyteries encourage:
 - a. ministers and seminary students to keep updated data forms on file at the ARP Center;
 - b. congregations to complete a "church profile" before seeking a pastor;
 - c. pulpit committees to give preference to ARP ministers and students; and
 - d. congregations, where financially feasible, to employ ARP seminary students for the summer months.
4. That presbyteries require ministers to attend the General Synod orientation program early in their pastoral ministry.
5. That presbyteries that have not yet done so develop a program to encourage congregations to incorporate the annual review of the minister's call into an annual ministry review.
8. That presbyteries that have not yet done so adopt policy statements on sexual harassment and sexual misconduct.

Nominations

4. That each presbytery be reminded to consider appointing an alternate representative to Synod's Committee on Nominations in the event that the chairman of a presbytery Committee on Nominations is not able to attend Synod's Committee meeting.
5. That presbyteries consider making Recommendations for Service during their fall meetings.
7. That those making Recommendations for Service to the Committee (by mail or on-line) remember the need to use the proper form, and to provide helpful information concerning the qualifications for each person recommended.

World Witness

2. That the presbyteries, sessions, congregations and members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church General Synod be encouraged to pray for the Lord's provision for His work in the coming year.
5. That presbyteries, sessions, congregations and members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church General Synod be made aware of the opportunities for missionary service in the US and overseas and that they be challenged to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matthew 9:38)

APPENDIX 3 (September/09)

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 1

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 1

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 4 (September/09)

To:

The Mount Zion Pulpit Search Committee
Rev. Rick Barnes, Chair of Minister and His Work Committee
Rev. Andrew Savill, candidate for pastor at Mount Zion
Mr. Paul Brinkman, chairman of the deacons at Mount Zion
Rev. Brian Murray, Moderator of Presbytery
Mr. Bill McKay, Clerk of Presbytery

Cc: The Provisional Session of Mount Zion

Greetings to you all,

The Mount Zion Provisional Session met tonight to discuss the way forward now that the Search Committee has officially recommended Rev. Andrew Savill for nomination. Rev. Savill is an ordained minister in the PCA who serves as an assistant pastor at Eastbridge PCA in Mount Pleasant, SC.

The Session began with a review the things that have been done up to this point and the things that need to be done to process the recommendation of the Search Committee. The following is the summary that was given, followed by our recommended plan of action:

THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE UP TO THIS POINT:

1. The Search Committee has officially moved that Rev. Savill's name be brought forward to the congregation for a call.
2. The Search Committee has invited Rev. Savill to come up on Sept 23 so he can attend Presbytery, and then preach at Mt. Zion on Sept 27. The tentative plan is that a week following that, the congregation would meet to vote on calling him (that would be Oct 4).
3. Rev. Shearouse spoke to Andy last night to confirm his commitment at this point. He has indicated that he is willing and desirous to come to Mount Zion and does not see a need for a time of probation on his part.
4. Rev. Shearouse contacted Rev. Rick Barnes of Minister and His Work this morning to notify him of these things and to discuss our options.

THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE:

1. The M&HW Committee is (according to our MOP) supposed to meet with any

Candidate that is nominated by the search committee to examine him before his name can be brought forward for a vote of the congregation. The terms of call are to be provided to the M&HW Committee for examination as well.

2. Upon the approval of the candidate by the M&HW Committee, the session is to call a congregational meeting (also indicating their approval of the candidate) to vote on calling him and to attest to the call.

3. Then the candidate is to be presented to the Presbytery for examination if M&HW approves of the call.

THE PLAN OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SESSION:

1. That the Deacons and Search Committee draw up the terms of a call to Rev. Savill for the Session to review at our meeting on September 15. [Note: this particular point was not discussed at the session meeting]

2. That the M&HW Committee examine Rev. Savill and approve the terms of call at Presbytery on September 24.

3. That the Provisional Session also meet with Rev. Savill at Presbytery, and, upon approving him, set the date of Oct 4 for a congregational meeting at Mount Zion that the congregation may act upon the request of the Search Committee and attest to the terms of the call.

4. That the M&HW committee review the call and the attestation of the call and upon approval, arrange for a called meeting of Presbytery as soon as possible (perhaps a commission from the Maritimes if Presbytery approves) to examine the pastor-elect and to present him with the call and grant him permission to move onto the field of service.

Such is our recommendation. We present this to all the other parties for their consideration, action, and/or approval as may be required in order that we may all operate together. Mr. Barnes suggested the idea of a commission from the East to conduct the final examination and installation which will enable things to be done in a much more timely fashion.

Yours in Christ,

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APPENDIX 5 (September/09)***Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches
in Canada*****Treasurer's Report****for the period ending September 1, 2009**

	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds	Total All Funds
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>								
Covenant Reformed	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Covenanters	-	300.00	-	100.00	-	600.00	-	1,000.00
Grace Fellowship, NS	300.00	1,200.00	250.00	1,000.00	250.00	1,000.00	800.00	3,200.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	-	2,500.00	-	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	-	5,242.28
Mount Zion	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
Reformed Hungarian	-	200.00	-	50.00	-	500.00	-	750.00
Riverside	3,000.00	3,000.00	300.00	300.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,800.00	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	-	200.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,650.00
GST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,300.00	10,600.00	750.00	3,150.00	3,750.00	9,600.00	8,800.00	22,842.28
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		<u>Budget</u>				<u>Budget</u>		
Supplement paid to Covenanters							-	-
Supplement paid for Iranian supplies								1,101.32
Computer	1,383.64	1,500.00						
Travel	542.56	1,500.00					542.56	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	-	3,800.00					-	2,308.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,289.06
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,014.94	10,600.00	-	-	-	-	631.30	20,105.90
Excess - Receipts over Disbursements	2,285.06	\$ -	750.00	\$ 3,150.00	3,750.00	\$ 9,600.00	8,168.70	2,736.38
Bank and Investments - January 1	13,091.60		22,771.16		116,951.51		152,814.27	150,077.89
Bank and Investments - September 1	\$ 15,376.66		\$ 23,521.16		\$ 120,701.51		\$ 160,982.97	\$ 152,814.27
<u>Represented by:</u>								
Bank Balance							\$ 5,955.27	\$ 14,170.21
Investment Certificates							155,027.70	138,644.06
Total Funds - Sept 1							\$ 160,982.97	\$ 152,814.27

APPENDIX 6 (September/09)**Stewardship Committee Report**

September 24, 2009.

This is the motion we brought forward in our report regarding the elimination of the January meeting which motion carried:

- Motion that from henceforth, the budget be presented and approved at the September meeting of Presbytery each year.
- That churches no longer be asked to pledge an amount to Presbytery, but encouraged to continue to include Presbytery in their church budget.
- That committees and others notify Stewardship of expenses they anticipate in the upcoming calendar year by August 31.

We then orally presented the following budget for 2010. This budget was approved.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
From Church Development		
- Investigatory Committee to Kingston	2,500	-----
- Church Plant Exploration in London, ON	-----	10,000
Presbytery Expense Fund		
- Computer	1,500	-----
- Presbytery Travel:	1,500	1,500
- Moderator/Clerk/Treasurer Travel:	2,000	2,000
- Telephone & Teleconference calls:	500	500
- Treasurer's Work, Bank, Audit, Post:	1,300	1,500
- Student Bursaries and Expenses	3,800	4,000
- Miscellaneous	0	-----

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

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 Armstrong

2007-08

Moderator: Rev. John van Eyk
Vice-moderator: Rev. Brian Murray
Stated Clerk: Bill McKay
Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

2008-09

Moderator: Mike Flewelling
Vice-moderator: Rev. Jeff Kingswood
Stated Clerk: Bill McKay
Treasurer: Gary Armstrong