

# **THE MINUTES OF THE** **CANADIAN PRESBYTERY**

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

## **Stated Fall Meeting**

September 26 - 27, 2013

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Halifax, NS



Mr. Bill McKay  
Stated Clerk

Rev. John Shearouse  
Moderator

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### **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

Faith ARP Mission

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**MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY,  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN CANADA,  
ARP GENERAL SYNOD  
STATED FALL MEETING – September 26-27, 2013  
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The 2013 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on September 26 and 27, 2013 and hosted by the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church congregation (Halifax, Nova Scotia). The meeting was held at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church. Fifteen (15) presbyters were in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

**Thursday – September 26, 2013**

The delegates for presbytery gathered for a time of Christian fellowship, refreshments and prayer prior to the beginning of the 2013 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.

**Open discussion time**

The Canadian Presbytery began this year's Stated Fall Meeting with an address from Rev. Jeff Kingswood (Grace Presbyterian Church – Woodstock, ON and Moderator of the ARPC General Synod).

**Presbytery Convenes for 2013 Stated Fall Meeting**

The Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery (2013/14), Rev. John Shearouse, called the presbyters to order at 9:15 a.m. and convened the 2013 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. Rev. Shearouse constituted the meeting of the Canadian Presbytery as a court of the church of Jesus Christ, with prayer and reading from Ecclesiastes 11:5.

**Greetings from the Host Congregation**

On behalf of the congregation of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dave Alexander extended warmest greetings and salutations to the presbyters and guests of the Canadian Presbytery.

**Calling of the Roll**

- **Motion:** To appoint Rev. Brian Murray as the "Clerk Pro Tem" in the absence of the Stated Clerk (Mr. Bill McKay). **M/S/C**

The roll of presbyters for this stated meeting was called. The following brothers were in attendance.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
<b><u>Maritime Region</u></b>		
Grace Fellowship ARP	Rev. Rick Barnes	ABSENT
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian	Rev. John Shearouse	Dave Alexander
Covenanters ARP	Rev. Kevin Carter	Peter Lindsay
Mt. Zion ARP	Rev. Andrew Savill	ABSENT
Trinity Presbyterian Church	VACANT	Mike Flewelling
<b><u>Ontario Region</u></b>		
Reformed Hungarian ARP	VACANT	ABSENT
Riverside ARP	Rev. Jerry Hamstra	Greig Park
Grace Presbyterian	Rev. Jeff Kingswood (Senior) Rev. Brian Murray (Associate)	John Rood
Faith ARP Mission	Rev. Stephen Richardson (Stated Supply)	ABSENT
Trinity ARP	Rev. Henry Bartsch	ABSENT
<b><u>Other Ministers of the Canadian Presbytery</u></b>		<b><u>Officers of the Court</u></b>
Rev. Rudy de Vries Dr. William VanDoodewaard		

Rev. William Campbell, Dr. Frank Kovacs and Stated Clerk Bill McKay were not present and sent their regrets regarding their absence from the 2013 Stated Fall Meeting.

Hungarian Reformed ARP, Church, Grace Fellowship Church, Trinity ARPC (Chatham, ON), Mt. Zion ARPC and Faith ARP Mission were not represented with Ruling Elders at this meeting.

A quorum was declared to be present.

### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors and Fraternal Delegates**

Rev. Rick Dickinson – OPC  
 Rev. Russ Hamilton – OPC  
 Mr. Ryan Potter  
 Rev. Jonathan Cowan  
 Mr. John Timmermans  
 Mr. Owen Flewelling  
 Mr. Ken Quick  
 Mr. Andy Kubic  
 Mr. Ray Silver  
 Mr. James Shearouse

- **Motion:** To grant Privilege of the Floor to the recognized Fraternal Delegates. **M/S/C**

### **Report of the Moderator (Rev. John Shearouse)**

#### **1. Presentation and Approval of the Docket**

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

2. Appointment of the Moderator's Committees

Rev. Shearouse appointed John Rood and Rev. Andrew Savill to serve on the Moderator's Committee for Excuses and Resolutions.

**Report of the Stated Clerk (Rev. Brian Murray)**

1. Correspondence

As directed by the presbytery at the 2013 Stated Spring Meeting, a communication was sent to Second Presbytery and what actions they have taken or will take regarding Dr. Jay Adams. Their latest response was that the matter had been sent to the M&HW Committee for their study and that they will respond when they have discussed the issue further.

2. Form of Government Revision

The Revision of the Form of Government was approved by the General Synod in June of this year. It is now brought before the presbyteries and the individual sessions for their deliberations. A recorded vote will be taken (by the presbytery) at the 2014 Stated Spring Meeting to either vote in favour or against the new revised Form of Government.

- **Motion:** To receive the draft version of the revised Form of Government for information.  
**M/S/C**

3. Book of Discipline Revision

A draft version of a revised Book of Discipline has been distributed for study and suggestions for changes. It is hopeful that a draft for a revised Book of Discipline can be presented to the General Synod in the future for their approval and then sent back to the presbyteries and sessions for their deliberations and vote.

4. Other Synod Motions

Several motions were passed at General Synod that affect the presbyteries. The following are the motions that affect the Canadian Presbytery and should be highlighted.

- a) That the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church encourage each presbytery and congregation of the denomination (a) to participate in an annual Day of Prayer against Oppression, (b) to encourage other Christian congregations and denominations to join with our congregations in the same private and/or public undertaking, (c) to set September 11 as that annual day, (d) to mark that day in the Plan Book, and (e) to instruct Outreach North America to send a timely reminder to each presbytery and to include it in their publications as appropriate.
- b) Christian Education Ministries - That Synod encourage presbyteries to take full advantage of CEM's training opportunities and resources for equipping the saints.
- c) Nominations Committee - 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's committee on nominations is not able to attend Synod's committee meeting.

That presbyteries consider making recommendations for service during their fall meetings.

That recommendations for the Board of Erskine College and Seminary be made by October 15, 2013.

That those making Recommendations for Service to the Committee on Nominations (by mail or on-line) remember the need to use the proper form and to provide helpful information concerning qualifications for each person recommended.

- d) Special Committee of Strategic Planning - That the sessions, presbyteries, and ministries/agencies carefully and regularly review the 2012 Report of the Special Committee on Strategic Planning, giving special attention to Recommendations 1 – 7, which were adopted by the Synod. (**See Appendix 1**)

5. Report on the OPC Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario Meeting

Dr. Bill VanDoodewaard brought fraternal greetings from our presbytery to the Michigan and Ontario Presbytery of the OPC on September 21, 2013. He reported on the following points:

- Examination of two men towards eligibility for call; two student sermons preached; two students interviewed to come under care, all were accepted.
  - Prospective exploratory mission works: Merritsburg, Indiana; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Windsor, Ontario.
  - Debate/discussion over whether non-ordained individuals may lead in prayer, read Scripture in worship services. There was a request from one congregation regarding families reading Scripture, couples in worship, "Tenebrae" services. Their Form of Government states the following: "ordinarily must be ordained minister". There was an inconclusive discussion and no motions were made.
  - Debate/discussion over whether local church budgets should be included in session minutes for presbytery review. It was decided that they need not be included, a simple notation in minutes that budget was discussed/amended/adopted is all that is required.
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**
- **The presbytery recessed for Standing Committee Meetings and Lunch at 9:45 a.m.**
- **The presbytery reconvened for business at 3:00 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Rev. John Shearouse)**

1. **2013 Treasurer's Report (See Appendix 2)**

The Treasurer's Report for 2013 (year to date) was presented for information only.

- **Motion:** To receive the financial report for information. **M/S/C**
- Mr. Henry VanTil (Trinity – Chatham, ON) will be asked to serve as a Board of Directors agent to check with the churches of the presbytery regarding Registry Deeds; and further, to research and report yearly (before the September Presbytery meeting) any liability

issues for churches.

- Mr. Steve Nichols will be invited to speak to the 2014 Presbytery regarding the ARP Foundation.
- **Motion:** To express gratitude to Gary Armstrong for his excellent work as our Presbytery Treasurer. **M/S/C**
- A role of historian is to be created for the Presbytery. Melissa Murray will be asked.
- **Motion:** That the churches of the Canadian Presbytery take up a special offering on October 31, 2013 to support the CCDT. **M/S/C**

2. 2014 Budget (See Appendix 3)

- **Motion:** The Canadian Presbytery approves of the budget for 2014 as presented. **M/S/C**

3. Congregational Life Report

a) Session Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the reception of the session minutes from the Maritime Region churches. **M/S/C**

b) Hungarian Reformed ARP – Toronto, ON

The congregation continues to be united and generally encouraged and are actively awaiting the Lord's provision for a pastor.

c) Trinity ARP – Woodstock, NB

Ruling Elder Mike Flewelling reported that it has been 16 months since Rev. David Els left their pulpit. They have been blessed with pulpit supply from Rev. Kevin Carter, Rev. Andrew Savill, Rev. John Shearouse, Rev. Rick Dickinson (OPC), Rev. Russell Hamilton (OPC) and students Peter Aiken and Jonathan Cowan as well as Mike Flewelling. They (as a congregation) are bringing a proposal to the Minister and His Work Committee regarding the possible calling of Rev. Jonathan Cowan to serve as Stated Supply (beginning in January 2014) while he completes his studies to join the ARP.

4. Board of Directors Report

The report from Gary Armstrong is that he has put the work for the Transition Process for Industry Canada into the hands of a lawyer.

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

**B. OUTREACH CANADA (Rev. Rick Barnes)**

1. Kingston Church Plant Exploration

The committee is in discussion with Mr. Ryan Potter regarding the possibility of his coming to Kingston as a church planter. Mr. Potter will be preaching during the worship service this evening after which the committee will deliberate further.

2. Faith ARP Mission

- Rev. Bartsch gave a report on the ongoing work at Faith ARP Mission in Tillsonburg, ON.
- Rev. Bartsch proposed an internship to be entered into by the Canadian Presbytery and the General Synod.
- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery install Rev. Steve Richardson as a church planter under the internship of the ONA in Faith ARP Mission Church. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery adopt the learning contract for Steve Richardson



to be the learning contract for Steve Richardson's church planter internship program sponsored by ONA. **M/S/C**

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery approves Rev. Henry Bartsch be appointed as Rev. Steve Richardson mentor in this process. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That Rev. Henry Bartsch continues as the moderator of the provisional Session until Spring Presbytery 2014 at which point his role will be reviewed. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery approves the expenditure of \$26,500 to pay for ½ of Pastor Richardson's salary with the understanding that ONA would pay an equal amount which is the balance based upon a budget for Faith approved by the session. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery approves the expenditure of \$2,000 for on-site operational costs of Faith Mission in Tillsonburg. **M/S/C**

3. **Report from Rev. Rudy deVries:**

- Rev. deVries gave an encouraging report regarding his work with Redemption Prison Ministries. **(See Appendix 4)**

4. **Report on Mount Zion ARP Church**

- Rev. Andrew Savill gave a brief report regarding Mt. Zion. He reported that the Lord is blessing the ministry at Mt. Zion. Families are being added and people are growing.

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

**C. MINISTER AND HIS WORK (Rev. Bill Van Doodewaard)**

1. **Report from "Ministers Out of Bounds" & "Without Charge"**

a) **Dr. Frank Kovacs**

Dr. Kovacs has not been to a Presbytery meeting since the spring of 2012. He is still seeking a teaching position. Rev. Brain Murray and Rev. Jerry Hamstra will reach out to him to encourage him and address concerns.

2. **Student Examination Form Report**

A revised version of the Student Examination Form was presented and discussed.

- **Motion:** To approve the revised Student Examination Study Guide for immediate implementation. **M/S/C**

3. **Trinity Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, NB) Pastoral Situation**

The pastoral situation at Trinity Presbyterian Church and the proposal to bring Rev. Jonathan Cowan as Stated Supply while he completes his studies was discussed.

- **Motion:** That Rev. Jonathan Cowan be approved as stated supply for Trinity Presbyterian Church (Woodstock, NB) from January 2014 – September 2014. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That Rev. Andrew Savill is appointed to serve as a mentor for Rev. Cowan. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery recognizes the ordination of Rev. Jonathan Cowan by the Southern Baptist Convention. **M/S/C**

4. **Dr. Bill VanDoodewaard**

Dr. VanDoodewaard updated us on an ongoing discussion with a core group in Grand Rapids, MI that is inquiring about the possibility of an ARP church plant in the city of Grand Rapids.

Dr. VanDoodewaard has passed this inquiry on to North East Presbytery. A discussion was held regarding Dr. VanDoodewaard's potential connection to this possibility.

5. Rev. Bartsch asked counsel from the committee regarding a possible internship relationship with Peter Aiken. Trinity ARP Chatham was encouraged to pursue this possibility.

6. Nominations Report

- A brief update was given by Rev. Brian Murray. No action is required.
- **Motion:** To adopt the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

### **RECESS**

At 4:55 p.m. Rev. Shearouse declared a recess for this session of presbytery.

### **DINNER**

At 6:00 pm the presbytery met for dinner.

### **Service of Worship**

The presbyters and friends of the Canadian Presbytery gathered together again at 7:00 p.m. (September 26, 2013) in the sanctuary of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, for a service of worship. Rev. Jeff Kingswood presided over the service and Rev. Jonathan Cowan presented God's Word to the congregation. He preached from John 17: 1-5. 62 persons participated in the sharing of Communion.

A time of fellowship followed the worship service.

### **Friday, September 27, 2013**

At 8:00 a.m., the presbytery assembled for a time of prayer.

At 8:35 a.m., the Presbytery gathered in the sanctuary for a worship service. Rev. Brian Murray presided at this service. Mr. Ryan Potter brought the Word of God to the presbytery as he preached from Acts 20:17-38.

### **Presbytery Re-Convenes**

At 9:40 a.m., following the worship service, Rev. Shearouse called the presbytery to order and re-convened the 2013 Stated Fall Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery with prayer.

### **Calling of the Roll**

A quorum was declared to be present.

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

There were no new visitors to be introduced.

### **UNFINISHED COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **F. MINISTER AND HIS WORK (Rev. Bill Van Doodewaard)**

1. Rev. Jonathan Cowan

A discussion regarding Rev. Cowan's sermon from the previous evening was held.

- **Motion:** To sustain Rev. Cowan sermon as the first in his required three sermons. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To receive the report as a whole. **M/S/C**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion of the Revised Book of Discipline**

**Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery will draft a statement of principle addressing the intrusion of the regulations of the civil courts into the constitutional documents of the Church; and further, that the Rev. Brian Murray is charged with drafting this statement and circulating it to the presbyters for approval and communication to the Book of Discipline Committee. **M/S/C**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Website**

The website needs to be updated.

## **REPORTS OF MODERATOR'S COMMITTEE**

### **1. Excuses and Absences**

Excuses were received and accepted from Bill McKay, and Bill Campbell.

- **Motion:** Due to his age and ongoing health concerns that limits his ability to travel, that the Canadian Presbytery grants Rev. William Campbell a permanent excuse from attending the meetings of the Canadian Presbytery. **M/S/C**

### **2. Resolutions**

The following motion from the Excuses and Resolutions Committee was presented:

- **Motion:** In light of the warm hospitality of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church as they welcomed us into their homes and served selflessly that we might better serve the Lord as a court. Be it resolved that sincere thanks be extended and communicated to the leadership and members of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church. **M/S/C**

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

**April 3-4, 2014:** Grace Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, ON

**September 25-26, 2014:** Trinity ARP Church, Woodstock, NB

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

Rev. Shearouse prayed and gave the benediction. The court adjourned at 10:30 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. John Shearouse  
Moderator

## **APPENDIX 1 (September/13)**

### **Synod Motions Affecting Presbyteries**

The following motions were passed at the meeting of General Synod in June 2013.

#### **Motion presented from the floor**

That the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church encourage each presbytery and congregation of the denomination (a) to participate in an annual Day of Prayer against Oppression, (b) to encourage other Christian congregations and denominations to join with our congregations in the same private and/or public undertaking, (c) to set September 11 as that annual day, (d) to mark that day in the Plan Book, and (e) to instruct Outreach North America to send a timely reminder to each presbytery and to include it in their publications as appropriate.

#### **Board of Benefits**

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

#### **Bonclarken**

That General Synod encourage all presbyteries, boards, and churches to attend the various camps/conferences/retreats hosted by Bonclarken during the year.

#### **Christian Education Ministries**

That Synod encourage presbyteries to take full advantage of CEM's training opportunities and resources for equipping the saints.

#### ***Form of Government***

The oral report of the Special Committee to Revise the *Form of Government* was presented by William L. Barron. Synod voted to receive it as the final draft and overture it to presbyteries.

#### **Investment Committee**

...that presbyteries and sessions note the availability of services offered by the Investment Committee.

#### **Nominations Committee**

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's committee on nominations is not able to attend Synod's committee meeting.

That presbyteries consider making recommendations for service during their fall meetings.

That recommendations for the Board of Erskine College and Seminary be made by October 15, 2013.

That those making Recommendations for Service to the Committee on Nominations (by mail or on-line) remember the need to use the proper form and to provide helpful information concerning qualifications for each person recommended.

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### **Special Committee of Strategic Planning**

That the sessions, presbyteries, and ministries/agencies carefully and regularly review the 2012 Report of the Special Committee on Strategic Planning, giving special attention to Recommendations 1 – 7, which were adopted by the Synod. (See Appendix.)

That the responsibility for “facilitating, monitoring, and evaluating progress toward the implementation of the Mission and Message of the Church (Chapter I, FOG) within their own jurisdictions be assigned to the sessions, presbyteries, boards and committees of the General Synod.

### Appendix

1. That the 2012 meeting of the General Synod reaffirm its commitment to implementing the Mission and Message of the Church as set forth in Chapter I.C. of the Form of Government.
2. That a new paragraph, “6. Mobilization for World Missions,” be approved and added to the list of Emphases approved by the 2011 General Synod.
3. That, in lieu of a fixed strategic plan, the General Synod approve the concept of instituting a strategic process involving the ongoing mutually-supportive collaboration among the congregations, presbyteries and ministries/agencies of the ARP Church and the accountability of presbyteries, congregations and ministries for implementing the Mission and Message of the Church as set forth in Chapter I.C. of the Form of Government.
4. That the sessions, presbyteries, and ministries/agencies of the ARP Church evaluate their missions, plans and activities for alignment with the Mission and Message of the ARP Church (Chapter I.C., F.O.G.) as informed by the Vision, ministry criteria, and emphases included with this report.
5. That the ministries/agencies of the ARP Church actively seek out ways to help enable and empower the presbyteries and congregations of the Church to implement the Mission and Message of the Church (Chapter I.C., F.O.G.).
6. That the sessions of the ARP Church devote prayer on an at least monthly basis to the Mission and Message of the ARP Church and seek means of collaborating with other presbyteries, congregations and ministries/agencies of the General Synod as well as other like-minded members of the Body of Christ in implementing the Mission and Message of the Church (Chapter I.C., F.O.G.).

7. That future moderators of the ARP Church give serious consideration to planning their annual emphases around understanding and implementing the Mission and Message of the Church (Chapter I.C., F.O.G.).

**APPENDIX 2 (September/13)**

<p align="center"><b>Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p align="center"><b>for the period ending August 31, 2013</b></p>							
	Expense Fund		Denominational Ministry Fund		Canadian Church Development Trust		Total All Funds
	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>2013</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							<b><u>2012</u></b>
Covenant Reformed	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,700.00
Covenanters	500.00		100.00		1,200.00		1,800.00
Grace Fellowship, NS	600.00		250.00		250.00		1,100.00
Grace Presbyterian, ON	-		-		-		6,759.49
Mount Zion	1,336.91		-		-		1,336.91
Reformed Hungarian	-		-		-		750.00
Riverside	1,500.00		150.00		1,398.00		3,048.00
Trinity Chatham, ON	1,000.00		200.00		1,000.00		2,200.00
Trinity Woodstock, NB	-		-		-		2,200.00
Interest	-		-		-		959.68
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>4,936.91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,848.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,154.82</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b><u>Budget</u></b>				<b><u>Budget</u></b>	
Church plants - Kingston	-	-	-	-	916.74	7,500.00	916.74
Church plants - Tillsonburg	-	-	-	-	45,614.95	55,000.00	45,614.95
Computer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	152.68
Moderator/Clerk Travel	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	799.84
Telephone, teleconference calls	841.10	500.00	-	-	-	-	841.10
Treasurer's Work, Postage, Bank Chgs, Office	-	750.00	-	-	-	-	116.16
Student Bursaries & Expenses	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Internship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>841.10</u>	<u>10,250.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,531.69</u>	<u>62,500.00</u>	<u>17,295.37</u>
<b>Excess - Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<u>4,095.81</u>	<u>\$ (10,250.00)</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(42,683.69)</u>	<u>\$ (62,500.00)</u>	<u>33,859.45</u>
Bank and Investments - January 1	<u>17,287.35</u>		<u>35,971.16</u>		<u>157,546.15</u>		<u>210,804.66</u>
Bank and Investments - Current	<u>\$ 21,383.16</u>		<u>\$ 36,671.16</u>		<u>\$ 114,862.46</u>		<u>\$ 172,916.78</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>							
Bank Balance						\$ 29,671.73	\$ 67,737.62
Investment Certificates						<u>143,245.05</u>	<u>143,067.04</u>
Total Funds						<u>\$ 172,916.78</u>	<u>\$ 210,804.66</u>

**APPENDIX 3 (September/13)****Stewardship Committee**

Proposed Budget for 2014

**Proposed for 2014****From Church Development**

- Kingston Church Plant	1000
- Tillsonburg (Operating & Salary exp)	28,500

**Presbytery Expense Fund**

- Presbytery Travel	3000
- Moderator / Clerk / Treasurer Travel	2000
- Telephone & Conference Calls	1200
- Treasurer's Work, Bank, Audit, Post	750
- Student Bursaries and Expenses	2000
- Lawyer's Work for Transition Process	2000



**APPENDIX 4 (September/13)**

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

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*For the period of April 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013*  
*Prepared for the Canadian Presbytery meeting September 26-27, 2013 in Halifax, NS.*

Dear Brothers of the Canadian Presbytery,

I am very thankful to the Lord to report that he has enabled me to return to full-time labours in the prisons after a time of sickness and recovery. I continue to enjoy stable health with no evident symptoms of low blood platelets. I have my platelet levels checked quarterly and they have continued at healthy, though not optimal levels.

Last November I began an incremental return to work. Starting this past April I have returned to full-time labours.

I rejoice in the Lord's goodness to my family and me. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. I am happy to bring the following details regarding the last five full months of ministry labours:

**1. In Prison Ministry**

- a. I've been able to have 85 one on one visits with inmates at 6 different prisons
- b. Led seventeen group Bible Studies at Quinte Detention Centre – average of five inmates per study
- c. I have continued to escort four men to church every Sunday.
- d. Planned and lead five chapel services – approximately 190 inmates total
- e. I've provided bi-weekly escorts for an inmate to visit my office for counseling and fellowship. I also escorted him twice to his family in Hamilton – the first time to visit his dying mother in the hospital and the second time to attend the funeral home visitation two months later. This was a new opportunity to minister to an inmate's extended family.
- f. I've had the privilege of providing on-site prison ministry training for RPM's newly hired prison pastor, Rev. Marty Slingerland. Marty's addition to RPM has been an answered prayer for more prison pastors to serve in Canadian prisons.
- g. Kingston Penitentiary is closing for good on Monday, September 30 in keeping with the government's decision to close it. It is Canada's oldest prison built in 1835. The inmate population has been redistributed to the other Kingston prisons and some have been transferred to other regions in Canada.

**2. Interactions with Chaplains**

- a. There has been a bit of a "shake up" among CSC Chaplaincy this year. In April it was announced that CSC was seeking a private corporation to hold Chaplaincy contracts. This took effect in September and some Chaplain's contracts were not renewed and new ones were hired. In addition to this, most Chaplains experienced a significant pay decrease. There is a lot of unhappiness and I am concerned that to some degree it may affect my ministry. On account of that, I'm kind of expecting a bit of "work slow down" from some Chaplains. I am fairly certain that this is already the case at one prison.
- b. Relationships with Chaplains continue to build and I generally experience good cooperation from them in my pursuit of ministry to RPM contacts and others.

**3. Reintegration Opportunities**

- a. I continue contact and ministry with seven men who I first ministered to while in prison.
- b. Had the delightful experience of a brief visit from a former inmate released six or seven years ago. He is doing well with his family and involved in an evangelical church in Whitby.

- c. My family enjoyed a long weekend visit from Ron who was released twelve years ago after serving a total of 19 years in federal prison in three back to back sentences. He is doing well, still working fulltime and he faithfully attends an evangelical church in Kitchener.

**4. Other Preaching and Ministry Opportunities**

- a. I have had no other significant ministry opportunities outside of RPM.

**5. Professional Development**

- a. I have not pursued any formal PD during this period.

**6. Relationship with Redemption Prison Ministry Board and Staff**

- a. My relationship with the Board of Directors is good.
- b. Relationships with fellow staff are good as well.

**7. Involvement in the Canadian Presbytery and Synod**

- a. Continue involvement with Outreach Canada and in particular its work regarding the Kingston plant
- b. Continue to serve as liaison for Jennifer Hovestadt and her work for the Women's Ministry
- c. Serve on the Interchurch Relations Committee of Synod

**8. Assessment of Workload**

- a. Since my ITP diagnosis (which has a stress connection) in May/2012 and during my return to fulltime labours I have consciously gauged my workload and the levels and effects of work related stress. Since ITP is "for life" I need to be careful with stress and workload. Thus far it is going well. I have taken tangible steps to limit stress as well as my workload.

**9. Joys and Struggles of Ministry**

- a. Joys
  - i. Grateful to the Lord for returning me to stable health.
  - ii. The strength given by the Lord enabling me to return to fulltime ministry
  - iii. Thankful for a colleague now involved in fulltime prison ministry
  - iv. It is a joy and privilege to preach for inmates
  - v. I particularly enjoy the small weekly group gathering at the Quinte Detention Centre
  - vi. Thankful to the Lord for sending more inmate contacts to me for the sake of the gospel
- b. Struggles
  - i. The disappointment of released inmates not keeping in contact as they have promised

**10. Prayer Requests**

- a. Praise the Lord for his kindness in giving me stable health and ability to resume my ministry. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- b. Give thanks for Darin who reconnected with me and is doing well spiritually.
- c. Pray for T who is still resisting the call of the gospel. Thankfully he is keeping in touch while he is out on bail.
- d. For the five men that I take to church on Sunday – that the Lord would be at work in their hearts.
- e. For men leaving prison with a Christian profession, that the Lord would bring them to a faithful church.
- f. For more opportunities to preach the glorious gospel of Christ.
- g. For the men who attend church with me – that the Lord would be at work in their hearts
- h. Pray for the prison Chaplaincy issue – that the Lord would keep the doors open for gospel ministry

Pray for access to Millhaven Institution where it has been very difficult to get in over the years but now there is a change in Chaplaincy with a Chaplain who I know well taking on the work there beginning October 1.

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