

JOURNAL
of the
PROCEEDINGS
of the
FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL
of the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
held in
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Commencing Wednesday, May 27, 1987 and
Ending Friday, May 29, 1987

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NOTICE

The Forty-Sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be held (D.V.) beginning Wednesday, May 23, 1990, at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Meetinghouse and Beverly Roads, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Adopted December 2, 1873

I

The Reformed Episcopal Church, holding “the faith once delivered unto the saints,” declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the sole rule of faith and practice; in the creed “commonly called the Apostles’ Creed”; in the divine institution of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper; and in the doctrines of grace substantially as they are set forth in the thirty-nine Articles of Religion.

II

This Church recognizes and adheres to Episcopacy, not as of divine right, but as a very ancient and desirable form of Church polity.

III

This Church, retaining a liturgy which shall not be imperative or repressive of freedom in prayer, accepts the Book of Common Prayer, as it was revised, proposed, and recommended for use by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, A.D. 1785, reserving full liberty to alter, abridge, enlarge, and amend the same, as may seem most conducive to the edification of the people, “provided that the substance of the faith be kept entire.”

IV

This Church condemns and rejects the following erroneous and strange doctrines as contrary to God’s Word:

First, That the Church of Christ exists only in one order or form of ecclesiastical polity;

Second, That Christian ministers are “priests” in another sense than that in which all believers are “a royal priesthood”;

Third, That the Lord’s Table is an altar on which the oblation of the body and blood of Christ is offered anew to the Father;

Fourth, That the presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper is a presence in the elements of bread and wine;

Fifth, That regeneration is inseparably connected with Baptism.

**FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MAY 27-29, 1987**

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4. Trustees of the Theological Seminary
5. Treasurer of the Theological Seminary
6. Trustees of the Sustentation Fund
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8. Board of Foreign Missions
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11. Treasurer of Board of National Church Extension
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13. Treasurer of Publication Society
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- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair after 4:00 p.m, on the first day and regularly thereafter.

VIII. CLOSING

1. Reading of minutes
2. Adjournment

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- * Mrs. Karen H. Mack

Mr. John Danenberger

Forest, Virginia

Providence Church

- * Mr. David Kantor

Mrs. Jeanne Goodlin

Roanoke, Virginia

Church of the Covenant

- * Mr. Frederick Williams

* Mr. C. Terry Ayres

SPECIAL JURISDICTION OF NORTH AMERICA

- * Rev. Donald K. Dale, clerical deputy
- * Mrs. Jean Hood, lay deputy
- Mrs. Carole Saunders, alternate

GUESTS OF THE COUNCIL

SEATED AS CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop and Mrs. Arthur Ward,
Rev. George J. Syms.

MISSIONARIES SEATED AS

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Rev. Oommen Samuel, Miss Virginia Fleu,
Mrs. Joseph (Ethelyn) Watson.

**MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND WIVES OF CLERGY
NOT SERVING AS DEPUTIES, SEATED
AS CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Rev. Bertram Card, Rev. Boyd T. Sylvester, Rev. and Mrs. James S. Seamans, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clause, Mrs. Leon (Catherine) Bailey, Mrs. Neil (Karen) Bech, Mrs. Melissa Buffler, Mrs. Elinor Criswell, Mrs. Doretha Davis, Mrs. Royal (Ellen) Grote, Mrs. William (Eleanor) Jerdan, Mrs. Ralph (Charlotte) Kidwell, Mrs. Leonard (Barbara) Riches, Mrs. Mark (Lynn) Rudolph, Mrs. Franklin (Doris) Sellers, Mrs. Roger (Marilyn) Spence, Mrs. Richard (Donna) Walters, Mrs. William (Vivian) White

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FIRST DAY MORNING SESSION

The Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened on Wednesday, May 27, 1987, at 10:30 a.m., in New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, 71 Simons St., Charleston, S.C.

Prior to the opening of the Council, on Tuesday evening, May 26, an inspiring program of gospel music had been presented by several of the church choirs at St. John's Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall for all members and friends of the Council then in attendance.

The Council began on Wednesday morning with the Service of Holy Communion, with Bishop William H.S. Jerdan, Vice-President of the General Council, presiding in the absence of the Presiding Bishop. Also participating in the service were Bishop Sanco K. Rembert and Bishop Daniel G. Cox, as well as Bishop Cyril Milner and Bishop Arthur Ward of the Free Church of England.

The sermon was delivered by Bishop Franklin H. Sellers of the Chicago Synod. Its title was "Monuments, Meaning, and a Reshaped Episcopal Church." The preacher's text was Joshua 3:13-17 and 4:5-9. He spoke of the continuity and order of the Church's witness. God's plan was evident in the history of Israel under Joshua. Leadership must be faithful and courageous in following God's plan. Israel, after crossing the Jordan, set up a monument. The use of such a symbol prompts the recall of God's work and serves as an instructional aid to future generations. The preacher compared the entrance of Israel into the Promised Land with the establishment of the Reformed Episcopal Church. We must remember all the way the Lord has led us, and look to the future as we do so. We justify our continued existence through a witness to the living Christ rather than a dwelling on the past. The Reformed Episcopal Church came about as a restoration, in order to look to the future with an emphasis on evangelical episcopacy.

A total of 307 persons received the Holy Communion. The offering of the morning, amounting to \$546.58, was by later action of the Council designated for expenses incident upon the episcopal installation services of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod. Bishop Jerdan closed the service with the benediction.

Lunch at the Council motel was to be served at 1:30 p.m. The Council recessed to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 3:19 p.m. with the singing of "I Am Going to Trust in the Lord" and prayer by Rev. Willie J. Hill. Bishop William H.S. Jerdan, Vice-President of the Council, was in the Chair. Rev. Roger F. Spence, Assistant Secretary of the Council, served as Secretary.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Rev. John A. Perkins. It was voted that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Credentials has examined all the credentials submitted and found them to be in order with the following exceptions:

1. No credentials have been received from the following churches:

Faith Church	Baltimore, MD
St. Luke's Church	Wilmington, DE
St. Andrew's Church	Portsmouth, OH
St. Barnabas' Church	Belvidere, IL
St. John's Church	Cincinnati, OH
St. Paul's Church	St. Petersburg, FL
St. Stephen's Church	Summerville, SC

2. Credentials of the following churches are not in order for the reasons stated:

Christ Church	Drums, PA
Signature of Junior Warden is missing.	

Grace Chapel	Philadelphia, PA
Signature of Junior Warden is missing.	
St. Paul's Church	Oreland, PA
The church is entitled to three deputies; the minister is listed as one of the deputies. He cannot serve as a lay deputy.	
Christ Church	John's Island, SC
No date of election is shown.	
New Israel Church	Charleston, SC
Signature of Junior Warden is missing.	
Promiseland Church	John's Island, SC
Signature of Junior Warden is missing.	

The Committee recommends that if any of the above-named churches produce proper credentials or corrected credentials that the deputies listed on these credentials, or alternates serving in the place of deputies, be seated as members of this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Perkins,
Chairman

The Secretary affirmed that a quorum was present in order for business to be properly conducted.

Bishop James C. West presented the report of the Committee on Program. It was voted on motion of Rev. Willie J. Hill and Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch that the report be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Program recommended to the General Committee the agenda adopted by the General Committee, March 24, 1984 and the Forty-fourth General Council on May 16, 1984 . The recommendation was adopted by the General Committee. The Committee

on Program submits this agenda to the 45th General Council with the following alterations:

Tuesday, May 26, 1987 - 7:30 p.m. Evening of Gospel Music
St. John's Church

Wednesday, May 27, 1987 - 10:30 a.m. Opening Communion Service
of the Forty-fifth General
Council, Sermon (Bishop
Franklin H. Sellers)
1:00 p.m. Luncheon at the Council Motel
1:00 p.m. Ministers' Wives will have
their luncheon at New Bethel
Church, North Charleston
2:30 p.m. Business Session
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Evening Session, Missionary
Greetings, "Sight and Sound"
Presentation of the Work of
Charleston's Blacksmith

Thursday, May 28, 1987 - 9:30 a.m. St. John's
Devotion: The Order for
Family Prayer - Rev. William
Jennings; Preaching by the
Rev. Jeff Welch
10:00 a.m. Business Session
12:00 noon Bus Tour and luncheon at the
Bishop Jerdan Conference
Center . Touring Liberty,
Emmanuel, Grace, Bethlehem
Churches and Cummins
Seminary.
6: 00 p.m. Dinner at the Charleston Inn
8: 00 p.m. Ordination to the Presbyterate -
Dr . Milton Hood, Sermon:
Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr.

Friday, May 29, 1987 - 9:30 a.m. The Litany - Rev. Paul
Matthews, III; Preaching - Rev.
Willie J. Hill, Jr .
10:00 a.m. Business Session
1:00 p.m. Luncheon at the Charleston Inn

Respectfully submitted,

James C. West, Sr ., *Chairman*
Bishops - William H.S. Jerdan, Jr .
Sanco K. Rembert
Rev. Messrs. Ralph Kidwell,
Jeffrey D. Welch, Boyd T.
Sylvester and James S. Seamans,
Committee Members

The next item of business was the election of officers of the Council. Bishop Daniel G. Cox nominated Bishop William H.S. Jerdan for the office of President and Presiding Bishop. The nomination was seconded by Bishop Franklin H. Sellers. Bishop Jerdan asked for a few moments to address the Council concerning his nomination, and turned the Chair over to the Secretary to put the question. The Bishop remarked that often in Council sessions we take action and then regret it later. He felt that the Council deserved to be informed concerning his understanding of the office of Presiding Bishop and the spirit in which he would fulfil the office if elected. He listed "four things you should know before you vote." First, he had been "spoiled" in the South by the cooperation and harmony he had experienced during his tenure as Bishop of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod. Second, he had no felt need for an honorary position or some sort of recognition for his seniority. If he accepted an office it was because he intended to work in that office. Third, statements made in several areas during prior possible nominations were to the effect that Bishop Jerdan was "too high pressure" for positions affecting the Church in areas other than the South. Fourth, the Bishop asked the deputies to turn in the Constitution to page 21, Title 4, Canon 1, Section 1. He read this section, emphasizing his intention, if elected, to act in accordance with the statement, "The President shall be the Executive Head." Motion was made by Mr. Charles F.K. Nagel that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot for the nominee. The Secretary put the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Bishop Jerdan then resumed the Chair.

Mr. Charles Nagel moved a vote of thanks and an assurance of prayer for the outgoing Presiding Bishop, Theophilus J. Herter. Motion carried.

Rev. William T. Jennings nominated Bishop Franklin H. Sellers for Vice-President. Rev. Joseph H. Watson moved the closing of nominations and the casting of one ballot for the nominee. Motion carried. Bishop Sellers addressed the Council briefly in appreciation.

Rev. Julius Barnes nominated Rev. Roger F. Spence for the office of Secretary. It was moved by Rev. Willie Hill that nominations be closed and that the President cast one ballot for the nominee.

It was noted that the election of the Treasurer has been rendered unnecessary by a constitutional change providing that the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund be constituted ex-officio Treasurer of the Council.

Bishop Daniel Cox moved that corresponding membership of the Council be extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Clause, he being the Stated Supply of Faith Church, Baltimore, and soon to be ordained. The motion was expanded to include wives and widows of clergy not serving as deputies, and all missionaries in attendance. Motion carried.

Bishop Franklin Sellers rose to note that the Constitution currently requires the Council to elect a Treasurer. Bishop Cox nominated Mr. William B. Schimpf. Mr. Schimpf spoke in support of the proper amending of the Constitution. It was moved and seconded that nominations close and that one ballot be cast for Mr. Schimpf. Mr. Schimpf moved that the matter be deferred until after the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. This motion was defeated. It was noted that the motion passed at the 44th General Council was still in effect, that the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund be ex-officio Treasurer of the General Council. Bishop Sellers cited the unconstitutionality of this action. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund be designated the Treasurer of the General Council for this triennium.

The hour of 4:00 having arrived, the President called the Vice-President to the Chair, as Bishop Jerdan acted to present an item of new business. Bishop Jerdan requested the General Council to confirm his resignation as Bishop of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod. It was moved and seconded that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

Bishop Jerdan stated that the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod requested the confirmation of Bishop Sanco K. Rembert as Bishop of that Synod, and of Bishop James C. West as Bishop Co-adjutor.

May 26, 1987

The Reverend Dale Crouthamel
Secretary of the General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Rev. Mr. Crouthamel:

At the 14th Annual Synodical Council of the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod, Bishop Sanco K. Rembert was elected Bishop of the Synod and Bishop James C. West, Sr., was elected Bishop Co-adjutor of the Synod.

Effective upon the resignation of Bishop William H.S. Jerdan.

We respectfully request the 45th General Council to confirm these elections.

Secretary of the CAC Synod
James C. West

Mr. Edwin P. McCausland moved the confirmation of Bishop Rembert. Motion carried. Bishop Rembert was asked to make a few remarks of acceptance. He cited the fact that the Synod was now headed for the first time by a native-born Southern leader. He asked for the prayers of the Council on his behalf.

Bishop Leonard W. Riches cited the canonical necessity of a vote by ballot to confirm the election of a Bishop of a Synod. He moved that the record show that the Council unanimously ordered the Secretary to cast one ballot for the confirmation of the election of Bishop Rembert. Motion carried.

It was voted on motion of Rev. William T. Jennings that Bishop James C. West be confirmed as Bishop Co-adjutor of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod. The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the confirmation of the election of Bishop West. Bishop West then spoke briefly to the Council.

Bishop Jerdan, having resumed the Chair, then introduced Bishop Arthur Ward of the Free Church of England, who brought greetings to the Council and gave a brief report of the state of the church in England. Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England, then came forward and extended felicitations to the Council, giving some history of the relationship over the years between the Free Church and the Reformed Episcopal Church. Other members of the Free Church of England present at the meeting of the Council were Rev. and Mrs. G. Arthur Fryer, Rev. and Mrs. Geoffrey Collins, and Rev. Albert Wilde.

Bishop Jerdan reported greetings having been received from Rev. Clyde C. Scherz of Cincinnati and Bishop Theophilus J. Herter. The President called for a time of prayer for Bishop Herter's good recovery following heart surgery. Several members of the Council led in prayer.

The report of the General Committee was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee met three times during the past triennium. The first meeting was called to order by the Presiding Bishop, Theophilus J. Herter, on 12 April 1986.

The agenda began with the notation that the Forty-fifth General Council (27-29 May 1987), will meet in Charleston, SC as per the C.A.C. Synod invitation.

The Council agenda, as printed on pp. 37-39 of the 1981 Journal was considered and reviewed for use in 1987. It was moved and carried to eliminate the Special Committee on Standing Resolutions from the agenda. It was moved and carried that the report of the General Council Treasurer be given in the report of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. A motion was made and carried that the agenda, thus amended, be adopted.

Bishops Jerdan and West informed the committee that members of the council will be staying at the Charleston Inn. It was moved and carried that the C.A.C. Synod be responsible for caring for the needs of the council members and that monetary requests be made to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund for authorized payments as the Synod has need.

Bishop Jerdan presented a program for the Non-Business sessions of the council.

TUESDAY, 26 May 1987

A musical evening at St. John's Church.

WEDNESDAY, 27 May 1987

Services and business sessions of morning and evening be held at New Israel Church.

A.M. - Holy Communion.

P.M. - Business session. Afternoon and Evening.

THURSDAY, 28 May 1987

Sessions to be held at St. John's Church.

A.M. - Business session.

P.M. - Afternoon: Bus tour - Lunch at the Conference Center,
Tour the Liberty, Emmanuel, Grace, Bethlehem Churches
and Cummins Theological Seminary.

Evening business session.

FRIDAY, 29 May 1987

Sessions to be held at St. Luke's Church.

A.M. - Business session.

Luncheon and leave for home.

Bishop Grote requested an Ordination Service be held during the council which would involve men of the Special Jurisdiction. After some discussion Bishop Cox moved the business session originally scheduled for Thursday evening (28 May 1987), be changed to accomodate the service of Ordaining Presbyters. Motion carried. It was then moved that the C.A.C. proposal for program be adopted and sent to the Committee on Program for refinement and final adoption. Motion carried. It was further moved that Bishop West serve as Program Committee Chairperson and be at liberty to add advisers from the C.A.C. Synod. Motion carried.

Under OLD BUSINESS it was moved that the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund be authorized to pay for the printing of three hundred and fifty 1984 Journals. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Concerning the basis for representation of B.N.C.E. congregations at the council, it was moved to adopt the recommendation of the B.N.C.E. to acknowledge the equality of the terms "Missionary Jurisdiction" with "Special Jurisdiction." Motion carried. It was specifically moved to adopt recommendations #2 and #3 as indicated on the attached sheet. Motions were carried.
2. The Committee considered the request of the Seminary Trustees to have the committee acknowledge and endorse the increasing membership of the Trustees from nine to twelve. It was moved

that the Trustees increase their membership from nine to twelve with authority to fill vacancies until the next General Council. Motion carried.

3. An invitation to apply for membership in the National Association of Evangelicals was considered. It was moved that the chair appoint a special committee of up to fifteen members reflecting a balance of clergy, laity and synodical representation, to consider the merit of membership in the N.A.E. The committee is to report to the General Committee prior to the General Council. Motion carried.
4. Another consideration was an annual support of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces. It was moved to do so and the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the annual fee of \$100.00 for the current year. Motion carried.
5. The application from Bishop Kabwe of COMMUNATE EPISCOPAL BAPTISTE EN AFRIQUE to be received into the Reformed Episcopal Church was considered. It was moved that the request be acknowledged, pointing out the apparent difficulties involved and wait for his response. Motion carried.
6. Bishop Herter expressed his need for an episcopal seal for use in special correspondence. It was moved and carried that such a seal be aquired for his use. It was also moved that the Bishops of the several synods pursue the aquisition of a seal for their own use. Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Bishop Herter appointed the following to serve on the Committee of the Budget: Mr. Paul Tutton, Chairperson; Messrs. Schimpf and Kleckner; and Bishop Rembert.

It was moved and carried that the New King James Version of the Scriptures be added to the versions approved for use in the Reformed Episcopal services of worship. This shall be recommended to the next General Council.

Bishop Herter was directed to convey the Keenan correspondence to Mr. Richard Stevens concerning the General Council's incorporation.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY.

The committee was presented a motion in four parts concerning the use of a special seminary Sunday.

1. That the General Committee designate a Seminary Sunday each year of the Seminary's Centennial.
2. That a special offering to benefit the seminary be taken on those Sundays.
3. That the third Sunday in September (21 Sept. 86 and 20 Sept. 87), be the designated Sundays.
4. That the Seminary Centennial Bulletin covers be used by our churches on those Sundays (covers are available free of charge from the seminary).

It was moved and carried that the four recommended parts of the motion be adopted.

The second meeting of the General Committee was called to order on 31 January 1987, at 1:05 PM by Bishop Theophilus Herter.

It was moved to receive the Minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

The secretary was then asked to read the Bishop's letter indicating the essential purpose of the meeting.

The Rev. Wayne West addressed the committee by introducing the special item of business. Rev. West was able to answer the numerous questions put to him by members of the committee. He was ably helped in this by Mr. Martin Fisher. Some additional information was provided from the research of Dr. Allen Guelzo. A prolonged discussion followed.

Bishop Cox moved that Bishop Herter appoint a special committee comprised of representatives of the Christ Memorial Vestry, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary faculty and trustees and the General Committee, who shall obtain estimates for the redevelopment of the Forty-third St. property and report back to the committee. Motion carried with one negative vote.

Bishop Jerdan then moved, pending the committee appointment, that Rev. West be authorized to approach the architectural firm of Cope,

Lippencott & Slifer to proceed with their intended study and provide estimates for their work. Motion carried with one negative vote.

While the meeting was in session the following personnel were appointed to the Special Committee: The Rev. Wayne West, chairperson; Messrs. Martin Fisher, William Deven, Robert Moir, Norman McCausland and the Rev. Dr. Allen Guelzo.

It was recommended that Bishop Herter request the presence of Mr. Randall Cotton to serve on the Special Committee as a consultant. Bishop Herter agreed with the selection and appointed the Rev. Wayne West to convene the committee when ready.

Rev. West raised the issue of the insurance requirements that have to be met in order to continue operation under their present coverage. It was moved to satisfy items B through F under Roman numeral I, that competitive bids be procured for the best offer. The bill to be paid by the General Committee. Motion carried.

At this point Mr. Schimpf presented the report of the treasurer registering a concern for the needed funds to comply with the previous motion. It was moved to refer the matter to the consideration and action of the Sustentation Fund. Motion carried. It was then moved to receive the report of the treasurer. Motion carried.

Bishop Herter apprised the committee of the special observers from the Free Church of England along with other visitors who plan to attend the 1987 General Council. It was the will of the committee to extend hospitality to Bishops Arthur Ward and Cyril Milner.

OLD BUSINESS:

A portion of the Bishop's committee to consider the affiliation of the Reformed Episcopal Church with the National Association of Evangelicals indicated their approval.

The time, date and place for the next meeting was moved: 18 March 1987 at 1:00 PM. at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved and carried that the General Committee pay the travel and expenses of six black representatives of our church to attend a black missions convention in Atlanta, GA. It is advertized as "Destiny 87." The appointments are to be made by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with other bishops.

Bishop Sellers presented the following motion to the committee: "Moved: The General Committee request the Board of Pension and Relief to explain its delay in depositing contributions made in behalf of clergymen into their own interest-bearing accounts held by Manu Life. The Committee further requests that the Board of Pension and Relief furnish, or cause Manu Life to furnish each participant in the denominational plan a full and detailed print-out of their individual account showing dates of deposits and interest earned. The committee further requests that steps be taken to restore to the accounts of clergymen any amounts of interest that were lost by the Board's delay in depositing contributions in individual accounts. The committee requires the Board to do this prior to the 18 meeting in March of the General Committee." The motion carried. The secretary was instructed to convey this motion to the Board. This was carried out 3 February 1987.

The secretary moved that Bishop Herter appoint a special observer to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (R.C.U.S.). The dates in question are 30 March 1987 through 2 April 1987 at Sutton, Nebraska. His travel expenses to the Synod will be paid by the General Committee. In addition it was moved that we would reciprocate with hospitality being extended to a special observer which they would send to our General Council in Charleston, SC. Both parts of the motion carried.

Bishop West presented a report of the Committee on Program outlining its agenda for the Council's duration. It was moved to receive the report with thanks. Motion carried.

The Committee met for the third and last time on the revised date of 8 April, 1:07 PM. at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Bishop Herter presiding.

It was moved and carried to receive the Minutes of the previous meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The report was delayed until the late arrival of Mr. Tutton. Its information will be provided later in this report.

REPORT ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET.

See later in this report. The balances of the Treasurers Report will be included.

FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL ITEMS.

Bishop Jerdan presented information concerning the hospitality of the members of council. Information thereto will be sent to those whose names appear on the deputy certificates. It was indicated that the residence of council members be the Charleston Inn.

Information was given concerning the council agenda which will include, on Thursday, the dedication of the Nathaniel Brightman Memorial Building on the Conference grounds.

The question was raised as to the distance required for those council members seeking entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It was moved and carried that the matter be left to the discretion of the members of the C.A.C. Synod present at this meeting. After a brief causus the distance determined was forty miles. This refers only to the members of the C.A.C. Synod.

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Special Committee on Christ Memorial Church.

At this point in the meeting Bishop Jerdan was asked to take the chair.

The Rev. Wayne West presented his Report of the Special Committee. He requested at a later point in the meeting to read a personal letter appended to the report. It was moved and carried to receive the report with thanks. A good deal of discussion followed the report.

Mr. Norman M. McCausland presented an additional report of the special committee. The Rev. Wayne West then read his letter.

Dr. Allen C. Guelzo prepared a four page report, copies of which were presented to members of the committee. It was requested that the secretary read the report to the committee, after which, again, much discussion followed.

It was moved that the report presented by Rev. Wayne West be adopted with the following three resolutions: 1. That this committee be continued, or some other committee be established, to carry out the wishes of the General Committee concerning this matter. 2. That the lawyer hired be Mr. Robert C. Grasberger, since he is already familiar with Miss Benson's will. 3. The General Committee offer the sale of the complex of Christ Memorial Church and/or any of its attendant spaces to the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, or any other acceptable buyer for an appropriate sum. The motion carried.

It was moved and carried that the committee consult legal counsel concerning the demolition of the Christ Memorial Church building.

It was moved that the committee authorize the sale of the property for the sum of 1.5 million dollars. The motion failed for want of a second.

It was moved and carried that the continued committee be empowered to negotiate the sale of the building and return the conclusions to the General Committee.

REPORT FROM SYNODICAL COMMITTEES REGARDING THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS.

Information was made known concerning the opinions of the three synods. It was moved to adopt the report read by Bishop Riches on the matter and to recommend to the General Council that the Reformed Episcopal Church apply for membership with the N.A.E. and that the membership be reviewed in three years at the following General Council. Motion carried.

REPORT ON "DESTINY '87".

Bishop Herter reported the following six appointees to represent the Reformed Episcopal Church to the convention at General Council expense: Bishop and Mrs. Rembert, Bishop West, Dr. Cameron and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd. It was moved that the recommendations of Bishop Herter be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved that Mrs. Lyla Wildermuth, Chairperson of the Women of the Church, be provided hospitality at the General Council. Motion carried.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF.

In response to a motion of a previous meeting, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Moock prepared a report for the General Committee. The report was read by the secretary. It was moved and carried that the report be received.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET.

The report was presented by Mr. Paul Tutton who patiently explained aspects of the report and answered any questions with regard to it. It was moved and carried that the report be received with thanks. Discussion followed.

It was moved that the budget increase F-7,9 and 11 by 40% and that line F-13 be changed to \$300,000.00 and the budget reflect this as a deficit indicated in a footnote for General Council information. Motion carried.

It was moved that the \$1260.00 from the Special Jurisdiction of North America, in addition to the \$6300.00, be proportionately distributed among the General Council categories: e.g. C,D,F & G. Motion carried.

Bishop Rembert moved that a special request for \$18,000.00 for the support of Cummins Memorial Seminary be included in the budget to be distributed over the triennium. Motion was lost.

Bishop Cox moved that the budget be adopted as revised. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

It was moved and carried that the treasurer of the General Council pay a bill of \$7200.00 for asbestos removal at Christ Memorial Church.

Bishop Herter reported on the Rev. Niel Bech's visit to the Synodical gathering of the Reformed Church in the U.S. Rev. Bech was the Bishop's appointed representative to the Synod. It was moved that the Presiding Bishop appoint a Committee on Fraternal Relations and that future reports be filed with the General Council Secretary, and through that office, be made available to interested persons. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the New King James Version of the Scriptures be added to the list of approved versions for use in our public worship services.
2. That the Reformed Episcopal Church apply for membership with

the National Association of Evangelicals and that the membership be reviewed in three years at the following Forty-Sixth General Council.

Dale H. Crouthamel, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Three years ago a motion was made to the General Council then in session that the New King James Version of the Bible be accepted as another of those translations approved by our Church for liturgical use, that is, for the reading of the Old and New Testament lessons (JOURNAL, page 135). The presiding bishop appointed a committee of three to appraise the NKJV translation and to make recommendation to the Forty-fifth Council. This committee consists of the Rev. Dr. Milton C. Fisher, Professor of Old Testament, chairman, Bishop Theophilus J. Herter, Professor of New Testament Emeritus, and the Rev. Mr. Wayne S. Arndt, Professor of Biblical Languages.

For the following reasons your committee recommends that this Council approve the New King James Version for use in our churches in the services of public worship:

1. The NKJV proves to be a careful and accurate revision of the Authorized or King James Version of the Holy Scriptures, done by competent and faithful Christian scholars, phrased and worded more closely to the latter than most of the modern translations.
2. Based as it is upon the Byzantine or "Majority Text" of the Greek New Testament (as well as the Masoretic text of the Old), it raises no new critical issues of judgment as to actual content.
3. This version, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers, has rapidly gained favor in conservative evangelical Christian circles, including a number of our Reformed Episcopal ministers and parishioners. It has recently been approved by the Gideons organization, which places Bibles in hotels, hospitals, schools, jails, etc., as their official modern translation alternative to the KJV. In recent

months, sales of the NKJV have stood third--just behind those of the KJV and NIV.

Respectfully submitted,
Milton C. Fisher, Chairman

Mr. Edwin P. McCausland moved to receive the report and to consider the recommendations ad seriatim. The first recommendation was to adopt the New King James Version of the Bible for use in our worship services. Dr. Milton C. Fisher read a report submitted by the Seminary faculty expressing approval of this version of Scripture. In light of this report it was moved by Rev. Barton L. Craig to adopt the first of the General Committee's recommendations. Motion carried. The second recommendation was that the Reformed Episcopal Church apply for membership in the National Association of Evangelicals, with our membership being studied and reviewed at the close of the triennium. It was moved and seconded to adopt this recommendation. Rev. Neil W. Bech asked for a clarification as to what is involved in this membership. Bishop Jerdan spoke of the recognition involved on the part of other evangelical bodies. Mr. Bech spoke against the motion, calling for more information on the Association. Rev. Barton Craig asked for the Council's approval of the recommendation. It was asked if the Association would indeed be receptive to us. Bishop Cox replied in the affirmative, and called for the passage of the motion. Mr. Henry M. Bates asked for the names of some of the other member groups of the Association, and for clarification of the difference between the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Council of Churches. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo answered these questions and spoke in favor of the motion. The question was called for and the motion to adopt the General Committee's recommendation was carried.

Dr. Guelzo asked concerning the General Committee's discussion of a Fraternal Relations Committee. Bishop Sellers moved that the Presiding Bishop appoint such a committee. Mr. Bech moved to amend the motion by substituting the word "Interchurch" for the word "Fraternal", and spoke to his amendment. It was voted to adopt the amended motion.

Mr. Bech then asked what would constitute the review of our membership in the National Association of Evangelicals at the end of the triennium. Bishop Sellers replied that the General Committee would make the review and present it if requested. Rev. Robert N. McIntyre also

stressed that this is the responsibility of the General Committee.

The next item of business was the presentation of the reports of the bishops. The report of Bishop Theophilus Herter was read by Bishop Cox. It was moved and seconded that the report be received with a vote of appreciation.

REPORT of BISHOP THEOPHILUS J. HERTER

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This report concentrates on my activities as presiding bishop since the Forty-fourth General Council. My other activities relating particularly to the New York and Philadelphia Synod are summarized in the annual Minutes of that Synod.

I presided over the Forty-fourth General Council, May 16-18, 1984, at Keswick Grove, Whiting, New Jersey.

A notable feature of that Council was the confirmation of the election of four assistant bishops. The Council confirmed the election of Bishop Sanco King Rembert and the Rev. James Cortez West, Sr., as assistant bishops in the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod. This was followed by the confirmation of the election of the Rev. Daniel Gilbert Cox and the Rev. Royal Upton Grote as assistant bishops in the New York and Philadelphia Synod. The Journal of the Forty-fourth General Council records the details.

CONSECRATIONS June 6, 1984, in Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, Baltimore, Maryland, I conducted the service in which the Rev. Daniel Gilbert Cox was consecrated. Bishop Franklin H. Sellers preached the sermon. June 7, 1984, in in Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, the Rev. Royal Upton Grote was consecrated. I officiated and the Bishop Leonard W. Riches preached the sermon.

June 24, 1984, in St. John's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, I conducted the service in which the Rev. James Cortez West, Sr., was consecrated. Bishop William H.S. Jerdan, Jr., preached the sermon .

The participants in these consecrations are listed in the Appendix of the JOURNAL of the Forty-fourth Council. I note also that for the first time since the JOURNAL of 1948 the JOURNAL of the Forty-fourth Council gives the complete listing of consecrations in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

OTHER ACTIVITIES I presided at the meetings of the Board of National Church Extension September 12, October 2 and October 20, 1984. After the Board was organized with its own officers, I attended the meetings of the Board February 4, June 17, 1986 and March 17, 1987.

Since Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, is the property of the General Council, I report that I have attended numerous meetings of the Vestry-Advisory Committee of that church. I attended several meetings of the Board of Foreign Missions.

December 16, 1984, in Atonement Church, Philadelphia, I commissioned Dr. David Morton and his wife, Rebecca, missionaries of the Reformed Episcopal Church preparatory to their service in Uganda as medical missionaries under the Africa Inland Mission.

January 14-25, 1985, I lectured on New Testament Introduction in the Theological Seminary. This was part of the Winterim program. I repeated the same course January 20-31, 1986, again as part of the Winterim session.

April 2, 1986, I participated in the memorial service in Grace Church Havre de Grace, for Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, Rector Emeritus of Grace Church. Dr. Raudenbush had served on many boards and committees of the church, both on the denominational and synodical level. He was, at different times, Secretary of the General Council and the New York and Philadelphia Synod, President of the Board of Home Missions, and its successor, the Board of National Church Extension, the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and the Commission on Prayer Book Revision.

The Committee on Memorials will give a fuller report, but I note here that on June 4, 1986, Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Harold Elliott died, and Mrs. Anna G. Kearney, widow of Bishop Joseph E. Kearney, died September 12, 1986.

July 16, 1986, in Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, I conducted the memorial service for Dr. Robert K. Rudolph who served 49 years as instructor and professor in the Theological Seminary.

June 2-3, 1986, I attended a Faculty-Trustees conference in Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. The conference was directed by Richard Wellock, a professional consultant who led the group in a program of

self-analysis designed to maximize the potential of the Theological Seminary.

I called for and presided at the meetings of the General Committee on April 12, 1986, January 31, 1987 and April 8, 1987. The last two meetings concentrated on the pressing needs of Christ Memorial Church, a General Council property.

Since my retirement from episcopal responsibilities in the New York and Philadelphia Synod I have, at the invitation of Bishop Leonard W. Riches, made a number of episcopal visits. I confirmed 34 persons in these services.

During the summer of 1985 we were privileged to tour Europe for several weeks. Our travels included visits with our missionaries, our chaplains and friends in the Free Church of England, otherwise known as the Reformed Episcopal Church. We were guests of the Free Church of England May 23 through 27. At the invitation of Bishop Primus Cyril Milner I expressed the greetings of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the annual Convocation in Sunbury Court on May 24. Sunday, May 27, I preached and administered Holy Communion at the newly rebuilt and enlarged Christ Church, Harlesden, London.

June 23 I preached at the Fairford Air Force Base at the invitation of the senior chaplain, Lt. Col. Harold Elliott. Chaplain Elliott had many opportunities for service and fellowship with the Free Church of England through the friendship of Bishop Arthur Ward. Bishop and Mrs. Ward were a great support and encouragement to Harold and Marcia Elliott during the time of Harold's terminal illness.

We enjoyed an overnight visit with Bill and Diane Jerdan June 27. We visited the meeting facilities for their ministries in Massy and Chevry, communities south of Paris. The Jerdans work under the direction of the French Evangelical Reformed Church.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Jon R. Bigsby and family July 2-5 in Augsburg, Germany. Augsburg is a key center in the U.S. Military Communications network. Chaplain Bigsby is responsible for ministries that range from Spain to Sweden and from Iceland to Turkey.

Nearing the end of our tour we enjoyed the hospitality of the Brodish family July 6-9 in Treysa. This included programs of Susan Brodish's Kindergarten, several visits to the Knull, and a conference with Gerhard and Grace Meyer. Gerhard serve at the Knull in a number of ways and direct the newly founded Bible Institute. On Sunday, July 7, we accompanied Herm and Lil to a nearby church where Herm preached the sermon.

All these visits with friends and fellow-laborers in Christ were a source of mutual encouragement and joy. We experienced the reality of our oneness in Christ.

This report comes at the end of my formal obligations and opportunities as a minister of the Gospel in the Reformed Episcopal Church. I trust that in the Lord's good providences I may have both health and opportunities to continue to be in the service of Christ in this church.

This is the church of my love. I came into its ministry and grew into its service and fellowship because of its commitment to the Bible as God's inerrant revelation. My heart and mind were captured by the biblical worship patterns and the other service forms which identifies this church with Christians of the earliest centuries. So also its episcopal structure reached back into the church's earliest ages and, as exercised in our modern day, that episcopacy creates and holds the loyalty and dedicated service of both its pastors and congregations.

This is the church of my love and I pledge you that I shall pray that God may, in each succeeding generation, raise up pastors and congregations who will value and be committed, in a spirit of Christian love, to the heritage committed to us in our Declaration of Principles.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

(Hebrews 13; 20-21)

Respectfully submitted,

Theophilus J. Herter
Presiding Bishop

Bishop Cox moved that the reports of the assistant bishops not be read, but filed with the Secretary and included in the Journal. Motion carried.

Bishop Sellers was called to the Chair in order that Bishop Jerdan could present his report. It was moved and seconded that the report be received with a vote of thanks. Bishop Jerdan then resumed the Chair.

**REPORT
of
BISHOP WILLIAM H.S. JERDAN**

**TO THE FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Dear Brethren:

I am pleased to submit herewith a report of my episcopal and corollary duties for the past triennium.

During the period May 19, 1984 through May 25, 1987 I made 50 Episcopal Visits in the course of which 171 candidates were confirmed into membership in the Reformed Episcopal Church. In the same period I made 67 non-episcopal visits to Sunday services of the churches in the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod.

I presided over the 12th, 13th, and 14th Annual Councils of the Synod as well as 8 Quarterly Convocations. I continue as Professor of Systematic Theology in Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary. I presided over 9 ordination examinations, 4 Synodwide Ministers Conferences and a number of conferences with the Assistant Bishops.

The Bishop in the South is much more intimately concerned with the work of boards and committees, with the local parishes, and with the lives of the ministers, their families, and lay people in the churches than is customary in the other Synods. This involvement is demonstrated by the following figures:

- 134 Board and Committee meetings
- 47 visits to parishes on occasions other than Sunday services
- Presided over 60 Vestry and Parish Meetings
- Participated in 73 Special Services and activities
- Held 363 conferences with ministers and 57 other conferences with leaders of organizations or on personal issues.
- 113 Pastoral activities including baptisms, funerals, weddings, hospital visits

In denominational activities I attended meetings of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of National Church Extension, General Committee, R. E. Women's Day, Spiritual Enrichment Conference, Consecration services for Bishops Cox, Grote and West. I preached the

sermon for Bishop West's consecration.

It would take another five minutes to list extracurricular activities in other churches, and interdenominational affairs. So I won't list them because they are enumerated in my annual reports to the Synodical Councils.

CHANGES IN CLERGY ROLL

- Rev. James C. West, Presbyter
Consecrated Bishop, June 24, 1984
- Julius Barnes
Ordained to the Diaconate, August 12, 1984
- Rev. John H. Doiley, Presbyter
Deceased, August 20, 1984
- Fred Garnett
Ordained to the Diaconate, September 9, 1984
- Rev. James Harris, Presbyter
Deceased, October 11, 1984
- Rev. Joseph Gadsden, Presbyter
Deceased, November 16, 1984
- Cornelius White
Ordained to the Diaconate, May 5, 1985
- Bruce D. Doyle
Ordained to the Diaconate, September 8, 1985
- Rev. Boyd Sylvester, Deacon
Dismissed to New York and Philadelphia Synod
February, 1986
- Rev. John L. Aiken, Presbyter
Deceased, January 16, 1987
- Rev. Cornelius White, Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, March 1, 1987
- Rev. Julius Barnes, Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, March 15, 1987
- Rev. Fred Garnett, Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, March 22, 1987
- Rev. William Butler, Jr., Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, March 29, 1987
- Rev. Bruce D. Doyle, Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, April 5, 1987
- Rev. Harry L. D. Loyd, Deacon
Ordained to the Presbyterate, April 12, 1987

As I come to the close of this, my final report as Bishop of the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod, I must bear witness to a sense of peace and joy that fills my heart and buoys up my spirit. The memory of a great week of Celebration and Appreciation held in June, 1985 is still bright. The comfort that comes from knowing that I conclude 28-1/2 years with the respect and affection of the people among whom I have served is of infinite worth. The spirit of cooperation, the genuine fellowship of the people, the great strides the Lord has made possible, the respect of many outside the Church, all leave me with a down deep satisfaction that I just can't put into words.

Respectfully submitted,
William H.S. Jerdan

Rev. Willie J. Hill was appointed by the Secretary to be Assistant Secretary of the Council.

Bishop Jerdan recommended that the morning offering be designated for the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod's Transitional Fund, for use in expenses incident upon the installation of its new episcopal administration. Mr. Robert Alexander moved that this action be taken, and the motion carried.

The Council adjourned for dinner at 5:51 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

The Evening Session convened at 8:07 p.m., with Bishop Franklin Sellers presiding. It took the form of a public service, featuring a slide presentation with taped narration of the work of Charleston's legendary blacksmith and ironworker, Philip Simmons, a member of St. John's Church, Charleston.

The presentation was followed by a word of greeting conveyed by Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England.

Rev. Robert Booth was called forward to introduce the missionaries who were present at the Council. Brief addresses were made by Rev. William Jerdan, Miss Virginia Fleu, Rev. Oommen Samuel, and Rev. William Beatty. Mr. Booth gave an update on the work of some of our other missionaries who are currently on the field. The meeting was closed at 9:31 p.m. with the singing of the hymn "O Zion Haste", and prayer and benediction given by Rev. Joseph H. Watson.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

The morning session of the second day began at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, in St. John's Church, Charleston, with a devotional service led by Rev. William Jennings. Worship was conducted using the Order for Family Prayer. The hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. The devotional meditation was given by Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch of Covenant Church, Roanoke, Va., who spoke on John 16:33. The preacher spoke of Christ's admonition of coming tribulation and His promise to overcome the trials we face. There was a concluding challenge for us to place our confidence in the Lord rather than in ourselves. Bishop Leonard Riches pronounced a closing benediction.

The business session convened at 10:25 a.m. and was opened with the singing of "At the Cross" and prayer by Rev. Robert Booth.

The order of business was the continuation of the presentation of episcopal reports. The Chair called on Bishop Franklin Sellers to present his report. It was moved by Dr. Milton C. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Mary Wright to receive the report with appreciation. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BISHOP FRANKLIN H. SELLERS, D.D. SYNOD OF CHICAGO

To The Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church,
Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina on May 27 - 29, 1987

Brethren - Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

The Constitution of our Church calls upon me to make a report of my activities during the last triennium. These were years of challenge and growth for the Reformed Episcopal Church and I am pleased to report that parishes of our denomination in the Synod of Chicago now worship in the following locations each Lord's Day.

Belvidere, Illinois	- St. Barnabas' Church
Chicago, Illinois	- St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church
Cincinnati, Ohio	- St. John's Church

Cleveland, Ohio	- The Church of the Epiphany
Frankfort, Illinois	- St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church
Joplin, Missouri	- St. Michael and All Angels Church

I am also pleased to report that contacts have been made with two existing independent churches, one in Columbus, Ohio and one in St. Joseph, Missouri, that look most favorable as becoming new parishes in the Synod of Chicago. Contacts are also being pursued in the Tulsa area of Oklahoma.

Much effort has been expended to assist each parish to enlarge and expand its witness, starting with the programs of the 85th Synodical Council of the Synod of Chicago, held in Chicago, Illinois in October, 1984. To provide a personal example of this outreach, on October 21, 1984, the parish I serve initiated a 9:00 A.M. service in the historic setting of Frankfort, Illinois, held in Heritage Hall, approximately 22 miles to the southwest of Chicago. The service is designed to meet the needs of our members and friends who live in the far southwest suburbs. Following this early service, I drive back to Chicago to preach at our 11:00 A.M. service in which the Rev. John S. Baird serves as Liturgist.

In the past triennium, I have remained in contact with all our clergy and have performed the following:

- Episcopal visit and confirmed one, May 20, 1984, at the Church of the Epiphany, South Euclid, OH.
- Confirmed one, October 13, 1984, at 86th Synodical Council morning service, from St. Barnabas Church, Belvidere, IL.
- Episcopal visit and confirmed three, November 14, 1984, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO.
- Episcopal visit, 1985, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO.
- Episcopal visit and confirmed one, October 20, 1985, St. John's Church, Cincinnati, OH.
- Episcopal visit and confirmed four, January 15, 1986, St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO.
- Episcopal visit, January 31, 1986, St. Barnabas Church, Belvidere, IL.
- Confirmed five, March 23, 1986, St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church, Chicago, IL.
- Episcopal visit, June 1, 1986, St. John's Church, Cincinnati, OH.

- Episcopal visit and ordination of Frank H. Walker, Jr., September 7, 1986, at St. John's Church, Cincinnati, OH.
- Episcopal visit, September 10, 1986, to St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO.
- Episcopal visit and ordination of Rodney H. Longmire, Jr., January 14, 1987, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO.

Much of my time has been devoted to assisting two of our parishes in which a change of clergy took place.

On February 28, 1986, the Rev. Clyde C. Scherz retired from St. John's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio for reasons of health. As Bishop, I express the appreciation of the Synod for the 13 years of service which he gave to the church in Cincinnati. He was honored by the Vestry of that church by being elected Rector Emeritus. I commend the vestry and laity of this parish for persevering and setting an example of faithfulness as they sought to find a new minister. As Bishop of the Synod, I wrote personally to each member of the church seeking their continued faithfulness.

I am also indebted to the Rev. John S. Baird and the Rev. David A. Backstrom, who both travelled to Cincinnati to officiate at Services of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday and on the first Sunday in May, 1986. I personally officiated on the first Sunday in June, 1986.

On August 18, 1986 I called the Committee on Examinations to meet in Chicago. The Rev. David A. Backstrom, Chairman, the Revs. Roger F. Spence, Roger A. Stinnett and Robert R. West were present. The Rev. Bartholomew A. James was also present via a telephone conference connection. Mr. Walker successfully passed the examination and was recommended for Ordination. The service took place on Sunday, September 7, 1986 in St. John's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Rev. Martin Brutosky of Drums, PA was invited as guest preacher.

On August 31, 1986 I was greatly saddened and disappointed to hear of the resignation of the Rev. Roger A. Stinnett as rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, MO. After my return from Cincinnati, I made plans to leave immediately for Joplin to meet with the parish and Mr. Stinnett if possible. On September 10, 1986, I flew to Joplin with Mrs. Sellers to meet with the Vestry at the church and to contact as many members as I could to help me understand the sudden turn of events in this most promising parish. As with St. John's Church, I obtained a

membership list and wrote to each member of the parish, as well as former members and friends, seeking their continued attendance.

St. Michael and All Angels Church is blessed with a most beautiful building obtained in December, 1985 with the financial aid of the Synod of Chicago. It represents a most attractive opportunity of service and I then became active in trying to help recruit a new minister. In October, 1986, I sent the Rev. John S. Baird to officiate at the service of Holy Communion. I arranged for Mr. Rodney H. Longmire, Jr., a 1985 graduate of our Seminary and a Candidate for the Ministry of our Church, to visit the parish with his wife on October 17-19, 1986. Mr. Longmire then accepted their call. I seek your prayers for this important parish in Missouri.

We must always be mindful of the service rendered by the Rev. Roger A. Stinnett and his wife, Sherrie. More than anyone else, they are responsible for laying a firm foundation at St. Michael and All Angels Church for others to build upon.

Mr. Rodney H. Longmire, Jr. was examined in Chicago on December 17 and again on December 18, 1986 at the Synod of Chicago office. The Rev. Roger F. Spence and the Rev. Bartholomew A. James shared in the examination via telephone conference lines. Upon his successful examination, his ordination was set for January 14, 1987 in Joplin, MO. His father, the Rev. Rodney H. Longmire, who is a 1955 graduate of our Seminary and a former clergyman in the New York and Philadelphia Synod, was the guest speaker and presenter at the ordination.

I am most pleased to state that the Synod of Chicago is up to date with its obligations to the General Council, including all Mission and Seminary giving, as well as fully paying a new obligation, the General Council Entertainment Fund. Hence, in effect we are prepaying the cost of deputy hospitality, thus taking a burden from the General Council Sustentation Fund.

Our Reformed Episcopal Church has long been at a disadvantage by placing too many burdens upon its bishops. In the past they filled many offices, such as professors, presidents of seminaries, rectors of churches, etc., in addition to their episcopal duties. I pray the day may come when we can free these shepherds from such duties so they may devote full time to the parishes of the synods.

In addition to synodical duties, I continue to serve the General Council as a member of the General Committee, Chairman of the Commission on Prayer Book Revision, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of National Church Extension, and a Trustee of the Seminary. I do my best to attend their meetings despite the distance and expense involved.

Listed below for your information are activities in which I represented the Synod of Chicago:

- General Council and General Committee meetings as called.
- June 6, 1984 in Catonsville, MD, shared in the consecration service of Bishop Daniel G. Cox.
- June 7, 1984, delivered the invocation at the graduation service of Hanneman Medical College at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, PA
- June 7, 1984, took part in the consecration service of Bishop Roy U. Grote, Jr. in Basking Ridge, NJ.
- Presided at the 86th Council of the Synod of Chicago on October 12-13, 1984 and at the 87th Council on October 10-11, 1985.
- Women's Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, New Jersey, October 4, 1984 and October 4-5, 1985.
- Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 1984, September 17, 1984, November 15, 1984, September 26, 1985, June 3, 1986, January 9, 1986, September 25, 1986, May 7, 1987.
- Board of National Church Extension, Philadelphia, PA, March 20, 1985, October 1, 1985, February 4, 1986, June 17, 1986, October 7, 1986, February 17, 1987.
- Speaker at special 25th Anniversary Celebration for Bishop William H. S. Jerdan given by the Synod of Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte in Charleston SC June 23, 1985.
- Seminary Faculty Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 3, 1986.
- Represented the Synod of Chicago at the funeral of Dr. R. K. Rudolph in Philadelphia, PA, July 16, 1986.
- Lord's Day Alliance Annual Board meetings in Atlanta, GA each February.
- Services at the Washington and Jane Smith Home Chapel, Chicago, IL, approx. four times annually.

- Services at Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel, Evergreen Park, IL, February 22, 1985 and January 31, 1986.

In September, 1986 we responded to a complaint of fraudulent use of the name of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Indiana with letters to the Sheriff and the Prosecutor of Madison County, Indiana.

All my activities could not be possible without the prayers and support, especially of my parish, St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church, Chicago, IL, which I serve as rector, and the helpfulness of the Rev. John S. Baird, who serves as Ministerial Assistant as well as my representative to other parishes in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin H. Sellers, D.D.
Bishop of the Synod of Chicago

Bishop Leonard Riches was called upon to present his report. Bishop Riches asked leave to summarize, with the entire report to be printed in the Journal. Bishop Cox moved to receive the report with thanks. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BISHOP LEONARD W. RICHES

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

I present the following as a summary of my service in the episcopate during the preceding triennium. Until November 1, 1984, my responsibilities were those of Bishop Co-adjutor of the New York and Philadelphia Synod. Since that date, I have been privileged to serve as Bishop of the Synod.

My activities in both capacities are recorded in detail in the Minutes of the One Hundred Fourth, One Hundred Fifth, and One Hundred Sixth Councils of the Synod.

CONFIRMATIONS:

During the past triennium I have made sixty-one episcopal visits, in connection with which one hundred fifty-three persons were presented to me to confirm their baptismal covenant. On each occasion I delivered the sermon.

ORDINATIONS:

I have ordained six men to the diaconate: Frank Michael Spadafora (February 10, 1985); Wayne Stephen Arndt (June 16, 1985); Nathan Andrew Mack (July 7, 1985); Ronald John Hammack (September 15, 1985); James Stanley Seamans (November 17, 1985); and Oommen Samuel (August 17, 1986).

During the triennium I was privileged to preside at the ordinations of three men to the presbyterate: Jonathan M. Gold, Ph.D. (November 20, 1983); Jon W. Abboud (April 15, 1984); and William J. Holiman, Jr. (November 16, 1985).

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

On Sunday, November 4, 1984, I officiated at the cornerstone laying ceremony for the new Redeemer Church, Jersey City, NJ. Subsequent to a devastating fire in May, 1983, the church has been completely rebuilt and refurbished under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Booker T. Lloyd.

On Sunday, October 20, 1985, it was my joy to preside at the dedication of the newly completed chapel of Christ Church, Drums, PA.

On Sunday, June 30, 1985, it was my distinctive privilege to deliver the sermon at the special service concluding a full week of observance in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Bishop William H. S. Jerdan's service in the episcopate in South Carolina.

On January 26, 1986 I presided at dedication services for Nicholson Hall, the recently acquired academic facility of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church at 4225 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Throughout the triennium I have attended meetings of the following General Council agencies: the Board of National Church Extension, the Special Commission on Prayer Book Revision, and the General Committee.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

I continue in ministry at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, where I serve as President and Professor of Systematic Theology.

Respectfully submitted,
Bishop Leonard W. Riches

Mr. William Schimpf noted that his report as Treasurer of the General Council would be included in the report of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.

The report of the Secretary of the Trustees of the Seminary, which had been compiled by Bishop Theophilus Herter, was read by Bishop Cox. Bishop Cox moved that the report be received. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Trustees met four times each year during the triennium in September, November, February and May in the Schooley Conference Room in Nicholson Hall, 4225 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

OFFICERS: The first meeting of the Board following the Forty-fourth Council was on September 17, 1984, at which time officers were elected. Upon nomination the following were elected: Bishop Daniel G. Cox, Chairman; Norman M. McCausland, Vice-Chairman; the Rev. Donald L. Reader, Secretary; Albert L. Elko, Treasurer. At this meeting the office of assistant secretary was created and Bishop Theophilus J. Herter was elected.

TRUSTEES: There were changes in the personnel of the Board during the triennium. Mr. John Scipione died in May of 1985, and the vacancy was filled by the election of William Deven, of Bishop Cummins

Memorial Church. The Rev. Donald L. Reader was compelled to resign for reasons of health, January, 1986, and that vacancy was filled by the election of the Rev. Thomas E. Couch of Baltimore.

The General Committee, at the request of the Board, approved an increase in the number of Trustees from nine to twelve persons, in accordance with the new charter, and empowered the Board to fill any vacancies that might occur before the next General Council. The Board has requested the Committee on Nominations to provide for twelve Trustees for the ensuing triennium. The duties of Mr. Reader as Secretary were assigned to the Assistant Secretary for the balance of the term.

FACULTY CHANGES: Several changes occurred in the composition of the Faculty. Bishop Theophilus J. Herter retired as Professor of New Testament, August 31, 1984. The Trustees honored him with the title Professor Emeritus. The Rev. Rollin J. Blackburn was appointed Lecturer in Biblical Languages, and the Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel was advanced to the position of Assistant Professor in Pastoral Theology. Dr. Dwight F. Zeller, who has lectured variously in the Winterim sessions, was named Adjunct Professor in Pastoral Theology. The Rev. Loren D. Thomas resigned as of August 31, 1986. Dr. Milton C. Fisher has tendered his resignation as Academic Dean, effective June 15, 1987. He will continue as Professor of Old Testament Exegesis. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo was elected by the Board on May 7, 1987 to succeed Dr. Fisher as Academic Dean.

GRADUATES: During the past three years the number of students declined, and this was reflected in the number of graduates. Six persons received the diploma of the Seminary, and six were awarded the M.Div. degree at the 1984 Commencement. In addition, at the same Commencement four persons, graduates of previous years, returned to receive the M.Div. degree. At a special Convocation on Founders Day, December 1, 1983, one person received the M.Div. degree.

Eight persons received the diploma at the Commencement of 1985. Two were granted the M.Div. degree. At the Convocation of September 5, 1984, one person received the diploma and one the M.Div. degree. The degree was granted to one person at a special Faculty Chapel on February 21, 1985.

The Class of 1985 included three who received the diploma and three

the M.Div. degree. The totals for the triennium being reported are: eighteen diplomas and 20 M.Div. degrees. This report does not relate to the Commencement of 1987 since that is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 1987.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS: For the past three Commencements prominent Christian leaders have graced our graduation programs. Dr. James I. Packer of Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia gave the address at the May 24, 1984 Commencement. The May 23, 1985 program featured Dr. Joel Nederhood of the Back to God Hour. Dr. Roger Nicole of Gordon Conwell-Seminary gave the Commencement address on May 23, 1986. Dr. O. Palmer Robertson of the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church will give the address at the June 6, 1987 program.

FINANCES: During the past three years the Seminary has experienced severe financial strains. A large portion of its investment capital has been liquidated to meet current obligations. Several times the Treasurer, Albert L. Elko, has resorted to the use of a bank line-of-credit in order to pay salaries. This has happened particularly over the summer months when there is a decline in receipts from gifts. Yet the goodness of God with respect to the Seminary's needs has been repeatedly demonstrated in the response to the letters of appeal from the president, Bishop Leonard W. Riches, by encouragements to contribute in appeals placed in the Resume, and by large personal and anonymous gifts.

The Seminary has been compelled each year to increase its fees. At present the General Fee is \$2,100.00 for the year and the dormitory room fee is \$1,800.00.

CONFERENCE: June 2-3, 1986 the Faculty and Trustees met in Bishop Cummins Memorial Church for a conference under the leadership of Rick Wellock, consultant, who led the group in a program of self-analysis designed to maximize the potentials of the Faculty and Trustees.

CONSULTANT: At the meetings of November 20, 1986 and February 19, 1987 the Trustees conferred with Mr. Ralph Mattson, a Christian management consultant, on the subject of organization and personnel needs. Mr. Mattson's evaluation was presented in a report received April 20, 1987.

The expenses for both the June, 1986 conference and the services of the consultant were underwritten by a friend of the Seminary.

COMPUTERS: During the triennium the Trustees made progress in providing the library and the general office with computer equipment and training the personnel in its use.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: February 20, 1984 the then Chairman, Charles F. Nagel, appointed a committee to prepare for the celebration of the Seminary's One Hundredth Anniversary. The committee chose the name Centennial Committee, and it includes bishops, faculty and trustee members and lay persons. The Committee has produced two commemorative items for general distribution and sale: an anniversary volume of articles by past and present professors of the Seminary, and a ten inch commemorative plate of "armetale" (a pewter-like material) with a front view of Christ Memorial Church and Benson Hall.

The Committee organized and promoted three programs featuring Joni Eareckson Tada on April 24 and 25, 1987. April 24 included a Pastors' Luncheon and a general meeting held in the evening, at the Philadelphia Civic Center. Saturday, April 25, Joni spoke to handicapped persons at a luncheon in the Franklin Plaza Hotel. While Joni emphasized Biblical truths relating to the handicapped in these three meetings, she repeatedly referred to the Seminary's significance for the church and the whole Christian world testimony. The Seminary received valuable promotion through the Joni programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Theophilus J. Herter
Assistant Secretary

Daniel G. Cox
Chairman of the Board

The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Seminary was deferred until later in the Council.

Mr. William Schimpf read the report of the Secretary of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund. It was voted on motion of Mr. Alfred Gadsden to receive the report.

The Trustees of the Sustentation Fund Report to the 45th General Council

Brethren:

The Trustees of the Sustentation Fund met four times since the 44th General Council. The following were elected as officers at the first meeting:

Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr.	President
Mr. Charles F.K. Nagel	Vice-President
Mr. William Schimpf	Treasurer
Mr. Norman M. McCausland	Secretary

Numerous investment decisions were made since the 44th Council, as the Trustees deemed necessary.

There follows a summary of other significant events as recorded in the minutes of the meetings held:

1. At the first meeting, held on 14 June 1984, all funds which continued to be held by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund for the Board of Pensions and Relief, were voted to be transferred, pursuant to the decision rendered at the 44th General Council.
2. Also at this meeting, it was reported that the mortgage held on the property at Four Brooks by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund had been paid in full.
3. At the 6 June 1985 meeting, it was reported that the transfer noted in item #1 above was completed.
4. It was also noted in the minutes that in late 1984 the R.E. Publication Society paid off the \$4,000.00 balance remaining on the loan made by the Sustentation Fund for the printing of Prayer Books. In early 1985 they paid 50% of the principal amount of the \$6,000.00 hymnal loan. It was noted that the \$12,000.00 non-interest bearing loan for hymnal revision was still open.
5. Resurrection Church, Rochester, N.Y., requested that the Trustees loan them a portion of the \$51,000.00 needed for the mortgage on

the church property they intended to purchase. The Trustees approved granting the request in the amount of \$17,000.00, since it received communication that 2/3 of the amount necessary would be loaned from other sources. The term of the loan was not to exceed 25 years, at an interest rate of 8%.

6. It was recorded in the 24 April 1986 minutes, that the R.E. Publication Society paid off the balance of the \$6,000.00 hymnal loan, with interest. The only loan open to the Pub. Soc. after that payment was the \$12,000.00 hymnal loan.
7. The Trustees approved the request of the Church of the Covenant (Media, PA.) to borrow \$6,000.00, the term being 18 months at a rate of 10%. The purpose of the loan was for improvements to the church property required by the local building inspector.
8. The Trustees received a request from Providence Church, Forest, VA., to participate in a mortgage loan up to an amount of \$50,000. It was voted to approve a loan of up to 1/3 of the requested amount, at 8%. The trustees were able to approve this request, because the application by Resurrection Church, Rochester, N.Y. (item #5, above) was withdrawn. Subsequently, the Trustees asked to be relieved of this commitment, since it became apparent that these funds were available from other sources, and due to the request noted in #9, below.
9. At the 24 April 1986 meeting, the Treasurer reported on a request from St. Luke's Church (New Providence, N.J.) to borrow funds for the purpose of constructing a new sanctuary. The trustees voted to approve a loan of up to \$40,000.00 to St. Luke's, at 8% for a term of 30 years, contingent upon being relieved of the Forest, VA. loan (#8, above), and also contingent upon receiving evidence of St. Luke's ability to carry this loan.
10. It was reported at the 5 March 1987 meeting that all mortgages and loans were current.
11. The Church of the Covenant repaid their loan of \$6,000.00, plus interest, on time.

12. The Treasurer reported that the loan to St. Luke's (#9, above) was made in the amount of \$40,000.00.
13. The Trustees were informed, at the 5 March 1987 meeting, that the Treasurer will not have received the budgeted amounts for the Entertainment Fund of the 44th General Council in May 1987. The following amounts and percentages of budget were received:

SYNOD	ASSESSMENT	RECEIVED	% RECEIVED
CA&C	\$6000.00	\$750.00	12.5%
Chicago	1050.00	1050.00	100.0%
NY&P	7950.00	7473.00	94.0%

14. The Trustees were informed that the Treasurer had received assurances from the auditor, Mr. Albert L. Elko, CPA, that the financial report would be audited in time for presentation at the 45th General Council, as required.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman M. McCausland
Secretary

Mr. Schimpf then read the report of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. It was moved by Mr. Edwin McCausland to receive the report subject to audit. Motion carried.

SUSTENTATION FUND OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Financial Statements

For The Three Years Ended December 31, 1986

Trustees of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Warrington, Pennsylvania

We have reviewed the accompanying Report of the Treasurer - cash basis of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the three years ended December 31, 1986, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public

Accountants. These financial statements are presented on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting as described in Note A. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the trustees and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note A.

ELKO, FISCHER, McCABE & RUDMAN
Certified Public Accountants

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND OF THE
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

For the Three Years January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1986

<u>C A P I T A L</u>			
BALANCE, January 1, 1984			\$ 315,210.56
ADDITIONS:			
<u>Sustentation Fund</u>			
Capital Gain - 864 shares - Flour Corp.		\$ 15,110.53	
" " - 200 shares - Equitable Gas		5,661.43	
" " - 319 shares - Chase Manhattan Bank		12,381.88	
" " - 900 shares - Colgate Palmolive		17,746.34	
" " - US Treas. Note, Series B, redeemed		57.40	
" " - 200 shares - Colgate Palmolive		5,752.42	
" " - 200 shares Delmarva Power		3,565.52	
" " - US Treas. Note, Series AC, redeemed		16.00	
			60,291.52
<u>Eliza A. Dean Fund</u>			
Capital Gain - 66 shares - Penn Central redeemed		1,147.92	
" " - 66 shares - Union Pacific Preferred		7,085.91	
" " - US Treas. Note, Series AC, redeemed		8.00	
			8,241.83
<u>Southern Missionary Fund</u>			
Capital Gain - 67 shares - Penn Central Redeemed		1,124.11	
			1,124.11
<u>Hymnal Revision Fund</u>			
Income capitalized		977.50	
			977.50
			<u>385,845.52</u>

DEDUCTIONS:

Sustentation Fund

Repair cost Christ Memorial Church Tower in excess of available income funds	26,542.88	
Capital Loss - 40 shares - Allis-Chalmers	<u>306.36</u>	26,849.24

Widows & Orphans Fund

Securities transferred to Bd. of Pensions & Relief	36,925.78	
Cash transferred	<u>376.98</u>	37,302.76

Eliza A. Dean Fund

Capital Loss - 130 shares-Allis Chalmers	995.68	995.68
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Rebecca H. Stroud Fund

Capital Loss - 30 shares - Allis-Chalmers	229.78	229.78
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Ministerial Relief Fund

Securities transferred to Bd. of Pensions & Relief	2,653.13	
Cash transferred	<u>10,676.56</u>	13,329.69

Total Deductions

78,707.15

BALANCE, December 31, 1986\$ 307,138.37I N V E S T M E N T S (at cost)Sustentation Fund

Bonds:

\$5,000 American Tel. & Tel. - 6% - 8/1/2000	\$ 5,000.00
5,000 Pacific Gas & Electric - 6 7/8% - 12/1/99	5,000.00
5,000 Pacific Gas & Electric - 5% - 6/1/91	5,000.00
5,000 Penna Power & Light - 6 3/4% - 11/1/97	5,000.00
5,000 Phila. Electric Co. - 6 1/8% - 10/1/97	4,991.91

Preferred Stock:

50 shares - Public Service of Colorado - 4 1/4%	5,000.00
50 shares - Centerior Energy Corp. - 4 1/4%	5,181.25

Common Stock:

440 shares - Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.	3,078.54
300 " - Central Illinois Public Service	1,900.00
586 " - Colgate Palmolive Co.	2,064.87
2 " - Consumer Power Co.	56.20
1149 shares - Delmarva Power Co.	10,324.71
250 " - Equitable Resources	1,212.95
200 " -Midwest Energy Co.	2,556.28
168,939 shs. - Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	2,903.61
200 shares - Public Service Enterprise Group	4,915.92
624 " - Southern California Edison Co.	3,326.54
124,7063 shs. - UGI Corp.	2,167.23

Mortgages:

Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, N.J. - 7%	6,794.72
Providence Chapel, Mt. Laurel, N.J. - 6%	12,859.54

Notes:

\$20,000 US Treas. Note - 12% Series L - 3/31/88	19,986.60
Christ Memorial Church Repair Loan - 6% (Partial)	3,250.00
Church of the Covenant, Media, PA - 8% - 1/26/87	6,000.00

Mutual Fund:

Vanguard Securities Fund = GNMA Portfolio	71,353.44
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Money Market Fund:

Continental Bank	<u>11,153.64</u>	201,047.95
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Eliza A. Dean Fund

Bonds:

\$5,000 Tennessee Valley Authority - 5.7% - 5/15/92	4,943.75
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Common Stock:

680 shares - Atlantic Richfield Co.	3,691.55
300 " - Dayton Power & Light Co.	4,855.72
1200 " - Midwest Energy Co.	5,988.99
366 " - Penna. Power & Light Co.	7,623.68
267 " - Union Pacific Corp.	968.46

<u>Notes:</u>		
\$10,000 US Treas. Note - 10 1/2% Series C, 1/15/90	9,989.40	
Reformed Episcopal Seminary Repair Loan - 6%	9,640.00	
Christ Memorial Church Repair Loan - 6% (Partial)	6,750.00	
<u>Money Market Fund:</u>		
Vanguard Federal Portfolio	<u>30,207.85</u>	84,659.40
<u>Southern Missionary Fund</u>		
<u>Common Stock:</u>		
250 shares - Washington Gas Light Co.	2,590.60	
<u>Money Market Fund:</u>		
Provident Bank Gold Edge Account	<u>3,471.65</u>	6,062.25
<u>Eleanor H. Stroud Fund</u>		
Mortgage - 271 W. Tulpehocken Street	<u>5,300.00</u>	5,300.00
<u>Needy Student Fund</u>		
<u>Common Stock:</u>		
50 shares - Washington Gas Light Co.	<u>518.12</u>	518.12
<u>Rebecca H. Stroud Fund</u>		
<u>Common Stock:</u>		
156 shares - Philadelphia Electric Co.	1,627.66	
<u>Certificate of Deposit:</u>		
Continental Bank - 9.5% - Due 1/22/87	<u>3,000.00</u>	4,627.66
<u>Hymnal Revision Fund</u>		
<u>Common Stock:</u>		
200 shares - Washington Gas Light Co.	2,072.48	
<u>Note:</u>		
R.E. Publication Soc. - Prayer Book Loan (No interest)	<u>12,000.00</u>	14,072.48
TOTAL Investment - All Funds		<u><u>\$ 316,287.86</u></u>

CAPITAL AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

<u>Balances, December 31, 1986</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Investments</u>
Sustentation Fund	\$ 194,412.80	\$ 201,047.95
Eliza A. Dean Fund	82,397.39	84,659.40
Southern Missionary Fund	5,727.92	6,062.25
Eleanor H. Stroud	5,300.00	5,300.00
Needy Student Fund	502.19	518.12
Rebecca H. Stroud Fund	4,399.38	4,627.66
Hymnal Revision Fund	<u>14,398.69</u>	<u>14,072.48</u>
Total	307,138.37	316,287.86
		<u>307,138.37</u>
Capital Overinvested		<u><u>\$ 9,149.49</u></u>

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

RECEIPTS

<u>Sustentation Fund</u>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1984, General Council Treasurer	\$ (530.75)	
Income from investments	62,823.11	
Gifts	510.00	
1984 General Council A.M. Offering	551.00	
1984 General Council P.M. Offering	312.00	
Adjustment - 1981 Transfer to Board of pensions & Relief	1,240.00	
Legacy - Estate of Harriet D. Schell	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$ 65,905.36

Entertainment Fund

Balance, Jan. 1, 1984, General Council Treasurer	1,777.07	
Income from investments	4.11	
1984 Council accommodations - non-members	3,671.04	
Budget Treasurer, New York & Philadelphia Synod	4,976.61	
Treasurer, Chicago Synod	700.00	
Charleston, Atlanta & Charlotte Synod	500.00	
Transferred from Sustentation Fund	<u>8,000.00</u>	19,628.83

Widows & Orphans Fund

Income from investments	<u>3,209.38</u>	3,209.38
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Eliza A. Dean Fund

Income from investments	<u>32,228.61</u>	32,228.61
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Ministerial Relief Fund

Income from investments	<u>1,504.31</u>	1,504.31
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Southern Missionary Fund

Income from investments	<u>1,855.78</u>	1,855.78
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Needy Student Fund

Income from investments	<u>244.38</u>	244.38
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Rebecca H. Stroud Fund

Income from investments	<u>1,770.18</u>	1,770.18
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Hymnal Revision Fund

Income from investments	<u>977.50</u>	977.50
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Total Receipts for Triennium

\$ 127,324.33DISBURSEMENTSSustentation Fund

Budget appropriations:

Reformed Episcopal Seminary	\$ 18,600.00	
Reformed Episcopal Publication Society	3,000.00	
Episcopal Recorder	975.00	
Committee on Women's Work	300.00	
Cummins Memorial Seminary	8,000.00	
Entertainment Fund	8,000.00	
Honorarium - Presiding Bishop	2,800.00	
Expenses - Presiding Bishop	285.52	
Honorarium - General Council Secretary	750.00	
Honorarium - General Council Treasurer	40.00	
Honorarium - Sustentation Fund Treasurer	750.00	
Auditor's Fee	500.00	
Travel expenses - General Committee	3,431.40	
General Council Journal	5,615.00	
Cummins Memorial Seminary - General Council Offering	551.00	
Board of Foreign Missions - General Council Offering	312.00	
General Council Expenses	538.99	
Charleston, Atlanta & Charlotte Synod -		
Legacy, Estate of Harriet D. Schell	1,000.00	
Memorial flowers - Mrs. William Culbertson	51.50	
Safe Deposit Box rental	75.00	
Printing, Postage & Office expense	370.80	
Write-off Bond Premiums	<u>405.25</u>	\$ 56,351.46

Entertainment Fund

1984 General Council:

America's Keswick - Rooms and meals

15,515.72

C. A. & C. Synod - Offsite lodging

607.90

Nursery and miscellaneous expenses

316.52

1987 General Council:

The Charleston Inn - Room reservations

2,000.00

18,440.14

Widows & Orphans Fund

Postage

24.75

Board of Pensions & Relief

3,184.43

3,209.38

Eliza A. Dean Fund

Board of Foreign Missions - Budget appropriation

21,003.33

Board of Foreign Missions - Income balance

11,225.28

32,226.61

Ministerial Relief Fund

Postage

3.27

Board of Pensions & Relief

15,451.39

15,454.66

Southern Missionary Fund

Charleston, Atlanta & Charlotte Synod

1,855.78

1,855.78

Needy Student Fund

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

244.38

244.38

Rebecca H. Stroud Fund

Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement

1,327.64

R E A P E R S

442.54

1,770.18

Hymnal Revision Fund

Transfer income to Capital account

977.50

977.50

Total Disbursements for Triennium

\$ 130,532.09

INCOME SUMMARY

Balance, January 1, 1984

\$ 12,430.25

Receipts

127,324.33

139,754.58

Disbursements

130,532.09

Income Balance, December 31, 1986

\$ 9,222.49

Income Summary by Fund:

Sustentation Fund

\$ 8,033.80

Entertainment Fund

1,188.69

\$ 9,222.49

CASH SUMMARY

Cash Balance, January 1, 1984		\$ 801.67
Income receipts	\$ 127,324.33	
Investments sold and capital gains	<u>242,985.74</u>	
		<u>370,310.07</u>
		371,111.74
Disbursements	130,532.09	
Investments purchased and Capital Loss	202,910.23	
Capital funds used for Tower repairs	26,542.88	
Transfers to Board of Pension & Relief	<u>11,053.54</u>	
		<u>371,038.74</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 1986		<u>\$ 73.00</u>

CASH RECONCILIATION

Income Balance, December 31, 1987	\$ 9,222.49
Capital overinvested	<u>9,149.49</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 1986	<u>\$ 73.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

William B Schimpf

William B. Schimpf, Treasurer

SUSTENTATION FUND OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOTES TO REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986
See Accountants' Review Report

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The Fund's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting whereby investment income is recognized when received and expenses are recognized when paid. Financial statements prepared on this basis of accounting are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Fund Accounting - The funds are established for specific purposes in accordance with the restrictions imposed by donors, grantors or as designated by the Trustees. All gains or losses arising from investment transactions and investment income are accounted for in the fund owning the assets.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. Lyla Wildermuth. It was voted to accept the report with a vote of thanks.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

To the 45th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church
May 1987

Dear Brethren:

The past triennium for the Board of Foreign Missions, has been full of challenge and change. We have attempted to meet both with the wisdom that comes from God and the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The Board met the 3rd Tuesday of June, September, November, January, and March at St. Paul's R.E. Church in Orelan, Pa. In June 1984 the following officers were elected to serve for the three year term:

President - Rev. R. Charles Gillin, B.D.
Vice President - Rev. Samuel M. Forster, S.T.M.
General Secretary - Rev. Robert H. Booth, B.D.
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Lyla Wildermuth
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Jean Booth
Treasurer - Mr. Robert Mitchell

As of January 1, 1987, the Rev. Daniel Olsen replaced Mr. Mitchell who resigned in order to be free to spend more time with his family. Two of our faithful members went home to the Lord--Mrs. Jessie Frick and Mr. John Scipione. These vacancies were filled by Mrs. Nancy Fleischer and Miss Barbara West. Two other vacancies occurred by the resignations of Mr. George Hess and the Rev. Thomas May. These vacancies were filled by Mr. Paul Pathickal and the Rev. William Holiman.

During the past triennium a formal application form for missionaries applying to our Board was prepared and we adopted a new more comprehensive policy statement. Mr. Gillin prepared an excellent slide presentation explaining the work of the Board and has had the opportunity to present it at several of our churches. In September of 1984 and again in September of 1986 our Biannual Missionary Conventions were

held in the Phila. area and in Baltimore affording the opportunity for our own missionaries home on furlough to participate and the Board to present the need of Foreign Missions. A request has been made for, and plans are being formulated, to hold a Youth Missionary Rally in the fall of 1987.

The annual Missionary Banquet was held on December 5, 1984 at St. Mark's Church and on December 14, 1985 at St. Paul's Church. In 1986 the decision was made to change the date and follow a Thanksgiving theme. This banquet was held at Grace Church, Collingdale, on November 22nd. For those who attend, these banquets are a time of blessing and fellowship, and provide another opportunity to present the challenge of missions.

Missionary calendars are prepared and distributed annually by Mr. Booth keeping before us daily our work and our missionaries.

"THE RESOUND" - a quarterly news bulletin is prepared by Mr. Gillin and distributed to our churches keeping us abreast of current news and needs.

Each year, the missionaries who are home, are guests of the Board at our banquet, at the spiritual Enrichment Conference and the Berean Conference, providing them with fellowship and refreshment.

The two missionary houses in Pipersville, Pa. have been under the very capable oversight of Mrs. Barbara Riches these past three years and have been the object of much refurbishing and repair. A wood-burning stove was installed in the fireplace in the Rudolph House, and recently, the electric heat was replaced in both houses by oil-burning furnaces and a hot water heating system. A request has been sent to the Committee on Women's Work to make roof replacements for both houses the object of one of their Women's Day Projects. The REAPERS, the Women's Missionary Auxiliary, held two showers providing linens, small appliances, kitchen and bath needs, etc. New carpeting, drapes, spreads, and furnishings have added much to these houses.

In October of 1985 to everyone's delight, an "Open House" was held while the Olsen family was in residence. The houses have been in constant use and provide comfortable, attractive housing for our missionaries who always express their gratitude. After all these years the

second house was officially named the Elizabeth M. Bacon Memorial House. This house, together with the Bishop Rudolph Memorial House, stand as testimonies of our concern for our missionaries and as constant reminders of our responsibility and stewardship.

Our Reformed Episcopal Mission in India has occupied much of our time and thoughts and intensive prayer has been offered concerning this work. Mrs. Georgiana Beckwith returned to India in July, 1984, but because she was needed at home due to her mother's failing health and advanced age, she returned home in December, 1985. At present she is living with her mother in Connecticut and working as a nurse in the Veteran's Hospital, but her heart is still in India. In March of 1986, Miss Virginia Fleu returned home for retirement after 38 years of faithful service. After her furlough time, spent in Ventnor, N.J., she now resides in her retirement apartment in Penny Farms, Florida.

On Sunday, June 8, 1986 a "Thanksgiving for Lalitpur" service was held at St. Paul's Church in Orelan, Pa. followed by a dinner at the Williamson Restaurant in Horsham. It was a time of praise, thanksgiving and remembering with an exciting look to the future. Dr. Milton Fisher was commissioned by the Board to visit India on behalf of the Board while he was in Europe in the summer of 1984. His report was very enlightening and helpful. In part he reported: (quote) "India is the pits--Christless, corrupt and chaotic, but our work is the biggest and strongest it has ever been. The school is 100% self-supporting and the children well trained and disciplined under Mrs. Mabel Lall as headmistress.

The hospital is 90% self-supporting under the supervision of Dr. Bachan. The church needs a regular pastor--it is now functioning as a fellowship of professional Christians." (end of quote)

After much consultation with Mr. Gillin, Dr. Fisher and Mr. Booth, and an interview with the Board, Mr. Oommen Samuel, a Christian native of India, committed himself to go to India as our missionary in 1987. In February 1986 the Board sent Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and their son to India on a survey visit of the work. They returned home very impressed and, confident of the call of the Lord, Mr. Samuel was ordained to the Diaconate on August 17, 1986 in Trinity Church in Philadelphia. In September 1986 the Board sent Mr. Booth and Mr. Samuel to India to attend the annual meeting of the Mission Society. It proved to be a very profitable visit and the people are very eager for Mr. Samuel and his

family to come permanently. We anticipate that shortly. We request your unfailing support and fervent prayers. There are problems, but our God is the problem solver!

On December 16, 1984, a commissioning service was held for Dr. & Mrs. David Morton at the Church of the Atonement. They left the States, attended the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in England, and in April of 1985 left for Africa. David carries a very heavy work load in the Community Health Program and as Medical Supt. of the Hospital. Becky is busy being wife and mother and helping with the secretarial work. The children are adjusting well. There is great concern about the instability in the country. We need constantly to pray for the Mortons' safety.

In September 1985 Charles and Caren Prah from Bishop Cummins Church in Baltimore applied to the Board and were accepted to go to Germany under Global Outreach, Inc. to work with the Meyers and the Brodishes. A commissioning service was held on June 1, 1986 at Bishop Cummins Church. They left the States in June and are presently attending language school in Germany and aiding the Meyers at the Knull Campsite.

In November 1985, Mr. Gregory Wright, a member of St. Luke's Church, New Providence, N.J. applied to the Board and was accepted. He is presently on the staff of the Arab World Mission (formerly North Africa Mission) in Upper Darby, Pa. involved in a data processing ministry.

Report on our Missionaries Serving in Conjunction with other Boards:

Global Outreach, Inc:

In Germany:

Grace and Gerhard Meyer write of solid bookings for the camp, growth of the Euro-Seminar and good evangelistic outreach. They had a very busy time celebrating the 25th anniversary of Global Outreach in Germany.

Sue Brodish's kindergarten is full and even receiving registrations for 1990. She finds great joy in sharing the Gospel with the children and watching them grow.

Herm, Lill, and David Brodish have been home on furlough since

August 1986 and plan to return to Germany in July. They have been very busy here with many "open-doors", and they served the Lord faithfully in Germany teaching, preaching, given to hospitality and working diligently in the camp.

In France:

Bill and Diane Jerdan - Dr. Fisher was able to visit the Jerdans in the summer of 1984 and give us a first-hand encouraging report. Baby Jonathan joined the family on 11/12/84. Bill and the two older children were home for a short visit in October of 1985 and Bill is with us at present. Diane wrote and has had published a book entitled "Miraculous Healing and Resurrections" seeking to reach those with just a casual interest in the Bible. Bill served on the planning committee for the Billy Graham Crusade and the response to the Gospel by the French was very encouraging. We have recently been informed that the Jerdans believe they have accomplished the maximum of their ministry in Massy and Chevry and will be moving to a suburb of Marseille to carry on their ministry.

Tom and Fern Wilson - the Wilsons returned home for retirement in the Fall of 1985 and are enjoying their stay in one of the Missionary Houses in Pipersville. In the fall of this year they anticipate retirement in Florida after a busy and fruitful two years in our midst and over 30 years of faithful service ministering to the Muslims. We rejoice in God's goodness in restoring a good measure of health to Tom after a serious heart ailment.

Africa Inland Mission:

After 32 years of faithful service in Africa, Dan and Jean Olsen officially retired from our Board as of September 1986, and remain on the AIM inactive list. They nationalized their work in Africa and were led to believe it was time for them to leave.

After a year in one of the Missionary Houses in Pipersville, they now reside in Ventnor, N.J., are working and still serving the Lord. We are blessed to have Dan as the new Treasurer of the Board and will profit from his extensive financial experience and use of his computer.

Bill Beatty continues to serve AIM as their S.E. Area Representative in Florida traveling extensively, planning and participating in Conferences and Banquets reporting on and recruiting for missions. He reported on 72 new AIM missionary appointees.

Betty Wilson returned to Africa in August of 1985 after a year's furlough during which time she had major surgery. She rejoiced in her

regained health and strength and returned to develop the Bunia Guest House and carry on her evangelistic outreach. It is with heavy hearts that we must report that this faithful servant of the Lord, who has a real missionary heart, is now home in Ventnor, N.J., with her family, undergoing treatment for cancer. She is in great pain. Your faithful intercessory prayers are requested on her behalf. May God's perfect will be done!

Wycliffe Bible Translators:

Judy King is now home with us on furlough and will be available in the fall for deputation work. Together with her coworker and the Apurina translation helpers, the four Gospels and Acts have been translated in Apurina. Malaria has been a real problem--we need to earnestly pray for Judy's health. We are very happy to report that in March of 1986, First Church, N.Y. forgave the remaining \$8,500.00 loan for the purchase of her house, thus helping her salary status considerably.

In November, 1986, the Board terminated the missionary status of the Rev. Loren Thomas since he is no longer affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals and World Relief and the work with International Students, Inc.

While we as a Board have been faced with many challenges and changes we are confident that the Scriptural Commission--"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" does not change. Until our Lord returns there will always be needy souls and spiritually hungry saints. We as a Board have sincerely attempted to do our best to please the Lord and serve our Church and her missionary representatives faithfully. We need your sincere interest and support, both financially and in prayer for we are laborers together with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyla M. Wildermuth
Recording Secretary

Rev. Ronald Smith called for prayer on behalf of Miss Betty Wilson, and Bishop Franklin Sellers asked for prayer also for Dr. David Morton. The Council was led in prayer by Dr. Milton Fisher and Rev. Mark E. Rudolph. The Secretary then read a letter of greeting to the Council from Miss Wilson.

Rev. Daniel Olsen presented the report of the Treasurer of the

Board of Foreign Missions, which had been prepared by the outgoing Treasurer, Mr. Robert Mitchell. It was moved by Rev. Mark Rudolph that the report be received. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

During the past three years, the Board of Foreign Missions has experienced a pattern of growth in income, but more importantly, in missionary growth and church interest. Although six missionaries retired during this period, we were pleased that seven more were added to this role.

The support to the Board has significantly increased. This seems to be due to an increase in interest from the Reformed Episcopal churches, and even some outside churches and individuals. Still, there are many churches which do not take the opportunity to support your missionaries. The Synodical Budget does not provide enough funding for a missionary program. Individuals and all churches should set up a mission budget program.

In looking at the report, let us examine the various accounts in detail:

- (1) India: Although most for India comes from invested accounts, with the help of a good rate of interest, we were able to maintain these funds in good order. However, with the sharp drop in interest rates, our funding will decrease and we will be looking for more help from the churches for India support.
- (2) Africa: The Africa account was up by approximately 28% over the previous trimester. However, this fund is still low by approximately \$16,000.00 over a three-year period.
- (3) Europe: The mission account for Europe increased by approximately 27% over the previous three years. This again is good news but, due to the new missionaries on the field, we should increase the amount of support by 60%, or \$30,000.00 per year. We must remember that a missionary family requires at least \$25,000.00 in Europe. This is a real challenge.
- (4) South America: The South America account increased by only 5%. This account needs your help, and we need to increase funding for Judy King. Also remember that she is buying a house and gifts are needed for it.
- (5) Four Brooks Missionary Homes: During the past three years,

much has been spent to improve the missionary homes. The homes have been beautified with new interiors, new appliances, and new heaters. These homes are provided for the use of our missionaries. Due to the great increase in utility rates, and the high tax structure, your help is needed to maintain this mission work.

The Board of Foreign Missions is growing. Why don't you and your church take up the challenge, grow with us, and become a part of the Lord's mission team?

Robert Mitchell
Treasurer

Operating Accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions
1/1/84 - 12/31/86

<u>Account</u>	Fund Balance <u>1/1/84</u>	<u>Income</u>	Disburse- <u>ments</u>	Fund Balance <u>12/31/86</u>
General	\$ 4,692.60	\$ 68,991.85	\$ 68,584.46	\$ 5,099.99
India				
Missionary Support	2,052.63	57,255.69	54,949.83	4,358.49
Gifts, India General	-0-	27,456.69	27,455.50	1.19
V. Fleu			13,706.00	
G. Beckwith			13,410.00	
O. Samuel			339.50	
Hospital	59.53	56,394.86	52,310.00	4,144.39
Africa				
General	.67	135,501.15	135,500.74	1.08
W. Beatty			28,277.10	
D. Morton			40,873.00	
D. Olsen			39,652.68	
B. Wilson			26,697.96	

Europe				
General	5.57	151,646.17	151,650.05	1.69
G. Meyer			25,099.00	
W. Jerdan			30,192.56	
T. Wilson			15,257.50	
S. Brodish			24,452.99	
H. Brodish			37,929.00	
Knull Camp & Car Fund			6,283.00	
G. Wright			1,020.00	
C. Prah			11,416.00	
South America				
General	.55	26,252.80	25,653.00	600.35
J. King			19,653.00	
House Fund			6,000.00	
Missionary Homes at Four Brooks	1,337.31	34,019.41	39,098.89	(3,742.17)

INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1986

General:			
Missionary Cottages			\$21,000.00
General Funds:			
Paine Webber Cash Fund		\$16,316.20	
Paine Webber Allocation Fund		9,500.00	
Paine Webber Master Fund		18,154.27	
Certificate - Atlantic Financial		8,500.00	
First PA Certificate		2,000.00	
Paine Webber GNMA Fund		<u>9,287.22</u>	
			63,757.69
Special Emergency Funds: (Par Value \$8,000.00)			
First PA Certificate #0064862		<u>9,000.00</u>	
			9,000.00
Mary E. Dager Fund: (Par Value \$62,347.53)			
Paine Webber GNMA Portfolio		40,638.80	
Paine Webber Master Fund		10,000.00	
First PA Certificate #9420320		4,000.00	
Paine Webber Allocation Fund		5,500.00	
Ambler Trust Note #016400740		<u>2,208.73</u>	
			62,347.53

Annie L. Lowry Fund: (Par Value \$6,496.00)		
Paine Webber Cash Fund	1,510.16	
First PA Cash Account	2,985.84	
Atlantic Federal Certificate	<u>2,000.00</u>	6,496.00
Alice M. Rich Fund: (Par Value \$2,500.00)		
Atlantic Financial Certificate	<u>2,500.00</u>	2,500.00
Benjamin Lord Fund: (Par Value \$7,576.27)		
Paine Webber Master Account	4,195.73	
First PA CD #9420320	1,000.00	
Ambler Trust Note #016400740	1,255.54	
PW Residential Reality	<u>1,125.00</u>	7,576.27
C.L. Huston Fund: (Par Value \$57,684.00)		
Paine Webber Master Fund	14,000.00	
Phila. Suburban Water-Bond Due 1987	5,012.00	
Paine Webber GNMA Portfolio	8,324.00	
PA Power & Light Common Stock	1,432.46	
First PA Bank - Cash	5,121.32	
Paine Webber Residential Reality	9,381.60	
Atlantic Federal Certificate	14,000.00	
First PA Certificate #9420320	2,000.00	
Ambler Trust Note #016400740	<u>3,081.62</u>	62,353.00
Mary L. Hendricks Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Ambler Trust #016400740	<u>1,000.00</u>	1,000.00
Jennie O'Neill: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Paine Webber Master Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	1,000.00
Charles Morton Fund: (Par Value \$6,365.00)		
Paine Webber Residential Reality	<u>6,588.43</u>	6,588.43
Sarah M. Noyes Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Paine Webber Master Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	1,000.00

Lulu M. Schooley Fund: (Par Value \$12,108.67)		
St. Luke's Mortgage - paid (cash)	1,449.56	
Judy King Mortgage (\$10,000.00)	7,000.00	
Atlantic Federal Note	2,000.00	
First PA Bank (cash)	<u>1,659.11</u>	
		12,108.67
Mary Ann Robinson Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Atlantic Federal Note	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		1,000.00
Matthew Crawford Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Paine Webber Residential Reality	<u>1,090.00</u>	
		1,090.00
Lizzie Udell Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
Paine Webber Master Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		1,000.00
Jennie Wahlquist Fund: (Par Value \$500.00)		
Paine Webber Residential Reality	<u>500.00</u>	
		500.00
Mira St. Paul's Missionary Fund: (Par Value \$1,364.96)		
GNMA Portfolio	<u>1,468.27</u>	
		1,468.27
Pharo St. Paul's Missionary Fund: (Par Value \$1,000.00)		
GNMA Portfolio	<u>1,971.38</u>	
		1,971.38
India Income Account: (Par Value \$20,729.44)		
Paine Webber Residential Reality	7,245.00	
Paine Webber Master Account	2,000.00	
First PA Bank Certificate #9420320	1,000.00	
Ambler Trust Note #016400740	2,454.11	
GNMA Portfolio	<u>8,030.33</u>	
		20,729.44
South American Feasibility Study:		
U.S. Government Note (10-1/2% - 1995)	<u>10,000.00</u>	
		<u>10,000.00</u>
		<u><u>\$294,486.68</u></u>

OPERATING CASH ACCOUNTS

Cash in Accounts for Distribution and Operating Costs	10,465.01
Cash in Accounts for Investments	11,215.83
Cash in Investment Accounts for Distribution	<u>9,803.70</u>
Savings and Checking Accts. 12/31/86	<u><u>\$31,484.54</u></u>

The report of the Secretary of the Board of National Church Extension was called for, and read by Bishop Royal U. Grote. The report contained the recommendation that a Missionary Bishop be elected, and that Rev. Robert McIntyre be nominated for this office. Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch moved to receive the report and to consider the recommendation. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

At the organizational meeting of the B.N.C.E. on October 2, 1984, the following officers were elected:

President - The Rev. Robert N. McIntyre

Vice-President - Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr.

Secretary - The Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel

Treasurer - Mrs. Jean Leibrand*

The full Board meets annually on the first Tuesday of October. The Executive Committee comprised of the officers and the bishops in charge of Synods meets each quarter to conduct necessary business.

The action of the Forty-fourth General Council created the Special Jurisdiction of North America. The boundaries of the Special Jurisdiction are all states, territories and provinces of the United States and/or Canada not within the boundaries of established Synods. Following this historic action, Bishop Theophilus J. Herter appointed a

Standing Committee for the Special Jurisdiction. The members of the Standing Committee are as follows: Bishops Leonard W. Riches and Royal U. Grote, Jr.; The Rev. Robert N. McIntyre; Messrs. Edward Meharg, William B. Schimpf and E. Earl Shisler, Jr. A permanent Examining Team was also appointed by Bishop Herter--Bishops Leonard W. Riches, Royal U. Grote, Jr. and the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre. The efforts of the Board of National Church Extension in conjunction with the Standing Committee of the Special Jurisdiction are directed in the establishment of new churches throughout the Special Jurisdiction.

As of this date the following ministers and churches comprise the Special Jurisdiction:

Presbyters

The Rev. J. Alan Patterson - Tok, Alaska
The Rev. Dr. Lowell Saunders - Whittier, CA
The Rev. Dr. George Vogel - Corona-del-Mar, CA
The Rev. Earl Boldt - North Hollywood, CA
The Rev. Donald K. Dale - Phoenix, AZ

Deacons

The Rev. Steven Berry - Anaheim, CA
The Rev. Bertram Card - Rialto, CA
The Rev. Dr. Milton Hood - Camarillo, CA
The Rev. Thomas Bracewell - Dothan, Alabama

Mission Parishes

Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church - North Hollywood, CA
Community Reformed Episcopal Church - Hollywood Hills, CA
St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church - Cypress, CA
Christ Church Reformed Episcopal - Phoenix, AZ

In addition, two other parishes exist although they have not yet been received by Standing Committee action.

St. Timothy's Church in Tannacross, AK, is a missionary endeavor of the Rev. J. Alan Patterson to the Athabascan Indians.

Canterbury Reformed Episcopal Church is a new mission endeavor of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Bracewell in Dothan, Alabama.

The Total Membership for the S.J.N.A. is 128.

This has been a busy and eventful three years for the B.N.C.E. Highlights are listed in this report .

From September 19-28, 1984, a visit to the West Coast was made by Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr., and the Revs. Robert N. McIntyre and Richard Workowski. On that visit, 28 interviews and 18 examinations of ministers were conducted. Out of the 18 examinations, 5 Presbyters and 4 Deacons were presented to the Standing Committee for consideration as members of the clergy for the Special Jurisdiction.

Again in June and July of 1985, a visitation was made by our Board President, the Rev. Mr. McIntyre, for a period of three weeks. He not only met with our new ministers in California and Arizona but also made a number of consultations with other ministers and laymen in the West. While on that visit, he and Dr. Milton Hood contacted Forest Lawn Memorial Parks for permission to use their beautiful replica churches as meeting places for new Reformed Episcopal congregations. Permission was granted, and now two of our churches use two of the five locations of Forest Lawn Parks. Community Reformed Episcopal Church meets in the Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills location in the replica of Old North Church, Boston. St. Luke's Church, Cypress, meets in the Church of our Fathers.

We are thankful to the Lord that this generous provision has been made to us free of charge by Forest Lawn.

In February 1986, Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr., spent 11 days visiting each of our churches in the West and meeting with our clergy. In particular, St. Luke's Church, Cypress, was organized, and the first Communion Service was held on Feb. 16, 1986. One Confirmation was held in Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ, on Feb. 13, 1986.

The fourth visitation to the West was made by the Rev. Mr. McIntyre in June 1986. Over a six week period, the Rev. Mr. McIntyre visited the various parishes and attempted to provide much needed shepherding to our ministers and churches.

The last visitation of this triennium occurred in February, 1987. Together over an eleven-day period, Bishop Grote and the Rev. Mr. McIntyre visited Phoenix, AZ, and Cypress, CA, where three confirmations were made, Los Angeles, Palm Springs and Anaheim, CA, Tyler,

TX, Mobile, AL, Fairhope, AL, Dothan, AL, and Pensacola, FL. The latter part of this trip was spent visiting ministers and churches who had expressed interest in becoming part of the Reformed Episcopal Church. As this report is being prepared, we now have an official request from a pastor in Alabama to be received along with the two congregations he pastors. This is a matter for the Standing Committee to consider in the near future.

Throughout the triennium we have continued our advertising efforts in **Christianity Today** magazine. We have also continued the publishing of the **Reformed Episcopalian** as a means of reaching out to others concerning our ministry. Through these two channels, the bulk of inquiries have come in to our Board office. While the number of inquiries varies from month to month, the average number of inquiries these past years is around 50 per month. These inquiries are responded to by the Vice-President and followed up with further communication as needed. As interest increases on the part of the inquirer, more and more time is needed to respond to the inquirer's questions. It is often a lengthy process over a period of a year or more before a person is ready to make application to become a Reformed Episcopalian. When applications are received, they must be reviewed, Doctrinal Questionnaires sent out, returned and reviewed before any consideration can be given to examination and reception by the Standing Committee. The process is long, involved and time-consuming.

In October, 1984, the Board recognized the necessity for establishing the post of Field Superintendent. Actually, this was not a new idea but one that was part of the philosophy of the Board for many years prior. The incoming ministers and churches, like little children, need nurture and care. Reformed Episcopalians can only be made by being directed and shepherded by other Reformed Episcopalians. In 1984 it was determined to ask the women of our church to consider as one of their projects the support of a Field Superintendent over the Special Jurisdiction. This our women did in 1986, and over \$12,000.00 was contributed by our women for that specific purpose.

In October of 1985 the Board received notice of the resignation of Mrs. Jean Leibrand as Treasurer. Jean served on this Board faithfully and willingly for many years. We give praise to the Lord for her labors of love. Consequently and upon her recommendation, the Board elected* Mrs. Joan Workowski to fill her post. At the October 1, 1985 full Board

meeting, a motion was passed that a man be found to supervise the new works in the Special Jurisdiction at the earliest feasible date. Based on that motion and on the subsequent conversations and motions concerning financing of the project, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Bishops of the Synods, prepared the 1988-90 Budget to include the financing of a Field Superintendent effective June of 1987. This budget was passed by the Board at the October 7, 1986, meeting and is reflected in your Budget Report to the General Council. This Budget reflects no increase in assessment to the individual Synods. It does show an increased amount of support from the Sustentation Fund. The lack of increase in Synodical assessment was due to the Board's feeling that the position of Field Superintendent should be approached in the same way we support our foreign missionaries, by appeal to our churches. If the project is in accordance with Scriptural principles, then interested individuals and churches should support our Home Missionary. To date, this has been the case. There has been a tremendous showing of support for this ministry. Individuals and churches have demonstrated their support with their gifts, enough gifts to prompt the following action:

At the March 17, 1987 meeting of the Executive Committee and the Bishops in charge of Synods, it was voted to appoint the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre to fill the position of Field Superintendent beginning July, 1987, and to inform the full Board of the action of the Executive Committee.

The next few months will be quite busy for the Rev. Mr. McIntyre and the B.N.C.E. as he prepares for his new position as Field Superintendent. He must still locate housing in California, and he will be traveling extensively, following up on the many leads we have received in the B.N.C.E. office. The Rev. Mr. McIntyre should be available for deputation and reporting to our churches in the Fall of 1987.

After much discussion and in the interest of efficiency of action, it was further voted that the Executive Committee recommend the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre be nominated as the Missionary Bishop of the Special Jurisdiction of North America at the Forty-fifth General Council. It was desired that this decision be supported by the full Board before such a recommendation be presented to this Council. Thus, their votes were taken by mail ballot. The results of the balloting reported by the Secretary are 17 in favor, 3 opposed.

Therefore, in the light of the above actions and in accordance with Canon IX, Sec. 1(a) "any Presbyter of this Church in good standing may be elected a Missionary Bishop of this Church by the concurrent vote, by ballot, of both orders, clerical and lay, at any meeting of the General Council" the following recommendation is made:

RECOMMENDATION - That the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre be nominated for the position of Missionary Bishop of the Special Jurisdiction of North America and that the election for that position be held at an appropriate time during this Council.

Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr.
Vice-President

It was moved by Bishop Grote that the consideration of this recommendation be scheduled as a Special Order of Business for Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Cox noted that the lateness in the Council of this hour precluded attendance by many. The motion was then modified to provide for the hour of 10:00 a.m. being the time for the consideration of the recommendation. Rev. Martin S. Brutosky inquired concerning the possibility of voting by proxy on behalf of those who would be absent from the Council at that time. The Chair ruled that this practice would be out of order. The motion to schedule the consideration of the recommendation as a Special Order of Business was then passed, with the notation of several negative votes. The President noted that the hour for lunch was arriving. Dr. J. Ronald Mooock announced the schedule for installation services for Bishops Rembert and West in the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod, beginning Sunday, May 31, and continuing through the following week. The Council adjourned for lunch and for its afternoon activities at 11:58 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session consisted of a bus tour for Council deputies and friends to view some of the work of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod. The first stop was made at the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center, where lunch was served. Following an inspection of

the Conference grounds, the deputies were driven through Berkeley County, where Liberty and Emmanuel Churches were visited. The final stop was made at the Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary in Summerville, where all were impressed with the new and expanded facilities. Following this, the buses returned to the Council motel, where the evening meal was served.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session convened at St. John's Church at 8:15 p.m. It took the form of the Service for the Ordination of Presbyters, as Dr. Milton C. Hood of Hollywood Hills, California was ordained to the Presbyterate. Presiding Bishop William Jerdan presided at the service, and was assisted by Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England, and Bishop Leonard W. Riches. The Litany was read by Bishop James C. West, and the candidate was presented by Rev. Robert McIntyre. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Royal Grote, who took as his text Titus 2:1-12. The sermon was a challenge to the candidate to continue firmly in sound doctrine and to teach Biblical standards to others. The Epistle and Gospel were read by Bishop Milner, and the balance of the Communion Service by Bishop Riches. All participants in the service joined in the laying on of hands in the act of ordination. The Communion was administered to the members of Dr. Hood's family, members of the Board of National Church Extension, and those who were not present to receive Communion at the Council's opening service. The offering of the evening, amounting to \$313.25, was designated for the use of the Board of National Church Extension. Special music was provided by the choir of St. John's Church.

Following the service Bishop Jerdan introduced Rev. George J. Syms, Fraternal Delegate of the Reformed Church in the United States, who expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the Council, and the warm and fraternal greeting of his denomination to our Church. Bishop Jerdan pronounced a closing benediction at 10:08 p.m.

THIRD DAY

MORNING SESSION

The morning business session on Friday, May 29 convened at New Israel Church, beginning with a devotional service commencing at 9:25 a.m., conducted by Rev. H. Paul Matthews. The opening hymn was "Amazing Grace", and was followed by the Litany. The message was given by Rev. Willie Hill, who spoke on Matthew 5:13-16. The preacher's theme was the need for Christians to act as salt and light in the world. Pianist for the service was Rev. Boyd T. Sylvester.

The Council was then called to order at 10:10 a.m., with the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and prayer by Rev. John H. Morton.

The hour was that which was scheduled for the Special Order of Business; the consideration of the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary of the Board of National Church Extension. Bishop Royal Grote moved the adoption of the recommendation -- that a Missionary Bishop be elected, and that the name of Rev. Robert N. McIntyre be placed in nomination for this office. The motion was seconded, following which Bishop Grote spoke to the motion, citing the need for a bishop on the field to oversee the development of the new works in the Special Jurisdiction of North America. Several questions were raised by Mr. Keith L. Rich regarding the nominating process. The question was called for and the motion then passed. The Council prepared to vote by ballot. Bishop Jerdan appointed Revs. Neil Bech and Mark Rudolph as tellers for the Lay vote, and Messrs. William Wallace and Robert Alexander as tellers for the clergy vote. Mr. Frederick Williams asked whether the members of the Special Jurisdiction of North America had been consulted in this matter. The Chair replied that the General Council and the Board of National Church Extension were exercising their proper oversight. Bishop Sellers added a word of clarification, explaining that missionary bishops were traditionally familiar on their fields prior to their episcopal election. This was indeed the case with Mr. McIntyre. He will be Field Superintendent regardless of the outcome of this election. Bishop Cox pointed out that the Board's recommendation had come about as a result of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board, and had been confirmed simply by a mail poll of the entire Board. A further question was raised regarding the haste of the action contemplated, and exactly what the duties of the Field Superintendent would be. Mr. Charles Nagel felt the need for further

study and consideration. He moved to defer action until the next General Council, and that annual reports be submitted to the various parishes during the triennium concerning the work of the Special Jurisdiction of North America. There was a question raised as to whether this motion was in order. Mr. Nagel then withdrew his motion and offered a motion to table the question until the next General Council. Bishop Sellers was called to the Chair. Bishop Jerdan then addressed the Council, citing that many members were confused regarding this issue. He added words of clarification as to the work of the Field Superintendent and the status of a Missionary Bishop, expressing his feeling that the current amount of episcopal oversight was sufficient for current needs. The President resumed the Chair, and put the motion made by Mr. Nagel to table the episcopal election until the next Council. A call was made for a vote by orders on the part of ten members of the Council. A standing vote was then taken, in which the clerical vote was 34 yes and 18 no. The Chair judged that the motion to table was thereby carried, and that the tallying of the lay vote would be unnecessary. The matter was declared tabled.

The report of the Treasurer of the Seminary Trustees was then presented by Mr. Charles Nagel, on behalf of Mr. Albert L. Elko. It was moved by Mr. Alfred Lewis to receive the report. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*For the Three Years
January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1986*

SCHEDULE 1 - INVESTMENTS (COST)
DECEMBER 31, 1986

GENERAL FUND

CASH	
Provident checking	\$ 41,443.69
Provident -- Gold Edge	<u>10,848.35</u>
	\$ 52,292.04
SECURITIES	
Preferred and Common Stocks	
609 Shs. Northern States Power	8,757.00
50 Shs. Kansas Power and Light	390.63
530 Shs. Philadelphia Electric Company	8,836.99
624 Shs. Southern Edison Company - California	3,328.12

278 Shs. Union Electric Company	\$2,196.45
825 Shs. Wisconsin Electric Power	7,035.13
50 Shs. Philadelphia Electric Company - 8.75% - Pfd.	5,000.00
378 Shs. U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty - Comm.	2,805.00
60 Shs. Texaco - Comm.	626.25
200 Shs. Atlantic Richfield Co.	9,150.00
200 Shs. Phillips Petroleum	<u>8,125.00</u>

Total Preferred and Common Stock	\$56,250.57
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BUILDING AND CONTENTS -4225 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Cost to Date

Less: Mortgage due 1987 - 7%	\$48,000.00	1,093,943.97
Other loans:		
Alumni Association	8,000.00	
Christ Memorial Church	60,000.00	
Christ Memorial Church	10,000.00	
Hussar	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>132,000.00</u>

Net Building and Contents	<u>961,943.97</u>
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Total Cash and Investments - General Fund	1,070,486.58
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HARRIET S. BENSON FUND

SECURITIES

Bonds

\$5,000 Quebec Hydro Elec. - 6-1/2% - due 9/15/92	5,012.64
\$5,000 N. England Tel. & Tel. - 6-1/8% - due 10/1/2006	5,051.80
\$5,000 Rochester Gas & Elec. - 6-1/4% - due 9/15/97	5,072.57
\$5,000 Philadelphia Elec. Bonds - 6-1/8% - due 10/1/97	4,973.52

Preferred and Common Stocks

200 Shs. Columbus and Southern Ohio Elec. Company	3,373.35
440 Shs. Detroit Edison Company - Common	8,587.42
742 Shs. Gen. Public Utilities	13,381.06
647 Shs. Pennsylvania Power & Light	13,095.87
640 Shs. Provident National Corp. Com. Conv. - Pfd.	<u>9,991.00</u>

Total Investments - Harriet S. Benson Fund	68,539.23
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SPECIAL LECTURE FUND

380 Shs. Potomac Electric Co.

\$3,228.44

CHURCH OF SURE FOUNDATION - SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$10,000 Mont. Ward. - 4 7/8% - due 8-1-90	\$9,964.00	
\$10,000 Atlantic Richfield Co. - 5-5/8% - due 5-15-97	<u>10,034.38</u>	
Total Church of Sure Foundation - Scholarship Fund		19,998.38

CONSOLIDATED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

396 Shs. Baltimore Gas & Electric - Comm.	5,227.28	
\$5,000 Pa. Gas and Water Co. - 6-7/8% - due 10/15/92	5,015.76	
\$10,000 Miss. Power and Light - 4 5/8% - due 1995	<u>10,109.86</u>	
Total Consolidated Scholarship Fund		20,352.90

CHURCH EXTENSION TRUST FUNDS

\$10,000 American Tel. & Tel. - 6% - due 8-1-2000	10,085.13
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CONSOLIDATED LIBRARY FUND

73 Shs. Detroit Edison - Common	1,400.94
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CONSOLIDATED PRIZE FUND

200 Shs. Allegheny Power Systems	2,996.47
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MRS. THOMAS J. RICHARDS - MEMORIAL FUND

8 Shs. Baltimore Gas & Electric - 6-1/2% Pfd.	806.20
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CONSOLIDATED SALARY FUND

\$5,000 Fidelity Bank - 6-1/8% - due 9/1/92	<u>4,967.60</u>
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TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS—ALL FUNDS	\$1,202,861.87
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LOANS PAYABLE

Sustentation Fund - Repair loan	\$10,000.00	
Provident National Bank	<u>15,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
NET EQUITY		<u>\$1,177,861.87</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
INCOME			
General, room, appl. fees	\$104,850.90	\$ 97,233.00	\$109,683.10
Contributions and fund appeals	172,175.12	144,258.42	232,553.42
Student activities	2,512.41	8,999.44	6,862.62
Investment income	26,507.57	19,949.22	23,164.49
Legacies	18,170.85	29,653.63	-
Expense reimbursements	2,680.97	3,707.43	3,570.15
Miscellaneous income	<u>6,202.00</u>	<u>6,440.96</u>	<u>2,929.36</u>
Total Income	<u>333,099.82</u>	<u>280,588.47</u>	<u>408,416.77</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Professors' salaries	109,894.63	108,728.63	131,670.37
Administrative salaries	38,842.00	45,532.00	47,033.38
Janitorial salary	7,736.00	6,775.00	7,481.38
Utilities - heat, light, water	29,493.75	26,052.77	31,649.18
Office supplies and expense	5,349.05	5,120.37	5,866.86
Library books and expense	6,916.14	7,367.84	14,006.57
Repairs and maintenance	26,753.70	11,011.83	9,839.15
Scholarships - students	3,307.00	2,280.00	3,885.00
Travel - board meetings	990.40	888.00	2,310.62
Insurance - general	8,510.00	6,280.00	2,574.00
Hospitalization insurance	20,154.66	24,168.19	28,013.36
Postage	4,836.10	5,215.09	5,449.00
Book service	3,997.29	7,719.72	7,881.81
Advertising, public relations	10,704.68	14,264.62	15,490.06
Payroll taxes	3,138.65	2,108.47	5,375.41
Telephone	5,808.46	5,032.68	5,852.83
Printing - catalogs, resume	4,433.13	3,219.32	8,198.91
Student activities	3,900.30	11,990.77	3,285.18
Interest expense	5,067.50	5,763.75	4,302.50

Honorariums special courses	4,147.28	4,069.29	2,362.00
Annuity	-	1,200.00	600.00
Professional fees - audit	500.00	-	900.00
Pension payments	2,316.90	4,985.67	5,645.66
2nd century campaign	16,800.00	1,000.00	-
Library equipment and furniture	22,710.40	10,090.27	578.68
Office equipment	4,561.04	6,020.40	983.81
Building furnishings	11,072.22	11,560.99	2,251.89
Miscellaneous	3,060.12	2,510.94	2,686.06
Women's auxiliary	<u>-</u>	<u>3,514.86</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>365,001.40</u>	<u>344,471.47</u>	<u>356,173.67</u>
NET CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	<u><u>\$(31,901.58)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(63,883.00)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 52,243.10</u></u>

CASH SUMMARY

January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1986

Cash Balance -- January 1, 1984		\$ 3,677.18
Cash receipts		
Year 1984	\$333,099.82	
Year 1985	280,588.47	
Year 1986	<u>408,416.77</u>	
		1,022,105.06
Cash expenditures		
Year 1984	365,001.40	
Year 1985	344,471.47	
Year 1986	<u>356,173.67</u>	
	<u>1,065,646.54</u>	
Net Operating Loss		<u>(43,541.48)</u>
		(39,864.30)
Add: Proceeds from Sale of Securities (Bonds)		<u>133,000.00</u>
		93,135.70
Less: Loans Repaid and Advances		
Sustentation Fund	3,000.00	
Copier Loan	700.00	
Alumni Association	1,000.00	

Mortgage - Building	20,000.00	
Advances to Centennial Committee	<u>16,143.66</u>	
		<u>40,843.66</u>

Cash Balance -- December 31, 1986	<u>\$ 52,292.04</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT L. ELKO, CPA
Treasurer

Mrs. Joan Workowski presented the report of the Treasurer of the Board of National Church Extension. It was voted to receive the report subject to audit.

BOARD OF NATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1986

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>Total</u>
N.Y./Phila. Syn. Budget Payment	\$ 5,848.00	\$ 8,392.00	\$ 8,785.00	\$ 23,025.00
Chicago Synod Budget Payment	-	1,837.00	1,670.00	3,507.00
C.A.C. Synod Budget Payment	667.00	767.00	1,267.00	2,701.00
Special Jurisdiction of No. America	-	-	1,585.59	1,585.59
Chi. Syn.-Rev. Backstrom Aid	3,666.74	-	-	3,666.74
Interest Income	3,187.12	1,501.96	1,539.20	6,228.28
Contributions - General Fund	240.00	79.00	-	319.00
Reformed Episcopalian	1,316.50	785.00	-	2,101.50
Field Superintendent	150.00	3,935.93	13,362.55	17,448.48
Women's Day Project	-	-	12,221.00	12,221.00
Reapers Thank Offering	-	-	700.00	700.00
N.Y./Phila. Synod - Phone Calls	217.60	-	-	217.60
Radio Advertising - Phila. Churches	-	700.00	-	700.00
Greeting Card Sales	-	-	158.55	158.55
Mark Rudolph's Ordination Offering	-	-	161.63	161.63
Misc. Income	<u>58.00</u>	-	-	<u>58.00</u>
	15,350.96	17,997.89	41,450.52	74,799.37

Expenses

N.Y./Phila. Synod - Rochester Aid	\$ 3,000.00	-	-	\$ 3,000.00
Chi. Synod-Rev. Backstrom Aid	8,000.04	-	-	8,000.04
C.A.C. Synod- Florida Aid	1,820.00	-	-	1,820.00
BNCE Office Expense	5,798.19	\$ 6,662.16	\$ 5,729.25	18,189.60
Chicago Synod - Travel Expense	518.26	205.00	148.75	872.01
C.A.C. Synod - Travel Expense	595.32	75.00	215.54	885.86
Travel Expense to California	4,246.06	3,621.70	5,679.75	13,547.51
Rev. Bracewell - Travel Expense	-	-	105.35	105.35
Martin Printing	1,695.85	2,541.44	3,799.70	8,036.99
Jordan Assoc.	128.69	175.00	660.00	963.69
REF - Typesetting	2,993.71	1,400.00	1,439.00	5,832.71
The Business Center	748.50	-	897.00	1,645.50
Postage	-	-	388.92	388.92
Walter Bennett - Advertising	1,476.71	975.00	1,164.75	3,616.46
AT&T Communications	-	2,454.41	3,208.26	5,662.67
N.J. Bell	6,080.80	844.85	53.88	6,979.53
R.E. Seminary - Direct Mail				
Response	530.16	-	-	530.16
R.E. Publication Society	215.00	28.32	19.00	262.32
Excel Inc. - Computer Processor	530.00	-	-	530.00
Xerox Corp.	517.16	-	11.95	529.11
Lexisoft Inc. - Computer Supplies	30.00	-	-	30.00
Quill Corp. - Office Supplies	348.95	-	246.52	595.47
Sherman Marketing -				
Response Cards	373.75	-	-	373.75
American Church Lists	110.00	-	-	110.00
New Focus Information Systems	50.00	-	-	50.00
Communication Resources -				
Subscription	21.95	-	-	21.95
Minuteman Press - Printing General	-			
Council Reports	24.20	-	-	24.20
Bank Service Charge	77.79	69.70	77.43	224.92
Forge Recording Studio	-	252.64	-	252.64
Emmanuel Church - Pulpit Supply	-	140.00	-	140.00
C.A.C. Synod - Baptismal Certificates	-	23.00	-	23.00
New Hope Photo—Film	-	-	36.28	36.28
McDonald Graphic Arts	-	80.00	252.00	332.00
Fortress Church Supply -				
Communion Set	-	-	97.53	97.53
Bishop Riches - Ordination Cert.	-	-	28.00	28.00
	<u>\$ 39,931.09</u>	<u>\$ 19,548.22</u>	<u>\$ 24,258.86</u>	<u>\$ 83,738.17</u>

Balance 12-31-83	\$ 47,760.84
Income This Triennium	74,799.37
Expenses This Triennium	<u>83,738.17</u>
Balance 12-31-86	38,822.04
Depositories 12-31-86	
P.N.B. Checking Account	5,775.40
P.N.B. Money Market Acct.	7,864.64
P.N.B. Saving Certificates	10,000.00
The Vanguard Group	<u>15,182.00</u>
	38,822.04

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Workowski
Treasurer

The report of the Publication Society was read by Dr. Allen Guelzo. Mr. Edwin McCausland moved to receive the report with gratitude. The motion carried with the applause of the Council. Bishop Jerdan then requested Dr. Guelzo to say a few words regarding the new issue and formatting of the Episcopal Recorder.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL PUBLICATION SOCIETY

To the 45th General Council of the
Reformed Episcopal Church

To the assembled Members of the Council, Greetings:

1. In my report to the 44th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church in May of 1984, it was my unpleasant task to lay before the Council the grave predicament in which the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society found itself. After more than a century of existence, the Society was virtually bankrupt. Thousands of dollars in outstanding loans were owed to other denominational agencies, and interest payments on the loans were hopelessly in arrears. The Society had failed to live up to its primary canonical responsibility, to publish "books, pamphlets, and other printed matter" in the inter-

est of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and had published little or nothing over the preceding decades that put the case of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the world. It was leaderless and demoralized, having lost one president over the previous triennium to sudden death, and then having sustained the resignation of another. Its cumbersome and unresponsive procedures made it the object of complaint from one end of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the other. After reviewing all this, I then took my life in my hands and suggested that the Society was worth keeping and reviving. I would not have blamed you if you had thought that I was suggesting the impossible - I was afraid I was, too.

2. Today, before this 45th General Council, a much more pleasant task falls my way. Over the past triennium, an almost entirely new membership has replaced much of the old on the Board, along with a new set of officers, and it is my pleasure as President since 1984 to report to you the revival of the work of the Publication Society to the point where it is once again a thriving and productive enterprise. This revival has manifested itself in three major areas:

- a. Sales:

Over the past three years, the Publication Society has greatly expanded the sales of its printed materials. Less major gifts and liquidations (which will be described further on), the Society's gross sales receipts have run as follows:

1/1/84 to 4/30/85 -- \$14,998.65

4/30/85 to 4/30/86 -- \$11,516.85

4/30/86 to 4/30/87 -- \$14,066.20

From this activity, in each year, the Society has realized a net profit over its expenses as follows:

1/1/84 to 4/30/85 -- \$3,439.43

4/30/85 to 4/30/86 -- \$3,482.76

4/30/86 to 4/30/87 -- \$2,478.26

In short, the Society is now a profitable enterprise again. And I should add that these figures represent sales of Reformed Episcopal materials only. In the past, the Society has reported sales figures greatly in excess of these, but it should be borne in mind that those figures were largely composed of non-Reformed Episcopal items, marketed through the Seminary Book Store. In most cases, the Book Store operation ran at a net loss, and sold comparatively little in the way of Reformed Episcopal materials.

Now, we have concentrated on the selling of Reformed Episcopal publications only, and we are selling them much more briskly than at any time in the past.

Three other important sources of overall income over this past triennium must also be acknowledged:

- a. In addition to our sales income, we have benefited materially from a major gift from the Committee on Women's Work in 1985. This gift presently provides a capital funding base for the printing expenses of new Reformed Episcopal materials.
- b. We have also moved, as I indicated in my 1984 report, to terminate the Seminary Book Store operation as of May 31, 1984 and to sell the inventory on hand of non-Reformed Episcopal materials to the Westminster Theological Seminary Bookstore in 1985 for \$4,300.00.
- c. We have received generous assistance from the Budget Committee of the General Council in the form of an allocation of \$1,500.00 per annum, which has been used to subsidize the prices of certain Reformed Episcopal publications which would otherwise be too expensive to print on our present budget.

This overall income situation has allowed us to liquidate most of our outstanding loans, leaving us carrying only one non-interest-bearing loan from the Sustentation Fund, so that we have not only moved from a bankrupt enterprise to a profitable enterprise, but have also moved from paying interest to getting interest.

I should add, though, that we have not seen the end of this work; only the light at the end of the tunnel. The Society still has indebtedness to liquidate and it still has before it the as-yet-unfulfilled mandate to produce still more Reformed Episcopal materials, especially for use by individual parishes in evangelism and educational work. To that end, it is my hope that the Budget Committee of the General Council will continue to make provision in the next triennium for a minimum annual funding for the Society. It was a source of considerable disappointment that our request at the 44th General Council for Budget Committee funding in the last triennium was ruled out of order by the Chair, a disappointment tempered by the subsequent decision of the

Budget Committee to proceed with the funding anyway. I urge the Budget Committee to give this matter its most serious consideration, if in fact it has not already done so.

b. Publications:

Most of our new sales income has been generated by an aggressive program of publication, which has involved the production of eleven new Reformed Episcopal Publication Society imprints over the last triennium. They are as follows (and in accordance with Title IV, Canon III, Section 4 of the Constitution and Canons I also now submit samples of these to the Secretary of the General Council):

- 1) Three titles in our new series of booklets on the doctrine, worship, and spirit of the Reformed Episcopal Church,
 - a) *The Middle Way: Reflections on Scripture and Tradition* by the Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss,
 - b) *Who Should Be Baptized: A Case for the Baptism of Infants* by the Rev. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo,
 - c) *What Does Baptism Mean? A Brief Lesson In the Spiritual Use of Our Baptisms* by the Rev. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo;
- 2) *The Reformed Episcopal Kids' Coloring Book* by Edwin David Bustard;
- 3) four special service offprints from *The Book of Common Prayer*,
 - a) The Solemnization of Matrimony,
 - b) The Litany,
 - c) Ordaining Presbyters, and
 - d) Burial of the Dead;
- 4) The Reformed Episcopal Church Directory;
- 5) *The First Thirty Years: A Historical Handbook for the Founding of the Reformed Episcopal Church, 1873-1903*, edited by the Rev. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo; and
- 6) The 1984 edition of the Constitution and Canons of the General Council.

In accordance with Title IV, Canon III, Section 3 of the Constitution and Canons, each of our publications which involves a statement of doctrine of the Reformed Episcopal Church has been submitted to, and passed by, the Committee on Doctrine and Worship. I should add that these publications have been very

well received outside the bounds of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and several of our booklets are being marketed across the country by other distributors. But we are particularly pleased to hear the good reviews we are receiving from the many Reformed Episcopal parishes which are using our booklets and publications in their Sunday Schools and Bible classes.

For the immediate future, we presently have before us a major reprinting of *The Book of Common Prayer*, which we expect to have in hand presently. This reprinting will represent a considerable improvement in the printed quality of *The Book of Common Prayer*, without compelling the necessity of a price increase. I am happy to say, too, that our sales income is allowing us to pay for this out of our own revenues, without (as in past years) the need to borrow from other denominational agencies. We also are preparing a new booklet in our series of "Reformed Episcopal Pamphlets," *The Church Year* by the Rev. William Holiman. Additionally, our sales of the Constitution and Canons have proven so much beyond what was originally expected that we also expect to reprint this item as well in the very near future. We have also engaged in a co-operative arrangement with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church to market the Seminary's Centennial volume, *Ambitious To Be Well-Pleasing*. Lastly, we have been introduced through the good offices of Bishop Arthur Ward to Focus Christian Ministries Trust, which has inaugurated the reprinting of a series of "Classics in Anglican Theology." We are now negotiating with the Focus Trust with a view toward becoming the sole USA distributor of these very valuable reprints of the classics of our Anglican Reformation heritage.

- c. Marketing: There would be little purpose in printing new materials if we had no means to sell them nor any buyers to sell them to. To that end, with the closing of the Book Store, we have turned to direct-mail retailing as our chief market device, and as our sales figures indicate, it has proven quite successful. We have built a computerized mailing list of nearly five thousand names, and have produced mailing brochures at approximately six-month intervals. We have also sold aggressively at synodical councils, and plan to extend these sales in the next triennium. Our most productive marketing thus far, however, has been done

through the advertisements placed in *The Reformed Episcopalian*, where our new publications work together with the Board of National Church Extension to put forward the claims of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

3. I would be seriously remiss if I implied that these dramatic improvements had taken place simply by themselves. Each of these improvements is the direct product of the energy and initiative of what I, without reservation, consider to be the most talented and hard-working committee in the Reformed Episcopal Church. I want to pay especial attention to the contributions of the following individuals:
 - our Treasurer over this last triennium, Mr. E. David Bustard, for his financial skills and for the generous use of his office space and staff time;
 - the Rev. Mr. Richard K. Barnard, who served first as a consultant and then moved up to Board membership to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Douglas W. Hansen, and who has superintended the entire process of reprinting the Book of Common Prayer;
 - the Rev. Alan Bauer, the Secretary of the Board, now stepping down from the Board after having assisted in a major overhaul of the Society's pricing policies; and
 - the Rev. Dr. Milton C. Fisher for his editorial advice, and the Rev. Messrs. J. Ronald Moock and Steven Berry for ably and faithfully bringing to us in Philadelphia the voice of the 'expert from afar.'

The law of accomplishment, however, is that for every task well-done, two more spring up from it, and that has certainly been the case with us. We are now bursting with project ideas, and have run out of hands in sufficient numbers to do them all. To that end, I have asked the Committee on Constitution and Canons to propose for a first and final reading a canonical amendment that will increase the membership of the Board from its present six to not less than nine nor more than fifteen.

Numbers and personalities aside, however, standing behind each of us has been the generosity of the Committee on Women's Work and their substantial capitalization gift, which has already brought forth

fruit in its season; and the encouragement and patronage of Reformed Episcopalians across the country.

4. In that light, the members of this Board have been inclined to see their work, not just as one more committee job in the Church, but as a trust put by you into our hands. For the Publication Society really belongs to you, not to us. More than any other church agency, the Publication Society is the voice of the Reformed Episcopal Church, proclaiming its message, defending its distinctives, explaining its history, and as such it is your voice, not ours. Consequently, membership on this Board is really a promise, which all of us make to you, that this voice shall be heard. Three years ago, the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society had, for all intents and purposes, ceased to exist. The promise, so to speak, had been broken. Now, after three years of hard work and diligent management, blessed by our covenant-keeping Lord, the promise has been made good again, and we take particular delight today in giving back, to all of you, your Reformed Episcopal Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Rev. Dr.) Allen C. Guelzo, *President*
 The Reformed Episcopal Publication Society

REFORMED EPISCOPAL PUBLICATION SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL
Period January 1, 1984 thru April 30, 1987

	4/30/85	4/30/86	4/30/87
Assets			
Cash	\$ 3,820.28	\$ 988.61	\$ 6,847.76
Savings	130.40	137.84	142.88
Money Market	.00	8,801.09	9,301.47
Accounts Receivable	3,557.33	4,440.89	3,261.42
Inventory	20,269.79	24,583.06	21,869.72
Festschrift	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>24,255.00</u>
Total	26,777.80	38,951.49	65,678.25

Liabilities

Advanced payments	53.45cr	21.45cr	39.36
Pa. sales tax	12.50	12.50	44.60
Festschrift	.00	.00	24,255.00cr
Accounts Payable	657.63cr	.00	.00
Hymnal & Prayer Book loan 6%	\$ 2,520.00cr	\$.00	\$.00
Prayer Book 0%	12,000.00cr	12,000.00cr	12,000.00cr
Retained earnings	<u>11,559.22cr</u>	<u>26,942.54cr</u>	<u>29,507.21cr</u>
Total	26,777.80cr	38,951.49cr	65,678.25cr

Receipts

Publication sales	19,541.51cr	9,638.87cr	11,181.72cr
Sales postage & handling	423.56cr	415.45cr	646.92cr
Gifts	300.00cr	11,900.56cr	620.00cr
Denominational support	.00	1,500.00cr	1,500.00cr
Interest	.00	608.53cr	508.04cr
Sales allowances & discounts	<u>966.42</u>	<u>646.00</u>	<u>390.48</u>
Total	19,298.65cr	23,417.41cr	14,066.20cr

Disbursements

Material expense	516.46	4,240.43	5,200.72
Printing expense	3,182.39	125.00	30.25
Advertising	943.18	528.00	1,085.00
Salaries	485.00	.00	.00
Telephone	135.99	131.17	151.53
Stationery	226.00	.00	.00
Postage	812.17	567.38	2,034.48
Acct'g & legal	35.00	605.00	.00
Office expense	203.24	126.00	777.27
Interest	1,200.00	604.44	.00
Entertainment	.00	1,106.67	1,037.30
Festschrift	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>1,271.39</u>
Total	<u>7,739.43</u>	<u>8,034.09</u>	<u>11,587.94</u>

Net Income	<u>\$ 11,559.22cr</u>	<u>\$ 15,383.32cr</u>	<u>\$ 2,478.26cr</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,
E. David Bustard

Rev. George B. Fincke moved that the action taken to table the election of a missionary bishop be reconsidered. His motion was ruled out of order because of his not having previously been on the prevailing side in the consideration of that question. The motion to reconsider was then offered by Rev. Jeffrey Welch. Debate on this motion was ruled out of order by the Chair. A question was raised by Rev. Nathan A. Mack as to whether the vote to table should have been completed by both orders. The Chair ruled the motion to lay on the table illegal, therefore the motion to reconsider it is out of order. The Chair's ruling was that the proper procedure before the Council would be to act on the recommendation of the Board of National Church Extension, which had been adopted by the Council, and proceed to the balloting in the election for missionary bishop. Rev. Nathan Mack called for prayer, which was offered by Rev. Mark Rudolph and Bishop Cyril Milner. The Chair appointed Mr. Paul Morton as an additional teller for the clerical vote. The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, Bishop Sellers, read the appropriate section of the Canons regarding the election of a bishop. The Secretary then prepared to call the roll. A request was made concerning absentee balloting on behalf of those who had already left the Council. The Chair ruled that there was no canonical provision for so doing. It was asked by Rev. William J. Holiman whether Roberts Rules of Order were the standard used in the transaction of Council business. The Chair replied that they prevail. The Secretary proceeded to the calling of the roll, the members of the Council depositing their ballots in the appropriate clerical or lay plates. After a few moments were taken for the counting of the ballots, the tellers announced the results. There were 51 clerical votes cast; 22 in favor of the election of Mr. McIntyre, 29 against. Of 81 lay votes cast, 41 were in favor of the election of Mr. McIntyre, and 40 were against. Two abstentions were also recorded. The President announced that due to the failure of both orders to vote in favor, the candidate had failed to sustain the election.

Rev. Joseph H. Watson moved that the President and Secretary take steps to provide for the inclusion of the sermon of Bishop Sellers given at the Opening Service in the Council Journal, or, if space limits, a digest of the sermon. It was moved as an amendment by Rev. Richard W. Workowski that the sermon preached by Bishop Grote at the Thursday evening session also be included, as a record of the first ordination held under the auspices of the Special Jurisdiction of North America. The amended motion carried with one negative vote.

The report of the Board of Pensions and Relief was called for, and read by Dr. Ronald Mooock.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church,

Dear Brethren:

In May 1984, after being elected by the 44th General Council, members of the Board met for a brief organizational meeting prior to the adjournment of that Council and elected the following officers:

Chairman - The Rev. Dr. J. Ronald Moock
Secretary - Mr. Richard Stevens
Treasurer - Mrs. Joan Jennings

During the triennium, the Board met four times in the Philadelphia area, once in Ocean City, New Jersey, and seven times in telephone conference call meetings. In addition, members of the Board have corresponded and held telephone conversations among themselves and with others who have advised the Board in various matters. We are especially grateful to Mr. William Varner for his continuing help with matters concerning our denominational pension plan.

Pursuant to directives of the 44th General Council, the Sustentation Fund has transferred the principal and accumulated income of the "Widows and Orphans Fund" and the "Ministerial Relief Fund" to our Board. This transfer was completed by March 1985. Investment of these Funds will be shown in the report of our Treasurer.

To help exercise wise stewardship and administration of the Funds entrusted to our care, the Board authorized its Chairman to prepare a statement concerning its Funds. The Statement is attached to the Report, with the RECOMMENDATION (#1): That this Council approve the "Statement Concerning Funds Held by The Board of Pensions and Relief of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Inc."

Six years ago, the 43rd General Council adopted the new denominational pension plan with a defined contribution of 2.5% of each participant's annual compensation, but the hope was expressed that this contribution be stepped up to the original 5% goal in future years. Three years ago, the 44th General Council voted to increase the contribution to 4%.

Today, our Board makes the following RECOMMENDATION (#2): That this Council increase the minimum contribution into the denominational pension plan to 5% of the annual compensation of each participant, beginning January 1, 1988, for compensation received during 1987 and thereafter.

The matter of qualifying our pension plan with the Internal Revenue Service is still being pursued, but certain problems raised by Manulife concerning our modification of their "proto-type" plan need to be resolved first.

By action of the last General Council, the minimum pension payment to retired clergy, missionaries and their widows was set at \$75.00 per month. Because of the generous giving of individuals and parishes through our annual Father's Day Appeal, the Board has twice raised the pension payment amount during the triennium and it now stands at \$85.00 per month. Realizing that this is a small amount when considering the faithful service given to the Lord and our Church, and confident of the continued generosity of our members and parishes, we therefore make this RECOMMENDATION (#3): That the minimum pension payment to retired clergy, missionaries and their widows be set at \$95.00 per month for the next triennium beginning January 1, 1988.

As mentioned above, the success of our Father's Day Appeal has been beyond our greatest expectations. We want to express our sincere appreciation for this attitude of Christian love and concern which your generous contributions have demonstrated to those who have served our Church in past years. We ask that this Council continue the permission of the last Council by adopting the RECOMMENDATION (#4): That the Board of Pensions and Relief be authorized to annually designate "Father's Day" as a special day to remember retired clergy and missionaries and their widows, and on that day make a special appeal in our parishes for funds for the work of the Board.

My personal thanks and the gratitude of the entire Board are extended to Mrs. Joan Jennings, Board Treasurer, for her many hours of service, especially since the transfer of funds to our control has made additional work for her.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ronald Moock, *Chairman*

STATEMENT CONCERNING FUNDS HELD BY THE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.

THE ALICE M. RICH FUND

This Fund was received from the Sustentation Fund during 1982. It was established in 1968 from a cash bequest in the amount of \$5,420.16 from the estate of Alice M. Rich, deceased. Her Will contains no restrictions on the use of these funds; however, in May 1981, the 43rd General Council instructed the Board "never to draw on the principal" of this Fund (Journal, p. 110). The income from this fund may be used for any purpose deemed necessary by the Board.

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND

This Fund was received from the Sustentation Fund during 1984, with a capital value of \$37,302.76. This amount was accumulated over several years from donations and offerings designated to be used for the benefit of widows and orphans of clergy of the Church. In May 1981, the 43rd General Council instructed the Board "never to draw on the principal" of this Fund (Journal, p. 110). The income of this Fund shall be used to the benefit of widows and orphans of clergy of the Church, as need is determined by the Board.

THE MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

This Fund was received from the Sustentation Fund during 1984, with a capital value of \$13,329.69. This amount was accumulated over several years from payments received from the Presbyterian Ministers Fund because of the cash surrender of several former pension plan Retirement Income Endowment policies by clergy who left the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church. There are no legal restrictions on the use of these funds; however, at some time in the past they were designated for the benefit of clergy of the Church. In May 1981, the 43rd General Council instructed the Board "never to draw upon the principal" of this Fund (Journal, p. 110). The income of this Fund shall be used to the benefit of clergy of the Church, as need is determined by the Board.

THE EPISCOPAL RELIEF FUND

This Fund was placed in the custody of our Board by the General Council Committee on Women's Work and represents the amount

raised by the May 1984 Women's Day Project for emergency relief purposes. At the October 5, 1984, meeting of the Board the following resolution was adopted: "That the Board establish a new Fund to be called 'The Episcopal Relief Fund' with a beginning contribution of \$16,972.53, which represents the 1984 Women's Day Project Offering, to be dispensed by the Treasurer upon the written direction and authorization of the Presiding Bishop, according to guidelines specified by the General Committee." Both the principal and income of the Fund may be used for emergency relief purposes.

Mr. William Schimpf moved to receive the report with thanks, and that the recommendations be referred to the General Committee for action. Question was raised concerning the audit of the Board's funds. Dr. Moock moved to amend the motion to receive the report, to provide for the consideration of the recommendations by the full Council ad seriatim. The Chair ruled the motion to amend out of order. The original motion to receive the report and to refer the recommendations to the General Committee was before the House. Dr. Moock spoke against the comprehensiveness of the motion. After calling for the vote, the Chair declared the motion lost. Dr. Moock then moved that the report be received and the recommendations considered ad seriatim. The motion carried with a few negative votes. The first recommendation was the approval of a statement regarding the Board's funds. Dr. Moock moved its adoption. The motion carried with several negative votes. The second recommendation was to increase the pension payment to 5% of salary. Dr. Moock moved its adoption. The motion carried. The third recommendation was to increase pension payments to retired clergy to \$95.00 per month. Dr. Moock moved the adoption of this recommendation. The motion carried with one negative vote. The fourth recommendation, to annually designate Fathers' Day as a day of collections in the churches on behalf of the Board, was moved for adoption by Dr. Moock. The motion carried with a few negative votes. Dr. Moock then moved the adoption of the entire report. Motion carried.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief was read by Mrs. Joan Jennings. It was moved by Rev. Willie Hill that the report be received subject to audit. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF
For The Three Years 1/1/84 - 12/31/86

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	1984	1985	1986
Rich Fund			
Beginning cash	11565.31	0.	0.
Income	762.18	390.46	462.48
Allocated to General Fund	4934.18	390.40	462.48
Permanent investments	6631.13	0.	0.
Ending balance			
Ministerial Relief Fund			
Beginning balance	0.	0.	0.
Income	804.18	2263.61	1420.59
Received from Sustentation Fund		4187.09	
Allocated to General Fund	804.18	6450.70	1420.59
Ending balance			
Widows and Orphans Fund			
Beginning balance	0.	0.	0.
Income	0.	2160.52	3665.77
Received from Sustentation Fund	0.	3461.41	0.
Allocated to General Fund	0.	5621.93	3665.77
General Fund			
Beginning balance	1701.05	1283.84	11040.54
Budget receipts - New York/Phila	1690.00	2167.00	2401.00
Chicago	0.	450.00	413.00
CAC	2500.00	2700.00	2700.00
Father's Day offering	2896.72	3028.87	4941.55
Pensions paid	9645.00	9955.00	10319.52
Expenses	3597.29	1097.26	639.58
Ending balance	1283.84	11040.54	16085.83

INVESTMENTS

Market value as of 12/31/86

Rich Fund

274 units Dean Witter Government Sec. Fund	2830.42	
2200 Callon Income Fund	2200.00	
2674.60 Dean Witter Liquid Assets Fund	<u>2674.60</u>	
		7705.02

Ministerial Relief Fund

648 units Dean Witter Option Income Fund	6214.32	
971.6 units Dean Witter Government Sec. Fund	10036.63	
7800 units Callon Income Fund	7800.00	
1099.24 units Dean Witter Liquid Assets Fund	<u>1099.24</u>	
		25150.19

Widows and Orphans Fund

80 shares Allis Chalmers Mfg. common stock	280.00	
400 shares Duquesne Light Co. common stock	5550.00	
410 shares Philadelphia Elec. Co. common stock	9276.25	
50 shares Illinois Power 4.7% preferred stock	7912.50	
10000 Illinois Bell Tel. bond 4-3/8% 3/1/94	9276.25	
5000 Phila. Suburban Water bond 4-1/2% 1/1/87	5000.00	
5000 Virginia Electric & Power 6-7/8% 12/1/97	<u>4350.00</u>	
		40556.25

General Fund

Checking account - NCNB Bank, Orlando, FL	3180.54	
12905.24 units Dean Witter Liquid Assets Fund	<u>12905.29</u>	
		16085.83

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
Episcopal Relief Fund			
Income	997.14	2001.98	1167.22
From Committee on Women's Work	16972.53		
Permanent investments	17969.67	2001.98	1167.22
Ending balance	0.	0.	0.

Investments as of 12/31/86

1111.4 units Dean Witter Government Sec. Fund	11480.76	
100 shares Consolidated Capital Common Stock	1237.50	
Money Market Account - Meritor Savings	<u>6590.58</u>	
		19308.84

Mr. William Schimpf read the report of the Budget Committee. Mr. Schimpf moved that the report be received and the proposed budget adopted. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

1988-1990 Budget

Reformed Episcopal General Council

INCOME

	General Fund	Enter- tainment	Pension/ Relief(2)	BNCE	Seminary	Foreign Missions	Total
Sustentation Fund	\$27,600.00			\$12,000.00	\$15,900.00	\$33,005.00	\$88,505.00
NY&P Budget		7,950.00	6,471.00	27,000.00	29,400.00	29,800.00	100,621.00
NY&P Pledge						239,766.00	239,766.00
Chicago		1,050.00	819.00	6,000.00	3,360.00	1,800.00	13,029.00
S.J.N.A.				6,300.00			6,300.00
CA&C		6,000.00	5,586.00	12,800.00	1,680.00	7,600.00	33,666.00
Reach and Gen. Contributions				96,373.00	300,000.00	31,129.00	427,502.00
Investment income			31,000.00	1,255.00	68,700.00	84,000.00	184,955.00
Student fees					303,000.00		303,000.00
H. Benson Fund						43,500.00	43,500.00
Use of funds on-hand				24,572.00		21,400.00	45,972.00
Misc.					130,000.00		130,000.00
Total Income	27,600.00	15,000.00	43,876.00	186,300.00	852,040.00	492,000.00	\$1,616,816.00

EXPENSES

Widows and Orphans			27,476.00				27,476.00
Salaries	4,500.00			7,200.00	806,754.00	384,000.00	1,202,454.00
Field Supt.				129,000.00			129,000.00
Printing Journal	6,000.00						6,000.00
Operating			4,000.00	22,200.00	482,577.00	46,200.00	554,977.00
Natl. Church Ext.							0.00
Episc. Recorder	300.00						300.00
India medical						51,000.00	51,000.00
Transp. & admin.	6,000.00			6,900.00		10,000.00	23,700.00
Clergy			9,400.00				9,400.00
Pension admin.			3,000.00				3,000.00
Advertising				9,000.00			9,000.00
Ref. Episcopalian				12,000.00			12,000.00
Publication Soc.	1,500.00						1,500.00
Comm. on Women	300.00						300.00
Entert. (prior) (1)	9,000.00						9,000.00
Entertainment		15,000.00					15,000.00
Total Expenses	27,600.00	15,000.00	43,876.00	186,300.00	1,289,331.00	492,000.00	\$2,054,107.00
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(437,291.00)	0.00	(437,291.00)
					(3)		(3)

- (1) This item is to cover expenses for the 1987 council caused by shortfalls from Synodical assessments.
- (2) Assets of the Widows and Orphans Fund and the Ministers Relief Fund have been transferred to the Board of Pensions and Relief.
- (3) This budget shows a deficit for the operation of the Seminary. The Synodical assessments have been raised to cover some of the shortfall; however, the Board of the Seminary must provide for a means to meet this need.

The President availed himself of the privilege of changing the Order of Business in order to read the report of the Committee on Nominations, of which he was Chairman. Bishop Sellers took the Chair as Bishop Jerdan read the report. Bishop Jerdan then moved that the report be received, that nominations be closed, and that the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of the nominees. The motion to receive the report and to cast the unanimous ballot was carried. Bishop Jerdan then resumed the Chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Nominations met on April 30, 1987 in Calvary Church, Philadelphia. We are pleased to submit the following slate of nominees:

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE: (Nine-year terms) Russell Brown, Rev. Robert Cameron, Keith L. Rich, Rev. Walter Truesdell. (for 3 years remaining in term of Dr. Rudolph) Rev. Robert Booth.

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND: Charles F. K. Nagel, William B. Schimpf, Norman McCausland, Rev. William Holiman, E. Earl Shisler, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DOCTRINE and WORSHIP:

Presbyters: Bishop Royal U. Grote, Rev. Wayne Arndt, Rev. Richard Workowski

Laypersons: Keith Rich, Donald R. Shipley, Lucille A. Williams

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS:

Presbyters: Bishop Franklin H. Sellers, Bishop Leonard W. Riches, Rev. Roger Spence

Laypersons: Robert J. Alexander, Russell Brown, Richard Stevens

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR THE SEMINARY:

Class of 1986 - Charles F. K. Nagel, William Deven, Rev. Robert Cameron, Bishop Leonard Riches

Class of 1993 - James Stratton

Class of 1990 - Paul Tutton

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY: Rev. Allen Guelzo, Rev. Richard Barnard, Rev. William Holiman, Tom Jennings, Rev. Milton C. Fisher, Rev. J. R. Moock

FOR THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF: Bishop Royal U. Grote, Joan Jennings, Rev. J. R. Moock, Jean Mulvaney, Theodore Palmer, Keith Rich, Richard Stevens

FOR THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. Robert H. Booth, Jean Booth, Mary I. Bundt, Rev. Milton C. Fisher, Rev. Samuel Forster, Bishop T. J. Herter, Rev. Fred Garnett, Norman M. McCausland, Barbara Riches, Elizabeth Mikell, Nancy Fleischer, Evelyn Parson, Paul Pathickal, Barbara West, Edward Wright, Mary Wright, Donald Tutton, Lyla Wildermuth, John Perkins, Jr., Rev. Daniel Olsen, Rev. Rodney Longmire, Edith Liferidge, Bishop James C. West, Rev. Jeffrey Welch, Rev. Thomas Miller.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION: Rev. Robert McIntyre, Russell Brown, Bishop Daniel G. Cox, Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel, Bishop Royal U. Grote, Rev. William Jennings, Joan Workowski, Rev. Booker T. Lloyd, Rev. William J. Perry, Bishop Sanco K. Rembert, Bishop Leonard W. Riches, Gladys Richey, Rev. Frank C. Roppelt, Bishop Franklin H. Sellers, Lucille A. Williams, Rev. William J. White, Edward Wright, Rev. Marcus Liferidge, Rev. Boyd Sylvester, Rev. Gregory Hotchkiss, Theodore Nichols, Cathy Bailey, Rev. Nathan Mack, Rev. Milton Hood, Rev. George Fincke

TO THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ON PRAYER BOOK REVISION: Bishop Franklin Sellers, Robert J. Alexander, Bishop Daniel G. Cox, Bishop Theophilus J. Herter, Lyla Wildermuth, Bishop Sanco K. Rembert, Bishop Leonard W. Riches, Mrs. E. Earl Shisler, Jr., Rev. Walter Truesdell, Rev. Samuel M. Forster, Bishop James C. West, Melody Nichols.

Respectfully submitted,
William H.S. Jerdan
Chairman

Rev. William T. Jennings cited a prior ruling of the Council that all Treasurers' reports be duplicated and distributed to the deputies prior to the Council. A motion was made by Rev. Mark E. Rudolph that the General Committee direct the various committees of the General Council to have their reports prepared in a timely manner prior to the regularly called General Council meeting, and distributed to all members of the Council prior to the convening of the Council. If this is not done, a satisfactory explanation is to be given to the General Committee as to the reason for the delay. Mr. Robert R. Moir, Dr. Allen C. Guelzo, and Rev. William T. Jennings spoke to the motion. Dr. Guelzo and Mr. Rudolph moved as an amendment that the Presiding Bishop or a person whom he will designate oversee this responsibility. The amendment was passed, and then the motion as amended was passed.

The Council was declared in recess for lunch at 1:10 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:50 p.m. The President proposed that all reports other than those of the Committee on Constitution and Canons and the Committee on Prayer Book Revision be submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in the Journal of the Council. Bishop Jerdan also requested that the current Chairmen of appointive committees submit recommendations for the appointments to these committees for the next triennium, and that the appointments would accordingly be made following the Council.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons was read by Bishop Sellers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons expresses its appreciation to the Publication Society and to the Society's staff, who labored well and long to print the major revisions to our Constitution and Canons which were approved by the Forty-fourth General Council in May, 1984. The

explanation of and changes approved by that Council fill 16 pages of the Journal of the Proceedings and represented untold hours of labor by all concerned.

For the first time, the Constitution and Canons are provided in a loose-leaf notebook to make easier the task of getting triennial revisions into print and into the hands of the clergy and laity of the Church. As chairman of the Committee, I wrote to the clergy of the Church seeking their input and suggestions. From these, as well as requests from denominational agencies and committees, come the following recommendations:

1. Title IV, Canon III, Section 1 be amended to read:

Sec. 1 - At each stated meeting of the General Council there shall be elected by ballot, not less than nine nor more than fifteen persons to be constituted a Board of Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society. As soon thereafter as may be practicable, these Trustees shall meet and elect their own officers.

2. Article III, Section 2. Delete the entire section:

Article 3, Section 2 - "Of Presbyters representing each Missionary Jurisdiction, one and one additional for every 3 Presbyters on the clergy roll, chosen as each Missionary Jurisdiction shall prescribe."

3. Article VI, Section 1:

Add "and the President shall be guided in the interpretation of those rules by the appointment of a Parliamentarian of his own choosing."

After the word "time," delete "; provided, however, that" and change lower case "w" in "whenever" to capital "W."

New section will read:

The proceedings at meetings of the General Council shall be regulated by such Parliamentary rules as the Council may adopt from time to time, and the President shall be guided in the inter-

pretation of those rules by the appointment of a Parliamentarian of his own choosing. Whenever ten or more members of the Council shall demand that any vote ... etc.

4. Article VII, Section 2:

Add, at the end “, or by the bishop of a Synod for use within said Synod until the next General Council.”

New section will read:

“No alterations or additions shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer of this Church, or in the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote in one General Council, and finally ratified by a two-thirds vote of the next succeeding Council; provided, however, that minor verbal or rubrical alterations, which affect neither doctrine nor polity, may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of any stated meeting of the Council, or by the bishop of a Synod for use within said Synod until the next General Council.”

5. Article X, Section 1:

Add words “the Vice President,” after the first line, prior to the word “Secretary.”

New section will read:

“The bishops of this Church, together with the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the General Council, the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, and twelve members at large elected by the Council, four to serve three years, four for six years, and four for nine years, shall constitute the General Committee; the term of each elective successor shall be nine years.”

Recommended changes to the Canons:

1. Title I, Canon I, Section 4:

Add words “or Deacon” after the word “Ministry.”

New section will read:

“No Candidate for the Ministry or Deacon shall be eligible as a Lay Deputy.”

2. Title II, Canon I, Section 4:

Add words “or Deacon” after the word “Ministry.”

New section will read:

“No Candidate for the Ministry or Deacon shall be eligible as a Lay Delegate to a Synodical Council.”

The Committee also recommends study of the section on Lay Readers to ascertain if it would be wise to license such readers as the bishops would select to assist in the distribution of the Communion elements, or to verify if such practice is inherent in present Canon X(a) in phrase “to assist Rectors or Ministers-in-Charge at their request.”

The Committee acknowledges the receipt of several inquiries concerning the Office of Deacon. It recommends the further study of this question by the succeeding Committee to ascertain if the use of this office corresponds with the biblical record and practice.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin H. Sellers, D.D., *Chairman*

The report contained eight recommendations.

- 1. Expansion of the membership of the Publication Society.*
- 2. In article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution, delete the section referring to Presbyters representing missionary Jurisdictions. Now all Presbyters are to have equal standing in the General Council.*
- 3. In Article 6, Section 1, add the appointment of a Parliamentary.*
- 4. In Article 7, Section 1, add “or by the bishop of a Synod for use in said Synod until the next meeting of the General Council.”*
- 5. In Article 10, Section 1, add the Vice-President to the General Committee.*
- 6. In Article 5, Section 1, provide for the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund to be the Treasurer of the General Council.*

7. *Canonical changes: In Title 1, Canon 1, Section 4, no Deacon is to be eligible as a Lay Deputy.*
8. *In Title 2, Canon 1, Section 4, no Deacon is to be eligible as a Lay Delegate to a Synod.*

Bishop Sellers also suggested the consideration of a recommendation that Deacons in charge of parishes be made full members of the General Council. Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch moved that the report be received and that the recommendations be considered ad seriatim. In answer to an inquiry from the Chair Bishop Sellers replied that the report under consideration was not a report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, but a compilation of suggestions received by the Chairman. It was pointed out that the full Committee had not yet met and comprehensively considered these recommendations. Mr. Welch then withdrew his motion and wished to substitute a motion to refer the recommendations back to the full Committee for consideration during the next triennium. However, the seconder of Mr. Welch's previous motion, Dr. J. Ronald Moock, would not concur. The motion to receive the report and to consider the recommendations was the motion before the House. Mr. George P. Yost, Mr. Robert J. Alexander, and Mr. Robert R. Moir spoke to the motion. The Chair ruled that according to Title IV, Canon 1, Section 5 (3) proposed alterations of, or additions to, the Constitution and Canons must be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons before consideration by the General Council. Dr. Moock then withdrew his second of the motion. The substitute motion to receive the report and to refer the recommendations back to the Committee on Constitution and Canons was then offered by Mr. Welch, who spoke to his motion. Dr. Moock expressed his regret that the Committee had not met prior to this session of the Council. The question was called for, and the motion carried.

The report of the Special Commission on Prayer Book Revision was read by Bishop Sellers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRAYER BOOK REVISION

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The members of the Committee met at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 5, 1985 at the Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, New Jersey. The Chairman requested reports on the usage of the trial liturgies authorized by the General Council for special days. The general feeling was expressed that the "flow" and "rhythm" of the services could be improved, an indication that service revisions will require much time and trial use before an acceptable pattern and cadence is found and agreed upon.

The Committee then reviewed the numerous replies to the Chairman's mail request for input from our clergy. The Chairman indicated he would like to proceed in the work of the Committee by making a thorough review of our basic services, emphasizing three areas of concern that could supply the particulars that would benefit from revision. These areas and the members appointed by the Chair to study and review them are:

(1) Rubrics: Bishop Sanco Rembert
 Bishop Leonard Riches
 Rev. Samuel Forster
 Rev. Walter Truesdell

(2) Language (seeking to identify troublesome words):

 Bishop Leonard Riches
 Bishop Daniel Cox
 Dr. Milton Fisher
 Mr. Richard Taylor
 Mrs. Earl (Phyllis) Shisler

(3) Translations (a review of English translations to see if a "standard" text could be found for direct quotes from Scripture and for the words of the Psalter):

 Bishop Theophilus J. Herter
 Bishop William Jerdan
 Mr. Robert Alexander
 Mrs. Walter (Lyla) Wildermuth

As Chairman, I again polled the clergy by mail, giving each an opportunity to contribute his feelings based upon his experience with our services. Many availed themselves of this offer and to show all at this Council

the difficulties involved in the task set before us, I am including my recent findings attached to this report as a workpaper. Needless to say, our Council would in all probability come to a halt if all these proposals were presented from the floor. In many cases, requests are made solely on the basis of what could be called "individual preference" and it would take a Committee staffed by several "Solomons" to decide whose subjective likes or dislikes would take precedence over others. If this experience does anything, it highlights the wisdom of the previous Councils in setting up a Committee through which these ideas can be presented, examined, evaluated, and then acted upon. From this base, the Committee then should set long-term goals that could lead to effective and proper revision of our structured services of worship.

From the mass of material included on the worksheets, the Committee recommends the following for immediate action.

Revision of Services and Sections

1. Moved that the Forty-Fifth General Council instruct the Committee to review the Psalter bound in our Book of Common Prayer and take immediate steps to expand and complete the Psalter so it will more closely resemble the Scriptural book of the Psalms, and consider the most desirable translation of the same, i.e., K.J., N.K.J., N.I.V., N.A.S., etc.
2. Moved that the Order for the Administration of Baptism to Infants be reviewed in the next triennium to see if the expression of the covenant theology which is implied can be strengthened.
3. Moved that the following be added to the service of Holy Communion following the Summary of the Law on page 67:

Minister: Our Lord also gave us a New Commandment saying: A New Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Rubric Changes

4. Moved to delete the word “linen” from the rubric on page 64 as the beginning of the Communion service. (We live in an age of polyester and dacron, etc.)
5. Moved to add a fourth Note on page 491 explaining the rite of Confirmation, the following:

“However, a Bishop may authorize a Presbyter to administer said Rite of Confirmation when deemed necessary.”

Word Changes

The attached worksheet illustrates a selection of words that some would like to see changed to a contemporary equivalent. It must be pointed out that again this represents subjective feelings that are not shared by other members of the Church who feel no desire to abandon the traditional language. The Chairman feels very strongly that a sensible accommodation can be made that does not involve the major funding necessary to print revision copies of the Book of Common Prayer and yet would allow relief to those seeking it, as well as maintain a historic liturgy for those who love the unique language of the Elizabethan age.

Article VII of the Constitution - Of the Book of Common Prayer, Section 2, states:

“No alterations or additions shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer of this Church, or in the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote in one General Council, and finally ratified by a two-thirds vote of the next succeeding Council: *provided, however, that minor verbal or rubrical alterations, which affect neither doctrine nor polity, may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of any stated meeting of the Council.*”

I trust the General Council will see fit to amend this section by the addition of the following:

“or by the Bishop of a Synod for use within said Synod until

the next General Council.”

I ask your support of this motion at the proper time.

Thus, this would allow immediate relief for those who desire minor verbal alterations, such as saying “devoutly praying” for “devoutly kneeling,” etc., as well as allowing bishops to fulfill the obligations of their office, i.e., the helpful oversight of their clergy. I again emphasize that this provision would touch only minor verbal or rubrical changes which neither affect doctrine nor polity, and would allow and permit an alternative to the rubric on page 78 of the Service of the Administration of Holy Communion, which reads:

“Then shall the minister first receive the Communion himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the ministers assisting, and after that, to the People, etc.”

Some feel, correctly or incorrectly, that this elevates the one minister above the others who share in the service, or identifies one as a celebrant. The bishop could authorize the substitute practice which would in effect allow the ministers to commune together.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin H. Sellers, D.D., *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRAYER BOOK REVISION APPENDIX A.

Listed for your information and understanding of the complex nature of Prayer Book revision are samples of requests made of the Committee which are not included in the report of recommendations to this Council. These requests and suggestions are grouped under three headings.

ON RUBRICS:

1. Request to allow a variety of responses to the scripture lessons, i.e. use of the Te Deum, Magnificate, Jubilate Deo, or Benedictus, and at times permission to substitute hymns of praise or special choral selections.

2. Rubrics should be in contemporary English.
3. Rubric to limit the use of the Lord's Prayer to once per service or combination of services.
4. Is rubric to allow Communion service be combined with Morning Prayer relevant? Eliminate rubric to place offering plates on Communion table.
5. Question rubric on page 82 regarding the refusal of Communion... does it cover non-Christians who are not notorious in living habits? Perhaps a rubric should be added to require a minister to inform the bishop anytime he refuses Communion.
6. In the burial service is the rubric, "While the earth shall be cast upon the body" outdated?
7. Is rubric on page 519 necessary (Ordained to receive Communion)?
8. Rubric on page 522 requires Bishop to read Communion service. Can flexibility be understood to allow others in the service to read also?
9. Is a rubric needed to tell the congregation to be seated following the reading of the Gospel in the Ordination service? Is the rubric telling the Ordinand to remain in the same place necessary?
10. In Service of Installation of Pastors, the benediction at the close is to be given by the newly installed pastor. Is this inconsistent with usual practice of having a bishop give the benediction?

ON WORDS:

1. spake, ensample, Holy Ghost, necessities, brake, offences, etc.
2. Question, "Thy good Spirit", is there a "bad Spirit"? In General Supplication, "Where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests." Should this be, "thou wilt be in the midst of them"?
3. Change devoutly kneeling to "devoutly praying" since no one kneels any longer (?)
4. Question use of, "The body of the Lord Jesus", etc.
5. In post-communion prayers, use a better term than "Holy Mysteries"; also, word "sacrifice" is used twice in the third post communion prayer. (?)
6. Question use of "Name this child" since pastor already knows name.
7. In Wedding service, "plight thee my troth", is it not outdated?

ON SERVICE CHANGES:

1. There should not be any special service, no one day is above any other.
2. We should have only one "Prayer Book", not two, i.e. traditional vs. contemporary.
3. Request to set date of 1990 for complete revision of language in Prayer Book.
4. Eliminate Golden Number, Epact, and Dominical Letter Also Rogation Sunday.
5. Question use of "He descended into hell" in Apostles Creed. Question need for exhortation to attend Communion on page 64.
6. Remove offertory sentences to section on special prayers. Why the use of a special doxology in Communion service? Relocate Collects, Gospels and Epistles so as to follow the Psalter.
7. Eliminate Collects, Epistles that are not used, i.e. Monday before Easter, Ascension Day; eliminate Psalter for Maundy Thursday, Easter Even for same reason.
8. "Defend O Lord this Thy child", is it right to use for an adult? Protest also the bishop being seated for examination of candidate. Also shorten Declaration of Remission, it's too long. Place sermon in Prayer Service, not after.

It was voted to receive the report and to refer the suggested changes to the full Committee for its consideration during the next triennium.

It was moved by Dr. Ronald Moock that the Committee on Constitution and Canons consider a change to the Canons which would require all recommendations of Boards and Committees to be submitted to all Presbyters and parishes at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the General Council at which they are to be considered. The wisdom of this procedure was questioned by Rev. Robert N. McIntyre. Bishop Leonard Riches also questioned the workability of procedures which were hamstrung by legalistic requirements. It was observed by Mrs. Joan Jennings that the motion simply provided for the consideration of this procedure by the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Mrs. Vermelle Jackson encouraged the Council's committees to make use of the entire triennium for their work. Mr. George Yost cited the need for deputies to be informed prior to the meeting of the Council as to what questions will come before the Council. The question was called for, and the Chair judged that the affirmative vote prevailed.

The President then called for a motion that all reports not yet read

be submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in the Council Journal. Such a motion was made by Bishop Sanco Rembert, who asked that an exception be made in order that the report of the Committee on Resolutions might be read. Rev. Robert McIntyre protested that such a procedure makes the Council meeting irrelevant. Dr. Allen Guelzo voiced his agreement with Mr. McIntyre. Bishop Jerdan replied that the Council's time might better be spent in the implementation of plans for the future. Rev. Willie Hill spoke in favor of the motion. It was noted by Bishop Riches that at this point in the Council's sessions many members were absent. Mr. Stephen Craig questioned whether any of the unread reports contained recommendations. It was added as an amendment to the motion that the General Committee consider any recommendations which did not come before the full Council. Bishop Sellers moved as a further amendment that the report of the Committee on Memorials also be read. The voice vote on the motion was inconclusive, and the Chair called for a standing vote. The motion carried by a vote of 33 to 19.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was read by Rev. William Jennings. It was voted to receive the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

Revelation 14:13

During the past triennium the Reformed Episcopal Church has lost through death many of its faithful members. This report refers to those members who were involved in the work of the General Council.

Dr. Robert K. Rudolph died July 14 1986. Ordained by Bishop Peach, Dr. Rudolph taught in our seminary in Philadelphia for 49 years. He served on many of the boards of the General Council and spoke out on the floor of many General Councils with great passion on many concerns of his beloved church.

Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush served for many years as secretary of the General Council. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship, the Committee on Constitution and Canons and

served as President of the Board of Home Missions. He faithfully served as Rector of Grace Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland, and was active in many civic and community organizations with a special interest in the volunteer fire department of that town.

Chaplain Harold Elliot served as our Reformed Episcopal Chaplain in the United States Air Force. Before entering the Chaplain corps he was Rector of Emmanuel Church, Sommerville, N.J. In his travels around the world he always made himself available to our missionaries and in his last tour of duty established a great and mutual lasting friendship with the Free Church of England, otherwise known as the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Edward (Ethel) Sonne died on February 20, 1986 at a nursing home in the suburban Chicago area. She compiled a long record of service to the Reformed Episcopal Church as the "first lady" of first Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, and then of Bishop Cheney Memorial Church during the forty five years that her husband, Dr. Edward J.S. Sonne, served as the Rector. She served as requested on several General Council Committees and always accompanied her husband to the General Councils of our Church.

Herbert C. Moore, was called home by the Lord on August 24, 1985 after a long illness. He served the General Council faithfully as a member of the General Committee and the Committee on Constitution and Canons, as well as legal advisor.

Charlotte M. Bauer from Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, heard the call of her savior to enter his presence on February 14, 1987. In addition to her faithful service in the local parish, she was a deputy to the 44th General Council.

Anna Gibson Kearney, beloved wife of the late Bishop Joseph E. Kearney. Mrs. Kearney served her husband faithfully in his calling as Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the South. One of the great legacies to our church was her work in establishing the Women of the Church. This group has not only contributed greatly to the finances of the Church but also has been a channel of spiritual unification for the women of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Thomas Percival died April 25, 1987 in Norfolk, Virginia where

for many years she operated a Christian Book Store. She served along with her husband in parishes in Scranton and New York City.

Dorothy Shisler, widow of the late Rev. Edwin C. Shisler, died on September 27, 1984. She served her husband faithfully in his parishes at Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and then Harvey Wagner Memorial Chapel, Ventnor City, N.J. She had a great interest in the Young Peoples' work of the Synod.

Kathleen C. Forster, beloved wife of the Rev. Samuel M. Forster, was called home on January 6, 1985. She served her husband faithfully and was active in many activities of the General Council. She will always be remembered for her gracious hospitality extended to all who visited at St. Paul's Church.

John Scipione, died on May 5, 1985. John was active in the work of the Church of the Reconciliation, Philadelphia. He will long be remembered for his many hours of service to the Seminary in Philadelphia serving on its board and all of his activities in overseeing the property.

Rev. John Henry Doiley, August 20, 1984, will be remembered for his last pastorate at St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church in Charleston which saw the church expand into new and much larger quarters.

Rev. James Harris died on October 12, 1984 after a long illness. He was faithful in the many parishes he served in the denomination.

Mrs. Joyce R. B. Doiley, wife of the Rev. John Henry Doiley died in Charleston on June 1, 1988. A faithful servant in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Geneva Hamilton Nesbit, wife of the Rev. Paul Nesbit died on August 4, 1984.

The Rev. Joseph Henry Kanes Gadsden died on November 15, 1984. Rev. Gadsden served many churches in the C.A. and C. Synod and was known throughout the downtown Charleston area by many and will be fondly missed by his many friends.

Rev. John L. Aiken was called home on January 16, 1987. John was faithful in many of the activities of the synod and served many of the parishes preaching the Word with great clarity and understanding.

Rev. Edward Wright passed away on April 3, 1987. Rev Wright was active on many of the committees of the Synod and his wise counsel was always appreciated.

Respectfully,
Rev. William Jennings

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Angelena Brightman, on behalf of Rev. John H. Jenkins. It was voted to receive the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The heartfelt appreciation of the Forty-fifth General Council is sincerely expressed to those servants of Christ and His church who have so graciously given of themselves to the carrying forward of the proceedings and entertaining of this Council:

To the Rectors, Wardens, Vestrymen, and Congregations of St. John's Church and New Israel Church for their gracious and cordial hospitality.

To our Presiding Bishop, William H.S. Jerdan, for his capable and efficient conduct of the business of the Council.

To Bishop Franklin H. Sellers for the most reverent and inspiring sermon in the opening service of Holy Communion.

To Mrs. Miriam B. West for hostessing the ministers' wives with a luncheon at New Bethel Church.

To Miss Virginia Fleu and Rev. William Jerdan in bringing greetings from the missionaries from France and other regions.

To Mr. Philip Simmons for his presentation of the work of Charleston's Blacksmith.

To Rev. Jeffrey Welch for his most appropriate message on Thursday morning.

To Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England and Bishop Arthur Ward, also of the Free Church of England

for bringing greetings to this Council.

To Rev. Roger Spence for his faithful and efficient service as Secretary to the Council.

To Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr. for his most appropriate and moving message delivered on behalf of the new presbyter, added to the Journal by order of the Council.

To Bishop James C. West, Bishop Leonard Riches, Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Arthur Ward, Bishop William H.S. Jerdan, and Rev. Robert McIntyre in assisting in the ordination of Rev. Milton Hood.

To Rev. George Syms, bringing greetings from the Reformed Church in the United States.

To Bishop William H.S. Jerdan, Bishop S.K. Rembert, Bishop James C. West, and members of the Board of Managers of the Bishop William Jerdan Conference Center, and members of the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod for dedicating a building at the Conference Center in memory of the late Rev. Nathaniel Brightman.

To Mr. Francis Guest, Sgt. Edward Wright, Rev. Harry Loyd, and all lay persons for their faithful and efficient services at this Council.

This Council extends its appreciation to the Charleston Inn and all who served this Forty-fifth General Council.

Further, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the greetings of the Council be sent to Bishop and Mrs. Theophilus J. Herter, Rev. and Mrs. Dale H. Crouthamel, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel M. Forster, Rev. and Mrs. Bartholomew A. James, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde C. Scherz, Rev. and Mrs. Howard C. Bach, Rev. and Mrs. Robert J. Cameron, Rev. and Mrs. Howard J. Miekley, Rev. and Mrs. Donald L. Reader, Mrs. Robert K. Rudolph, Mrs. Harold Elliott, all missionaries currently on the field, the Free Church of England, the Free Church of England in New Zealand, the Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada, and any others whom the Council may name.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Jenkins, *Chairman*

Added to the names of those who received expressions of appreciation from the Council were Rev. Harry L.D. Loyd and Mr. J.B. Wynn who served as bus drivers, the Salvation Army which granted the use of its parking lot, Mr. Willie Birch who served as parking lot attendant, and the choirs of the various churches which sang during the sessions of the Council. In addition to the names of those given in the report who

were to receive the greetings of the Council were the names of several persons submitted from the floor: Chaplain Jon R. Bigsby, Chaplain David A. Crum, and Rev. Leon F. Wardell, Chairman of the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Bishop Jerdan again asked leave to defer his committee appointments for sixty days.

Bishop Sellers moved that a floral bouquet be sent to Bishop Theophilus Herter, along with the Council's good wishes for his recovery, the cost of which would be paid by the Sustentation Fund. It was voted to adopt the motion.

It was moved that the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with, and that the 45th General Council adjourn. It was voted that the Council adjourn at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger F. Spence
Secretary

William H.S. Jerdan
President

**REPORT OF BISHOP SANCO K. REMBERT, D.D.
CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD**

To the Forty-Fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

It is with pleasure I submit my report as one of the Assistant Bishops of the CAC Synod.

During the triennium my activities were many and varied. During the triennium, at the request and assignment of Bishop Jerdan, I made eighteen (18) episcopal visits at which time we had fifty-seven (57) candidates confirmed into the Church.

Confirmations:

1985	Holy Trinity (None) Confirmed
October 13, 1985	Good Shepherd Church Confirmed (1)
December 1, 1985	New Israel Church Confirmed (11)
December 8, 1985	St. Luke's Church (None) Confirmed
January 12, 1986	Nazareth Church Confirmed (7)
February 23, 1986	Promiseland Church (None) Confirmed
March 9, 1986	Grace Church (None) Confirmed
April 27, 1986	Zion Church Confirmed (2)
May 25, 1986	St. Matthew's Church (None) Confirmed
June 8, 1986	Messiah Church Confirmed (2)
November 26, 1986	Good Shepherd Church (None) Confirmed
December 14, 1986	Mt. Carmel (None) Confirmed

December 21, 1986	New Israel Church Confirmed (14)
February 14, 1987	Emmanuel Church Confirmed (2)
March 14, 1987	Bethel Church Confirmed (5)
April 12, 1987	Bethlehem Church Confirmed (2)
April 12, 1987	Atonement Church Confirmed (2)
May 17, 1987	Holy Trinity Church Confirmed (5)

During the triennium I assisted in the examination and ordination of 2 candidates for the Diaconate.

Deacons' Ordination:

August 12, 1984	Julius Barnes
September 8, 1984	Bruce Doyle

During the same period I assisted in the examination and ordination of six (6) men as Presbyters.

Presbyters' Ordination:

March 1, 1987	Reverend Cornelius White Calvary R. E. Church, I preached the sermon.
March 15, 1987	Reverend Julius Barnes Good Shepherd Church
March 22, 1987	Reverend Fred Garnett Holy Trinity Church
March 29, 1987	Reverend William Butler Grace Church
April 5, 1987	Reverend Bruce Doyle Grace Church, I preached the sermon.
April 12, 1987	Reverend Harry Loyd Emmanuel Church

During the past 3 years I either presided, performed, or assisted in eight (8) funerals and two (2) weddings. For details you may consult the CAC Synod records.

During the 3 years I attended twenty-three (23) Denominational meetings in Philadelphia, attended forty nine (49) Board meetings in the Synod, one (1) Seminary Presidents' meeting in Miami, Florida and a number of other committee meetings and activities in the Synod.

I served as supervising Bishop of two (2) student ministers for each of the last three (3) years. I continue my duties as Rector of New Israel R.E. Church, Principal of New Israel Christian Day School and Director of New Israel Child Development Center.

I continue to serve as President and Professor of Cummins Seminary.

During the last three (3) years I preached the sermon in sixty seven (67) churches other than Reformed Episcopal churches.

"To God be the glory for great things He has done."

Respectfully submitted,
Sanco K. Rembert, *Assistant Bishop*
Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod

**REPORT OF BISHOP DANIEL G. COX
ASSISTANT BISHOP,
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD**

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

My election as an assistant bishop in the New York and Philadelphia Synod was confirmed by the 44th General Council on Thursday, May 17, 1984. The consecration service was held in Bishop Cummins Memorial Church on Wednesday, June 6, 1984. Bishop Theophilus J. Herter presided at the service. I was presented by Bishop S.K. Rembert and the Rev. Frank C. Roppelt. Bishop Franklin H. Sellers was the preacher.

A summary of my activities in the episcopal office since the last General Council may be found in the Minutes of the proceedings of the 104th, 105th, and 106th Councils of the New York and Philadelphia Synod.

My reports to the Synod reflect that I have made **13 stated episcopal visits**, at which times I **confirmed** a total of **34 persons**.

I **ordained** the Rev. Mark E. Rudolph to the diaconate at Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Maryland on June 15, 1985 and **installed** the Rev. Ronald S. Smith as rector of Providence Church, New London (near Lynchburg), Virginia on September 14, 1986.

I meet with vestries and clergy as requested by Bishop Riches and as required. While I serve the entire Synod as an assistant bishop, the main focus of my ministry is the three-state area of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Regular sessions for prayer and encouragement are held with the Maryland area ministers and staff workers.

In September of 1986 I completed 26 years of service as rector of Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. I continue to serve as senior pastor of that parish. In September (1987) I will complete my first term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. I also serve on the General Committee and as a member of the Board of National Church Extension.

In my Synod I serve on the Standing Committee and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

It is a privilege to serve in the Reformed Episcopal Church. I humbly ask for your prayers that God, by His grace, will keep me faithful in this ministry and that He will grant to me His wisdom that this office may be administered for His honor and glory (Galatians 6:14).

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel G. Cox

REPORT OF BISHOP ROYAL U. GROTE, JR.

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This Report is a summary of my activities as an Assistant Bishop of the New York and Philadelphia Synod.

During the past three years, I made 12 episcopal visits and confirmed 33 persons in the New York and Philadelphia Synod. The expanded details of my activities are recorded in the **Minutes of the 104th, 105th and 106th Synodical Councils.**

In addition to those synodical activities, I report the following General Council activities:

June 24, 1984, I participated in the consecration of Bishop James C. West, Sr., in St. John's Church, South Carolina, along with the other bishops of the Church.

By authorization of Bishop Theophilus J. Herter, on three occasions I visited the various parishes and/or ministers in the Special Jurisdiction of North America and for the most part dealt with the normal details of administration related to that developing jurisdiction. Specifically, 6 episcopal visits were made with 4 confirmations. More details concerning the Special Jurisdiction are included in the Report of the Board of National Church Extension to this Council.

EXHORTATION: Once again in God's Providence we meet to look at our path and chart our future course. In the days that lie ahead, days filled with challenges and perplexities, we have this assurance from God Himself given to us by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:31,32 and 37:

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
... In all ... things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us!"

May we always keep this in mind.

Royal U. Grote, Jr.
Assistant Bishop
New York and Philadelphia Synod

REPORT OF JAMES C. WEST, SR., ASSISTANT BISHOP OF THE CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

I am please to offer this report of some of my episcopal activities and associated duties during the past triennium.. These past three years were years of labor and love for the advancement of the cause of Christ and HIS glorious church.

My election as Assistant Bishop of the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod was confirmed at the Forty-fourth General Council, and was consecrated on Sunday, June 24, 1984, in St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church in Charleston. South Carolina. This service was attended by nearly a thousand people.

At the request of Bishop Jerdan, I served the members of the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod.

CONFIRMATION and EPISCOPAL VISITS:

November 10, 1985	Redeemer	Confirmed	4
December 1, 1985	St. John's	Confirmed	4
January 19, 1986	Bethel	Confirmed	9
February 23, 1986	St. James'	No Confirmation	
March 9, 1986	St. Stephen's	No Confirmation	
May 18, 1986	Holy Trinity	No Confirmation	
July 13, 1986	Holy Rock	Confirmed	2
December 14, 1986	St. Luke's	Confirmed	4
January 11, 1987	Good Shepherd	No Confirmation	
February 8, 1987	St. Matthew's	No Confirmation	
March 8, 1987	New Israel	No Confirmation	
April 12, 1987	Grace	Confirmed	9
May 17, 1987	Bethlehem	Confirmed	1

Total Visits (13) and Confirmations (33)

SUPERVISING BISHOP:

On Sunday, September 16, 1984 at our 12th Synodical Council, I was appointed supervising Bishop of St. Peter's Church, with Mr. Josiah

Boone servicing as student minister-in-charge and St. Matthew's Church where Mr. Cornelius White was the student minister-in-charge.

At the 13th Synodical Council I was appointed supervising Bishop at Intercession Church, Wando, SC, with student Minister Don Shaw in charge. In 1986, I was the supervising Bishop at St. James' with ministerial candidate Chuck Lloyd. At these churches I conducted 38 Communion Services, held 18 Vestry Meetings, and conducted 2 funerals.

On October 23, 1985, I was appointed supervising bishop of the Sunday School Convention. In 1986 Bishop Jerdan assigned the organizations to my oversight.

The Sunday School Convention
The Women of the Church
The Ministers' Wives Alliance

Working with these organizations, it was my responsibility to attend all of their meetings and activities, and give guidance in the affairs of each organization.

I presided at seven Quarterly Convocations, preached the Saturday evening message at the 13th Annual Synodical Council. For the past three years I served as chairman of our Synod's Committee on Evangelism, chaired four synodical Evangelistic Rallies, presenting such speakers as Dr. Ruben S. Conner, President of Black Evangelistic Enterprise of Dallas, Texas; Dr. Harold Carter, Baltimore, MD; George L. West, co-founder of Community Christian Church of Reston, VA; and Rev. Dr. S.C. Cureton, SC State Missionary Baptist Convention. Mrs. Ivory Pooser served as guest soloist for three years. I participated in 22 radio broadcasts promoting our Cummins Seminary and the Evangelistic outreach ministry of our churches.

February 1985 and May 1986 I attended the Billy Graham School of Evangelism. I served on the Planning Committee for the South Carolina Billy Graham Crusade, in Columbia, SC.

As one of the Assistant Bishops of our synod, I participated in many activities on both the state and local level. This involved more than 122 civic and related activities, representing our church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Serve as Dean of Cummins Theological Seminary
Director of Cummins Christian Child Development Center
Director of St. John's Learning Center
St. John's Summer Program for Charleston East Side Community
assisting over 160 youth.

FUNERALS:

During the past triennium I conducted or assisted with 31 funerals.

ENTERTAINED:

It was a real blessing for us to have over 81 people to visit with us within the past three years.

In addition to these experiences, I had the joy of serving as Chairman of the Program Committee of our 45th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, continue to serve as rector of St. John's Church. To them I am grateful for allowing me to serve the synod and our church in this capacity .

Respectfully Submitted,
James C. West, Sr., *Assistant Bishop*
CAC Synod

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church,

Dear Brethren:

The Standing Committee of the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod held 13 meetings in the last triennium. Regular meetings are held once in each quarter of the year and special meetings are held at the call of the Chairman or suggestion of the Committee. Bishop Jerdan presided over 12 meetings. Bishop Rembert presided over one special meeting and over portions of other meetings which dealt with the Special Celebration Services for Bishop Jerdan. Every meeting is opened with a season of prayer in which every member participates. Members of the Standing Committee are the Rev. John A. Perkins, Secretary, the Rev. William J. Perry, the Rev. Marcus Liferidge, Mr. Leon Butler, Mr. Ed-

ward J. Wright and Mr. Frances Guest. During the triennium Mr. Clivin Parson and Mr. Philip Simmons also served on the Committee. Assistant Bishops S. K. Rembert and James C. West are ex-officio members.

At various meetings the following calls to ministers to serve in churches were approved:

Rev. Julius Barnes to Calvary Church
Rev. Fred Garnett to Holy Trinity Church
Rev. William J. White to St. Thomas' Church
Rev. Willie J. Hill to Good Shepherd Church

In addition, each year, prior to the Annual Synodical Council, a slate of appointments of ministers and student ministers to mission parishes was approved.

During the triennium the Mr. Kent Byas was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry:

Voted to approve the ordination to the Diaconate of Mr. Cornelius White, Mr. Bruce Doyle, Mr. Chucky Lloyd and Mr. David Riley upon passing a satisfactory examination. Subsequently Mr. Cornelius White and Mr. Bruce Doyle were ordained.

Voted to approve the ordination to the Presbyterate of the Rev. Julius Barnes, the Rev. Fred Garnett, the Rev. William Butler, Jr., the Rev. Bruce Doyle, the Rev. Cornelius White, and the Rev. Harry L. D. Loyd upon passing a satisfactory examination. Subsequently all were ordained Presbyters.

Voted to approve the transfer, at his request, of the Rev. Boyd Sylvester, Deacon, to the New York and Philadelphia Synod.

Voted to close St. Mark's Church, Miami, at the request of the remaining members of the congregation. Voted to close St. Michael's Church, in St. Stephen, S.C.

Voted to sponsor in June, 1985 a week of Appreciation Celebration Services for Bishop Jerdan's twenty-five years of service as our Bishop. The enthusiastic response of our own people and the clergy and laity of other denominations made the week a tremendous success. Four goals were achieved: The locating in the Seminary and in the Conference Cen-

ter portraits of Bishop Jerdan, the re-naming of the Reformed Episcopal Conference Center, and the raising of a purse to make it possible for Bishop and Mrs. Jerdan to take a well-earned vacation trip out of the country. A total sum of over \$13,000.00 was raised.

The Committee reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bishop William Jerdan as Bishop of the Synod, effective on or before his reaching the constitutional retirement age for bishops of 72 years. In the light of this the Committee recommended to the 14th Annual Council of the Synod the election of Bishop S. K. Rembert as Bishop of the Synod and the election of Bishop James C. West as Bishop Co-adjutor of the Synod, to take effect upon their confirmation by the 45th General Council and the effective retirement of Bishop Jerdan.

In the light of this action the Committee notified the ministers and parishes of the Synod that the retirement provisions of the Constitution and Canons would be enforced in all other situations.

Voted to sponsor a Farewell Service for Bishop Jerdan on May 31, 1987 with Bishop Cyril Milner, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England, as the preacher, and a week of Installation Services for Bishop S.K. Rembert and Bishop Jameg C. West from May 31 to June 7, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Perkins, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD OF CHICAGO

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The geographic realities of the Synod of Chicago dictate that modern electronic means be employed to assist the bishop in his discussions with the members of the Standing Committee. Since no church is closer than 100 miles to its sister church and the distance between the Church of the Epiphany on the eastern edge of the Synod and St. Michael and All Angels Church on the western edge is approximately 900 miles, responsible stewardship often calls for the use of conference calls and mail ballots. It also calls for great reliance upon the leadership of the bishop.

In the past triennium, the Committee took the following actions:

- Feb. 28, 1986 - Received notice of the retirement for reasons of health of the Rev. Clyde C. Scherz as Rector of St. John's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Jun. 9, 1986 - The Rev. Frederick O. Kirms was dismissed at his request from the Clergy Roll of the Church to unite with the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, North Carolina.
- Jul. 7, 1986 - Accepted the transfer of Frank H. Walker, Jr. from the Presbyterian Church of America, Philadelphia Presbytery, and recognize his status as a Candidate for the Ministry.
- Aug. 18, 1986 - Upon receipt of proper documents and test results, recommended Frank H. Walker, Jr. to the bishop for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Oct. 18, 1986 - Accepted the transfer of Rodney H. Longmire, Jr. from the New York and Philadelphia Synod and recognize his status as a Candidate for the Ministry.
- Dec. 10, 1986 - Accepted the resignation of the Rev. Roger A. Stinnett as Rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Joplin, Missouri and his request to be removed from the Clergy Roll.
- Dec. 18, 1986 - Upon receipt of proper documents and test results, recommended Rodney H. Longmire, Jr. to the bishop for Ordination to the Diaconate.

Attached is the official register of clergy for the Synod of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Rich
Secretary of the Standing Committee

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD

To The Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This report represents a summary of the actions of the Standing Committee of the New York and Philadelphia Synod which are recorded in detail in the minutes of the One Hundred Fourth, One Hundred Fifth and One Hundred Sixth Councils. The membership of the Committee for each year of the triennium will be found listed in the same published records.

The Committee held seven meetings during the past triennium, two presided over by Bishop Theophilus J. Herter and the latter five by Bishop Leonard W. Riches. All meetings were held at the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. A limited number of items of business were transacted by polling the members of the Committee between meetings.

During the last triennium, nineteen men were enrolled as Candidates for the Ministry: William J. Holiman Jr., received in full status by letter dismissory from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (6/20/84), Frank M. Spadafora (1/20/84), James S. Seamans (6/20/84), Thomas Ambalavelil (9/15/84), Nathan A. Mack (9/16/84), Ronald J. Hammack (1/15/85), Rodney H. Longmire, Jr. (1/29/85), Albert W. Kimball, III (1/28/85), Paul E. Randolph (3/4/85), Henry P. Jansma (5/21/85), Oommen Samuel (6/5/85), David M. Clause (9/23/85), Wayne S. Arndt, received in full status by letter dismissory from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (10/1/84), Gary R. Goodlin (9/28/85), Wayne Hedman (11/14/85), D. Philip Veitch (3/3 /86), William J. Nagowski (3/20/86), John T. Appleton (10/13/86), and Joel Demnitz (5/12/87).

The Committee acted to remove the name of Richard Tustin from the roll of Candidate, for the Ministry for being inactive in that status for an extended period of time.

The Committee transferred the Candidacy of Rodney H. Longmire, Jr. upon request, to the Synod of Chicago on October 28, 1986.

The Committee adopted the following candidacy rule: "Approved Candidacy for the Ministry in the New York & Philadelphia Synod will

lapse at the end of two years, unless renewed by action of the Standing Committee on application for renewal by the Candidate.”

The following fourteen Candidates for the Ministry were recommended to the Bishop for ordination to the Diaconate, subject to their passing the required examination and the fulfillment of all other canonical requirements: William J. Holiman, Jr. (ordained-7/1/84), Frank M. Spadafora (ordained-2/10/85), Albert W. Kimball, III, also conditional upon receipt of a call from the Board of Managers of the Four Brooks Bible Conference, James S. Seamans (ordained-11/17/85), Wayne S. Arndt (ordained-6/16/85), Mark E. Rudolph (ordained-6/15/85), Nathan A. Mack (ordained-7/7/85), Ronald J. Hammack (ordained-9/15/85), David M. Clause (scheduled ordination-6/21/87), William D. Hobbs, D. Philip Veitch (conditional-chaplaincy), Wayne Hedman (ordained-12/14/86), Oommen Samuel (ordained-8/17/86) and Gary Goodlin.

The committee recorded the reception of Rev. Richard Barnard as a Deacon on May 9, 1984, he having sustained the required examination and having been previously approved to be received as a Deacon, subject to his passing said examination.

Rev. Boyd T. Sylvester was received as a Deacon by letter dimissory from the Charleston, Atlanta & Charlotte Synod on 2/1/86.

Rev. Glen A. Halverson was received as a Deacon, having sustained the required canonical examination on 1/24/86.

The Committee is in receipt of the application of Rev. Ralph L. Frye, Deacon, to be received by letter dimissory from the Synod of Chicago. The Committee has not yet taken action on the application, pending an interview with the applicant.

The following seven Deacons were recommended to the Bishop for ordination to the Presbyterate, subject to their passing the required examination: Rev. Neil W. Bech, Jr. (ordained-5/3/87), Rev. William J. Holiman, Jr. (ordained-11/16/85), Rev. Mark E. Rudolph (ordained-11/15/86), Nathan A. Mack (ordained-3/22/87), Rev. F. Kenneth Fagerheim (conditioned upon a call), Rev. Wayne S. Arndt (ordained-5/17/87) and Rev. Frank M. Spadafora.

The Committee acted to receive Rev. Thomas E. Couch as a Presbyter

by letter dismissory from the Presbytery of Redstone of the United Presbyterian Church, subject to his passing an examination. Rev. Couch sustained the examination for Presbyterian orders on 5/21/85.

On 8/5/86, the Committee received Rev. George B. Fincke as a Presbyterian, by transfer from the North Atlantic Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church.

The following changes in the clergy rolls are noted: Rev. Michael L. Coleman was dismissed from the clergy rolls to the Delmarva Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America on 6/20/85. Rev. James P. Raun was dismissed from the clergy rolls to the Delmarva Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America on 9/25/85. Rev. Loren D. Thomas was removed from the clergy rolls, by his own request, dated 11/23/86. Rev. Richard M. Dickenson was removed from the clergy rolls, effective 9/20/86, at his own request, and that of the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Rev. Karl R. Rudolph was removed from the rolls at his own request on 5/12/87.

On 9/15/84, the Committee voted to accept Bishop Theophilus J. Herter's announced retirement as Bishop of the New York and Philadelphia Synod, effective 10/31/84. The Committee's action was taken with an expression of regret, and with direction that an appropriate resolution be drafted and spread upon the minutes.

The committee notes with regret, the closing of the Church of the Resurrection, Rochester, N.Y. on 9/8/85. During the course of the triennium, the Committee acted to receive the Church of the Covenant, Roanoke, Va., as a parish on 6/23/85.

Please refer to the Synodical minutes for details concerning changes in pastoral connections. It is here noted that over the past triennium that there were eleven resignations from parishes and fourteen accepted calls to parish or other ministries.

Four parishes submitted By-Laws for Committee approval: Christ Church, Drums, Pa., Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, Md., St. Johns-by-the-Sea, Ventnor, N.J., and Covenant Church, Roanoke, Va. These By-Laws are being studied by a special sub-committee.

The Committee went on record, at its 10/25/86 meeting, as being in favor of the following:

1. the exploration of the possibility of a merger between St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. and Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa. and
2. the exploration of the possibility of the relocation of the Church of the Reconciliation, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Charles Gillin
Secretary

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL JURISDICTION OF NORTH AMERICA

To The Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

On June 9th, 1984, the executive committee of the BNCE recommended that the Presiding Bishop be consulted concerning the appointment of a Standing Committee for the newly established Special Jurisdiction of North America.

In response to that recommendation, Bishop Herter, on July 18th, wrote to the president of the BNCE stating that he, in response to the recommendation, was establishing the following appointments:

Robert N. McIntyre, Chairman
Bishop Royal U. Grote
Bishop Leonard W. Riches
Mr. William B. Schimpf
Mr. E. Earl Shisler
Mr. Edward Meharg

In the same letter he noted that he was appointing Bishop Riches, Bishop Grote, and the Rev. McIntyre to act as a permanent examining committee.

The newly established Standing Committee, along with Presiding Bish-

op Theophilus J. Herter, held its first meeting on October 20, 1984, and through the actions taken at that meeting the following men, as they complied with the Committee's recommendations, were added to the clergy of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Received as deacon were the Rev. Messrs., Steven Berry B.S.; Bertram Card M.S.; Milton Hood Ed.D., M.Div.; Samuel Masilamoney, B.S., Th.B., D.D.; and as presbyter, Earl Boldt; Donald Karl Dale, S.T.M., M.A., D.P.M.; J. Alan Patterson, B.A., M.Div.; Lowell Saunders, Ph.D.; George Vogel, B.A., M.Div..

During the course of the triennium, in the business of receiving the previously listed clergy the Committee acted to receive four congregations as parishes in the SJNA: Trinity Church, North Hollywood California; Community Church, Hollywood Hills, California; Christ Memorial Church, Phoenix, Arizona; and St. Lukes Church, Cypress California.

Dr. Thomas Bracewell, pastor of Canterbury Church, Dothan, Alabama, after having successfully passed an examination by the examining committee, and having been recommended for reception at the February 86 BNCE executive committee meeting, was officially received into the SJNA through a balloting of the Standing Committee members.

At the October 86 meeting of the BNCE, at the presidents recommendation, it was moved that since it was customary to have a bishop chair a standing committee that Bishop Herter assume that position rather than the acting chairman he had appointed. In response to this request Bishop Herter, assumed the position as chairman and designated the former chairman to chair the SNJA Standing Committee meetings where he would of necessity be absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert N. McIntyre
BNCE President

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The annual minutes of the New York and Philadelphia Synod provide parish information. Some items are noted here.

First Church under the new apartment building situation, though it owns its church property, pays a \$48,000 annual general building maintenance fee. Church repairs and rectory renovation, not fully completed, have involved \$76,000 and \$47,000 respectively. Membership revision is arriving at accuracy. The Rev. William J. Holiman, Jr. is able to report average attendance in 1986 compared with 1985 increased 15%

Grace Chapel's pulpit has been vacant.

St. Paul's Church now has the Rev. George B. Fincke as its minister.

Bishop Cummins Memorial Church has a Nursery School, Bible Clubs, four choirs, a lay caring group, Teen Ministry, Women of the Church, and Men of the Church. Capital expenditures of \$15,000 have been made for pew cushions, library renovation, and for the handbell choir.

Grace Church, Scranton emphasizes missionary giving. Attendance is growing. Special education continues within the Sunday School with children from a rehabilitation center.

Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace now has the Rev. Boyd T. Sylvester as its minister. Membership is growing. Capital expenditures of \$12,000 have been made.

Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church has the Rev. Barton L. Craig, who served First Church as stated supply, now acting for it in that capacity.

St. Matthew's Church has a day care program involving as many as 45 children daily. Capital expenditures of \$7,000 have been made.

St. Mark's and Memorial Church of Our Redeemer has five groups

meeting. The Rev. Neil W. Bech is Sunday School superintendent. The music program under Choir Director Edwin Flack has been inspiring, with Handel's Messiah part one having an attendance of 300. Capital expense of \$20,000 has been very largely for roof repair.

Emmanuel Church, Somerville has made capital improvements in paving its parking area, new flooring in part of the church, and the refinishing of pews and chancel furnishings.

St. Philip's Church is thankful for much growth spiritually and numerically. Young families have come. There are more than 20 children 7 to 12. The Warminster Christian Counseling Ministries has been established.

Emmanuel Church of Four Brooks expended \$16,000 improving its parking area and providing folding doors. The church is known in the community as a Bible-Preaching Church.

Mount Carmel Church's quest for land has been successful. It also has \$16,000 of church equipment.

The Church of the Covenant has purchased a building, and has had \$38,000 of capital expense. God has blessed.

Providence Church has transferred members to Covenant Church. They have added an addition to the building they bought providing a kitchen, Sunday School rooms, office and rest rooms, and added well water. Capital expense has been \$25,000.

Christ Church, Drums has Bill Hobbs, Jr. serving as stated supply. A capital amount of \$2,000 has been spent.

St. Stephen's Church has purchased 5 acres of land, with assistance from Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. About 125 people are involved in their work with nearly half being in their teens or younger.

The Church of the Resurrection has halted its efforts to become a viable church. The efforts in Putnam County have also ceased.

Covenant Church has a church building, a spiritual unity, and reports that attendance is increasing.

The Statistical report is half again as long, as there is an Addendum to the 1981-1983 report in the Journal for May 1984, being the report of the CAC (Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod) for that triennium. Not only does it provide the data for that synod, but it also allows the missing totals for the denomination to be supplied.

Our attention is directed to the report for 1984-1986. For Sunday School scholars, in N (New York and Philadelphia) over half of the schools show a decrease with a few being 0. St. Philip's Church has been able to go from 0 to 42 with half being adults. It is the largest rate of increase in the Synod.

The decrease for Bishop Cummins and the increase for St. Stephens are omitted as the extent of relationship between them is not clear. Both numbers are substantial. Then, the 5 largest increases and the 5 largest decreases are St. Philip's, plus 42; Emmanuel, Baltimore 14; Emmanuel, Four Brooks 13, Emmanuel, Somerville 11; Trinity (and 2 others) 10; total 90. St. Paul's, minus 37; Grace, Collingdale 26; Grace, Scranton 24; St. Luke's, Wilmington 19; Bishop Hoffman 19; total minus 125.

The total net change is minus 63. Though this is down to an average of -21/yr., it is a continuing decrease. Further, the roll shows the adult proportion runs from 13 out of 20 and 30/45 to 15/71 and 11/54 or about from 2/3 to 1/5 (66 to 20%). Young people are needed.

In C (Chicago) remains on a plateau in the eighties, showing plus 2 over 6 years. As CAC provides only a combined figure for officers, teachers and scholars, the only observation that can be made is that the net total for this is a decrease of 17.

The only figure provided the previous General Council was a present membership of 2,648. The Addendum Report changes this by minus 37 to 2,611. The previously reported number is changed to 2,505. For the whole church this changes the previous number from 6,169 to 6,175 and the present number (12/83) from 6,103 to 6,066.

Proceeding to the present report, note the addition of a second column under communicants. Comparison of the first two columns shows church by church and in total the variation in what is reported for the previous membership number.

In N, ranging from 8 to minus 48, the net effect is minus 72 (vanished

mysteriously). In C, minus 6 and 20 result in a net variation of 14. In CAC there is a difference of minus 31, but this is caused by two parishes being closed. In other words, their consistency is 100%. For the denomination the change made is minus 89.

Some changes of larger size are compared with the figures in the previous report. In N confirmations increased by 38, received by letter increased by 22; dropped from roll is 137 greater; the net total is a bigger amount of membership loss by 78. Turning from comparisons to the total numbers for the three years, additions of 288, 250, 136 total 674; subtractions of 173, 663, 118 total minus 954. This yields minus 280 which with the minus 72 from previous number variations makes minus 352, and 3,067 is reduced to 2,715.

In C additions of 13 and deductions of 36 make minus 23, and the variation figure of 14 yields minus 9 in membership deduction. In CAC comparison of additions shows confirmations less by 53, but this was balanced by letter and other being greater by 28 and 26; in deductions dropped from roll was greater by 73. The minus 73 and the variation minus 31 largely reduced the gain of about 100 in the preceding triennium to the 28 yielded by the net total from those added and those subtracted, which increased 2,611 to 2,639.

Baptisms in N increased by 20, marriages decreased by 24 and burials decreased by 30. In C baptisms decreased by 9, marriages decreased by 12 and burials decreased by 4. In CAC baptisms decreased by 66 to about that of 6 years ago, marriages increased by 16, and burials decreased by 11.

Net value of all church property has been substantially increased. In N 10 have not changed, 2 do not have property, 3 have decreased, 1 has land, 4 are new properties, and 16 have increased. The 3 decreases (dollars) are Harvey Wagner 27,000, New Redeemer 5,000 (mortgage increase), and Providence Chapel 20,000 (mortgage and net change). The total increase is 6,200,000 (rounded figures) from 10,810,300 to 17,008,019. The 6 largest amounts are First Church 1,900,000, Christ Memorial 1,300,000, St. Mark's and Redeemer, 575,000, St. John's 330,000, Mount Carmel (land) 310,000, and Bishop Cummins 300,000; total 4,715,000. The other 1,500,000 is spread over 15 churches from 7,000 to 256,000 amounts. The Looney-Hoffman Fund mortgage total has increased by 181,438.

To clarify the non-deductible mortgage on Faith Church, in the Journal of May 1984, so it is not an unseen adjustment in totals, make it an unlisted mortgage. Page 191 replace 7,094 by a -, and change 1,571,824 to 1,564,730. Page 197 8,594 becomes 1,500 and change 816,894 to 809,800. It is no longer involved, having been given to Faith Church.

In C there is an increase of 190,000 from 574,000 to 764,000. A new property for St. Michael and All Angels Church is 170,000 and St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church's value is increased by 20,000.

In CAC property is increased by 500,000 (rounded figures) from 2,508,800 to 3,030,256. 7 are unchanged; 2 closed; 6 decreased, from 500 to 5,000; 8 total 430,000: New Israel 167,000, Redeemer 58,000, St. John's 53,000, St. Paul's Chapel 45,000, Nazareth 36,000, St. Stephen's 35,000, Mt. Olivet, 24,000, and Good Shepherd 20,000. The other 70,000 is spread over 10 churches in amounts from 5,000 to 16,000.

Benevolences: Increases (Decreases)
Compared with the Previous Triennium

	<u>Church</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>R.E.</u>	<u>Non-R.E.</u>	<u>Total</u>
N	1,152,881	13,083	62,292	217,791	20,115	1,466,162
C	698	(2,310)		3,626	(1,206)	808
CAC	210,976	17,281		10,837	(4,427)	234,667
REC	1,364,555	28,054	62,292	232,254	14,482	1,701,637

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His blessings upon our Church. Let us pray for all of our parishes with more understanding as we have glimpsed a little of their life and work.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter G. Truesdell
Chairman

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA

1/1/84 - 12/31/86

SUNDAY SCHOOL

		Non- Teaching <u>Officers</u>	Teaching <u>Officers</u>	Non- Officer <u>Teachers</u>	<u>Scholars</u>	<u>Total</u>
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD						
	Parish					
1873	First Church	1	2	0	22	25
1874	Grace Chapel	5	1	5	30	41
1874	St. Paul's	1	1	2	31	35
1875	Church of the Atonement	0	1	6	45	52
1875	Bishop Cummins Memorial	1	1	33	265	300
1876	Ch. of the Reconciliation	1	1	3	20	25
1876	Emmanuel, Baltimore	1	0	4	26	31
1877	Church of the Redemption	-	-	-	-	0
1881	Grace, Scranton	4	2	11	124	141
1886	Christ Memorial	0	1	3	31	35
1889	St. Luke's, Murray Hill	0	1	5	30	36
1890	St. Luke's, Philadelphia	1	3	3	24	31
1894	Grace, Collingdale	3	1	14	78	96
1895	Ch. St. John's by-the-Sea	1	0	5	34	40
1898	St. Luke's, Wilmington	8	1	0	5	14
1901	Trinity	2	0	10	71	83
1910	Grace, Havre-de-Grace	0	1	15	77	93
1932	Bishop Hoffman Memorial	-	-	-	-	0
1934	St. Matthew's	2	6	0	37	45
1942/1875	St. Mark's/Redeemer	3	1	9	44	57
1943	Emmanuel, Somerville	0	6	0	54	60
1943	Calvary	2	1	2	20	25
1952	Faith	1	2	0	12	15
1952	Harvey Wagner Memorial	-	-	-	-	0
1955	St. Philip's	1	4	0	42	47
1958	Church of the Messiah	0	0	3	29	32
1964	New Redeemer	3	2	0	48	53
1965	Emmanuel, Four Brooks	1	0	8	57	66
1966	Covenant Chapel	1	2	5	33	41
1973	Providence Chapel	5	1	3	21	30

SUNDAY SCHOOL

		Non- Teaching <u>Officers</u>	Teaching <u>Officers</u>	Non- Officer <u>Teachers</u>	<u>Scholars</u>	<u>Total</u>
1978	Mt. Carmel	3	1	1	21	26
1980	Church of the Covenant	0	1	1	14	16
1981	Providence Church	1	1	6	17	25
1983	Christ Church	0	2	7	17	26
1984	St. Stephen's	0	1	6	64	71
1985	Covenant Church	1	2	1	6	10
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	TOTAL NY & PHILA. SYNOD	53	50	171	1,449	1,723
	1981 - 1983	46	43	202	1,512	1,803
	1978 - 1980	44	40	202	1,632	1,918

SYNOD OF CHICAGO

	Parish					
1924/1875	St. Andrew's-Cheney M.	1	2	3	46	52
1889	Church of the Epiphany	0	0	1	20	21
1970	St. John's, Cincinnati	-	-	-	-	0
1978	St. Michael and All Angels	1	0	2	14	17
1979	St. Barnabas	1	1	1	4	7
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	TOTAL SYNOD OF CHICAGO	3	3	7	84	97
	1981 - 1983	6	2	9	87	104
	1978 - 1980	7	3	13	132	155

CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD

	Parish					
1874	Bethlehem	-	-	-	-	67
1874	Holy Trinity	-	-	-	-	20
1874	Nazareth	-	-	-	-	98
1874	Redeemer	-	-	-	-	240
1875	Immanuel	-	-	-	-	45
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1875	Zion	-	-	-	-	14
1876	Holy Comforter	-	-	-	-	30
1877	Messiah	-	-	-	-	28
1878	Good Shepard	-	-	-	-	42
1878	Grace	-	-	-	-	81
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1878	New Israel	-	-	-	-	80
1878	Mt. Olivet	-	-	-	-	48
1878	St. James'	-	-	-	-	29
1879	Christ	-	-	-	-	12
1879	St. Stephen's	-	-	-	-	9

SUNDAY SCHOOL

		Non- Teaching Officers	Teaching Officers	Non- Officer Teachers	Scholars	Total
1880	Mt. Carmel	-	-	-	-	14
1882	Promiseland	-	-	-	-	12
1884	St. Michael's (closed 1985)					
1885	Holy Rock	-	-	-	-	20
1885	St. Peter's	-	-	-	-	8
1886	Intercession	-	-	-	-	11
1890	Liberty	-	-	-	-	45
1892	Emmanuel, Alvin	-	-	-	-	31
1893	St. Thomas'	-	-	-	-	23
1896	St. Luke's	-	-	-	-	47
1906	St. John's	-	-	-	-	161
1920	Bethel	-	-	-	-	50
1949	Atonement	-	-	-	-	19
1949	Calvary	-	-	-	-	37
1956	St. Matthew's	-	-	-	-	12
1973	Emmanuel, Orlando	-	-	-	-	0
1974	St. Mark's (closed 1985)					
1974	St. Paul's Chapel	-	-	-	-	10
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	TOTAL C.A. & C. SYNOD	-	-	-	-	1,343
	1981 - 1983	-	-	-	-	1,360
	1978 - 1980	-	-	-	-	1,475
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TOTAL R.E. CHURCH						
	1984 - 1986	-	-	-	-	3,163
	1981 - 1983	-	-	-	-	3,267
	1978 - 1980	-	-	-	-	3,548

COMMUNICANTS

	12/31/83	1/1/84	RECEIVED			REMOVED			12/31/86
Parish	Number	Number	Con- firmed	Letter	Other	Letter	Roll	Death	Number
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD									
First Church	107	107	4	7	2	6	50	3	61
Grace Chapel	83	83	4	10	2	10	4	6	79
St. Paul's	254	254	2	2	6	0	118	11	135
Atonement	126	129	0	1	0	1	56	3	70
Bishop Cummins	666	666	73	41	13	52	108	19	614

COMMUNICANTS

	<u>12/31/83</u>	<u>1/1/84</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>			<u>REMOVED</u>			<u>12/31/86</u>
Parish	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Con- firmed</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Number</u>
Reconciliation	45	33	6	1	0	0	0	3	37
Emmanuel	47	47	8	3	0	7	15	4	32
Redemption	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
Grace, Scranton	112	105	4	13	14	1	4	3	128
Christ Memorial	16	16	12	8	0	0	3	0	33
St. Luke's	44	44	9	5	2	1	8	3	48
St. Luke's	52	52	4	0	1	1	1	3	52
Grace	172	174	2	1	4	9	51	12	109
St. John's	67	67	4	6	7	0	15	4	65
St. Luke's	40	33	2	0	0	2	0	2	31
Trinity	129	123	11	0	2	2	0	11	123
Grace	100	101	9	4	7	1	6	3	111
B. Hoffman	36	38	3	0	1	6	14	1	21
St. Matthew's	93	93	5	8	1	3	30	3	71
St. Mark's/R.	140	140	8	8	1	2	49	5	101
Emmanuel	90	92	26	8	8	3	53	2	76
Calvary	43	41	2	0	1	0	3	3	38
Faith	41	41	7	0	3	7	7	0	37
H. Wagner	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
St. Philip's	17	12	7	10	23	2	0	1	49
Messiah	103	55	4	7	18	0	6	1	77
New Redeemer	98	105	22	0	4	4	18	3	106
Emmanuel	83	82	1	14	0	3	2	4	88
Covenant	77	73	17	14	0	7	19	0	78
Providence	53	52	0	2	0	13	0	2	39
Mt. Carmel	22	30	2	0	11	4	19	0	20
Covenant	19	19	0	12	2	3	4	0	26
Providence	36	33	1	3	0	19	0	0	18
Christ	13	12	0	2	2	0	0	2	14
St. Stephen's	0	0	24	41	1	0	0	0	66
Covenant	0	0	5	19	0	4	0	0	20
TOTAL NY&P	3,067	2,995	288	250	136	173	663	118	2,715
1981 - 1983	3,285	3,269	250	256	114	164	526	132	3,067
1978 - 1980	3,456	3,412	235	234	138	120	405	133	3,285

COMMUNICANTS

Parish	<u>12/31/83</u>	<u>1/1/84</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>			<u>REMOVED</u>			<u>12/31/86</u>
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Con-</u> <u>firmed</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Number</u>
SYNOD OF CHICAGO									
St. A. - C.	267	287	5	5	0	6	4	13	274
Epiphany	35	35	1	0	1	0	0	1	36
St. John's	30	30	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
St. M./A. A.	30	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
St. Barnabas'	26	26	0	0	0	5	6	0	15
TOTAL CHICAGO	388	402	7	5	1	11	10	15	379
1981 - 1983	414	401	6	33	4	13	26	17	388
1978 - 1980	387	410	17	5	26	12	15	17	414
CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD									
Bethlehem	73	73	3	2	11	0	10	3	76
Holy Trinity	51	51	4	0	2	0	4	2	51
Nazareth	161	161	15	2	0	0	21	3	154
Redeemer	503	503	15	0	14	0	2	26	504
Immanuel	81	81	0	0	0	0	33	3	45
 Zion	 26	 26	 3	 2	 1	 0	 7	 3	 22
Holy Comforter	46	46	0	0	11	1	3	0	53
Messiah	63	63	12	0	7	0	3	5	74
Good Shepherd	56	56	13	0	8	0	5	2	70
Grace	120	120	9	0	9	0	0	5	133
 New Israel	 246	 246	 26	 11	 11	 0	 2	 13	 279
Mt. Olivet	80	80	11	0	2	1	17	1	74
St. James'	30	30	0	2	0	1	10	2	19
Christ	16	16	6	1	2	0	0	1	24
St. Stephen's	14	14	0	4	0	0	0	0	18
 Mt. Carmel	 23	 23	 11	 0	 0	 0	 8	 0	 26
Promiseland	13	13	0	1	3	0	0	1	16
St. Michael's	26 (closed)								
Holy Rock	37	37	0	0	1	0	11	1	26
St. Peter's	10	10	1	0	2	0	1	2	10
 Intercession	 13	 13	 4	 0	 0	 0	 0	 2	 15
Liberty	75	75	0	0	7	0	9	5	68
Emmanuel, Alvin	53	53	3	1	1	0	12	2	44
St. Thomas'	34	34	14	2	6	1	10	1	44
St. Luke's	180	180	13	6	12	0	35	17	159

COMMUNICANTS

Parish	<u>12/31/83</u>	<u>1/1/84</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>			<u>REMOVED</u>			<u>12/31/86</u>
	Number	Con- Number	firmed	Letter	Other	Letter	Roll	Death	Number
St. John's	344	344	27	11	8	0	2	8	380
Bethel	94	94	7	3	13	0	5	5	107
Atonement	28	28	3	0	0	0	2	1	28
Calvary	57	57	17	0	0	0	7	1	66
St. Matthew's	15	15	0	7	4	0	2	0	24
Emmanuel	15	15	1	0	2	0	2	1	15
St. Mark's	5 (closed)								
St. Paul's	23	23	2	0	9	0	14	5	15
TOTAL CA&C	2,611	2,580	220	55	146	4	237	121	2,639
1981 - 1983	2,499	2,505	273	27	120	14	164	136	2,611
1978 - 1980	2,368	2,354	261	22	184	5	215	102	2,499

TOTAL R.E. CHURCH

1984 - 1986	6,066	5,977	515	310	283	188	910	254	5,733
1981 - 1983	6,198	6,175	529	316	238	191	716	285	6,066
1978 - 1980	6,211	6,176	513	261	348	137	635	252	6,198

BAPTISMS

Parish	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Burials</u>
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD					
First Church	12	0	12	7	1
Grace Chapel	5	0	5	1	6
St. Paul's	4	0	4	4	13
Church of the Atonement	3	0	3	0	7
Bishop Cummins Memorial	58	9	67	44	53
Church of the Reconciliation	4	0	4	1	5
Emmanuel, Baltimore	10	0	10	1	6
Church of the Redemption	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Scranton	9	0	9	9	3
Christ Memorial	0	2	2	1	0
St. Luke's, Murray Hill	2	0	2	6	3
St. Luke's, Philadelphia	1	0	1	1	1
Grace, Collingdale	4	0	4	0	21
Church of St. John's by-the-Sea	4	4	8	4	9
St. Luke's, Wilmington	0	0	0	0	2

BAPTISMS

Parish	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Burials</u>
Trinity	15	2	17	9	28
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	8	3	11	2	12
Bishop Hoffman Memorial	2	0	2	0	1
St. Matthew's	9	1	10	4	11
St.Mark's/Mem'l Ch...Redeemer	5	2	7	4	9
Emmanuel, Somerville	14	2	16	8	6
Calvary	2	0	2	0	1
Faith	0	2	2	0	5
Harvey Wagner Memorial	0	0	0	1	0
St. Philip's	2	4	6	2	2
Church of the Messiah	0	1	1	2	1
New Redeemer	11	1	12	9	3
Emmanuel, Four Brooks	2	0	2	0	9
Covenant Chapel	11	0	11	10	3
Providence Chapel	2	0	2	0	2
Mt. Carmel	6	0	6	4	0
Church of the Covenant	6	0	6	2	2
Providence Church	2	0	2	0	0
Christ Church	2	1	3	1	2
St. Stephen's	16	4	20	0	1
Covenant Church	4	1	5	1	0
TOTAL NY & PHILA. SYNOD	235	39	274	138	228
1981 - 1983	209	45	254	162	258
1978 - 1980	217	41	258	158	310

SYNOD OF CHICAGO

St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial	3	0	3	9	25
Church of the Epiphany	0	0	0	0	3
St. John's	1	0	1	2	2
St. Michael and All Angels	-	-	0	-	-
St. Barnabas'	3	1	4	3	5
TOTAL CHICAGO SYNOD	7	1	8	14	35
1981 - 1983	10	7	17	26	39
1978 - 1980	20	3	23	14	43

CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD

Bethlehem	1	2	3	2	7
Holy Trinity	5	0	5	3	5
Nazareth	10	8	18	4	7
Redeemer	24	3	27	14	32

BAPTISMS

Parish	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Burials</u>
Immanuel	11	1	12	4	4
Zion	1	4	5	2	3
Holy Comforter	4	0	4	0	0
Messiah	7	0	7	3	5
Good Shepherd	6	0	6	1	3
Grace	34	1	35	7	7
New Israel	26	17	43	14	16
Mt. Olivet	11	0	11	8	1
St. James'	4	0	4	0	2
Christ	5	1	6	1	2
St. Stephen's	3	4	7	2	0
Mt. Carmel	2	1	3	2	0
Promiseland	4	0	4	0	1
St. Michael's (closed)					
Holy Rock	0	0	0	0	1
St. Peter's	2	5	7	0	1
Intercession	0	0	0	1	2
Liberty	7	0	7	5	5
Emmanuel, Alvin	5	0	5	0	3
St. Thomas'	7	2	9	1	1
St. Luke's	21	13	34	0	16
St. John's	16	13	29	10	19
Bethel	19	1	20	3	6
Atonement	1	2	3	1	1
Calvary	10	0	10	4	1
St. Matthew's	0	0	0	1	2
Emmanuel, Orlando	0	0	0	3	4
St. Mark's (closed)					
St. Paul's Chapel	0	1	1	5	14
TOTAL C.A. & C. SYNOD	246	79	325	101	171
1981 - 1983	318	73	391	85	182
1978 - 1980	262	55	317	96	145
TOTAL R.E. CHURCH					
1984 - 1986	488	119	607	253	434
1981 - 1983	537	125	662	273	479
1978 - 1980	499	99	598	268	498

CHURCH BUILDING

Parish	<u>Material</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD				
First Church	Brick, Stone	300	0	1,650,000
Grace Chapel*	Brick	225	75,000	520,000
St. Paul's	Stone	350	0	525,000
Atonement	Stone	400	45,000	767,000
Bishop Cummins	Brick	375	137,000	1,393,000
Reconciliation*	Stone	120	9,800	428,000
Emmanuel, Baltimore	Stone	200	0	554,000
Redemption	-	-	-	-
Grace, Scranton*	Brick	220	276,000	220,000
Christ Memorial	Brick, Stone	700	0	2,000,000
St. Luke's, Murray Hill	Wood	64	0	350,000
St. Luke's, Phila.*	Brick, Stone	400	22,400	375,000
Grace, Collingdale*	Stone	225	75,000	510,000
St. John's by-the-Sea	Wood, Brick	215	0	250,000
St. Luke's, Wilm.	Brick	65	0	95,000
Trinity*	Brick	300	40,000	285,000
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	Brick	110	0	300,000
Bishop Hoffman Mem'l*	Brick	120	68,000	325,000
St. Matthew's*	Brick	120	95,000	240,000
St. Mark's/Redeemer*	Brick	300	75,000	1,033,333
Emmanuel, Somerville	Wood, Brick	150	0	400,000
Calvary*	Brick	125	58,930	320,000
Faith	Block	60	0	100,000
Harvey Wagner Mem'l	Wood	100	0	98,300
St. Philip's*	Block	125	75,000	200,000
Church of the Messiah*	Stone	200	34,000	128,000
New Redeemer	Brick, Block	320	130,000	170,000
Emmanuel, Four Brooks*	Wood, Block	200	110,000	309,800
Covenant Chapel	Wood, Block	155	134,770	190,122
Providence Chapel	Brick	70	91,436	155,564
Mt. Carmel	(Land, Equip)	(70)	100,000	316,000
Church of the Covenant*	Brick	55	125,000	125,000
Providence Church	Wood	150	25,000	55,000
Christ Church	-	-	-	-
St. Stephen's	(Land)	-	0	100,000
Covenant Church	Block, Wood	75	0	50,000

CHURCH BUILDING

Parish	<u>Material</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
TOTAL NY & PHILA. SYNOD			1,802,336	14,538,119
1981 - 1983			1,571,824	9,629,900
1978 - 1980			1,401,639	8,056,478

*Looney-Hoffman Fund encumbrance not deducted.

SYNOD OF CHICAGO

St. Andrew's-Cheney	Brick	325	0	300,000
Church of the Epiphany	Brick	96	37,000	119,000
St. John's, Cincinnati	-	(75)	-	-
St. Michael/All Angels	Wood	120	30,000	170,000
St. Barnabas'	-	(35)	-	-

TOTAL CHICAGO SYNOD			67,000	589,000
1981 - 1983			37,000	399,000
1978 - 1980			37,000	594,050

CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD

Bethlehem	Brick	100	0	85,000
Holy Trinity	Wood	120	0	40,000
Nazareth	Brick	200	0	136,250
Redeemer	Stone	500	0	308,000
Immanuel	Brick	100	0	78,750

Zion	Wood	80	0	15,000
Holy Comforter	Block	100	0	25,000
Messiah	Brick	150	0	50,000
Good Shepherd	Brick	150	1,400	80,000
Grace	Brick	250	0	104,000

New Israel	Brick	600	182,900	917,100
Mt. Olivet	Brick	250	0	174,000
St. James'	Wood	50	0	25,000
Christ	Brick	60	0	10,000
St. Stephen's	Wood	25	0	62,000

Mt. Carmel	Wood	50	0	9,500
Promiseland	Wood	40	0	6,000
St. Michael's (closed)				
Holy Rock	Brick	120	0	40,000
St. Peter's	Brick	80	0	20,000

Intercession	Brick	60	0	7,000
Liberty	Brick	200	0	97,000
Emmanuel, Alvin	Brick	200	0	91,000
St. Thomas'	Wood	50	0	9,000

CHURCH BUILDING

Parish	<u>Material</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
St. Luke's	Wood	180	0	58,000
St. John's	Brick	500	16,944	107,056
Bethel	Brick	250	0	141,000
Atonement	Brick	75	0	10,000
Calvary	Brick	100	0	116,000
St. Matthew's	Brick	60	0	20,000
Emmanuel, Orlando				
St. Mark's (closed)				
St. Paul's Chapel	Brick	50	0	65,600
TOTAL C.A. & C. SYNOD			201,244	2,907,256
1981 - 1983			393,800	2,471,300
1978 - 1980			212,000	1,870,800
TOTAL R.E. CHURCH				
1983 - 1986			2,070,580	18,034,375
1981 - 1983			2,002,624	12,500,200
1978 - 1980			1,650,639	10,521,328

PARISH HOUSE

RECTORY

Parish	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encumbrance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
NY & PHILA. SYNOD						
First Church	-	-	-	Brick	0	750,000
Grace Chapel	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Paul's	Stone	-	-	Stone	0	102,000
Atonement	-	-	-	Stone	0	95,000
Bishop Cummins	-	-	-	Brick	0	80,000
Reconciliation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmanuel, B	-	-	-	Brick	0	40,000
Redemption	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace, Scranton	-	-	-	Wood	0	30,000
Christ Memorial	Brick, St.	-	-	-	-	-
St. Luke's, M H	-	-	-	Wd., Br.	0	190,000
St. Luke's, P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace, C	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John's -Sea	Wd., Br.	0	200,000	Wd., Br.	0	175,000
St. Luke's, W	-	-	-	-	-	-

Parish	PARISH HOUSE			RECTORY		
	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encum- brance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encum- brance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Trinity	-	-	-	Brick	0	45,000
Grace, H-de-G	-	-	-	Brick	0	50,000
B. Hoffman M	-	-	-	Stn., Br.	0	60,000
St. Matthew's	-	-	-	Brick	0	100,000
St. Mark's/R.	-	-	-	Brick	0	103,900
Emmanuel, S	-	-	-	Wood	0	130,000
Calvary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faith	-	-	-	Block	2,000	10,000
H. Wagner Mem'l	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Philip's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messiah	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Redeemer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmanuel, F B	-	-	-	Wd., Stn.	0	159,000
Covenant Chapel	Wood	-	-	Block	10,546	150,000
Providence C.	-	-	-	Brick		
Mt. Carmel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Covenant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christ Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Stephen's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Covenant Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NY & P		0	200,000		12,546	2,262,900
1981 - 1983	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978 - 1980	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICAGO SYNOD						
St. Andrew's-C.	Wood	0	125,000	Wood	0	50,000
Epiphany	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John's, C	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. M./A. A.	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Barnabas'	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CHICAGO	-	0	125,000		0	50,000
1981 - 1983	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978 - 1980	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. A. & C. SYNOD						
Bethlehem	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nazareth	-	-	-	-	-	-

Parish	PARISH HOUSE			RECTORY		
	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encum- brance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Encum- brance</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Redeemer	-	-	-	Wood	0	5,000
Immanuel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zion	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Comforter	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messiah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Good Shepherd	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mt. Olivet	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. James'	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christ	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Stephen's	-	-	-	Wood	0	-
Mt. Carmel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Promiseland	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Michael's (closed)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Rock	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Peter's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intercession	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmanuel, Alvin	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Thomas'	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Luke's	Brick	-	7,000	Wood	-	5,000
St. John's	Wood	-	37,000	Wood	-	44,000
Bethel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atonement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calvary	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Matthew's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmanuel, Orl.	-	-	-	Wood	20,000	25,000
St. Mark's (closed)	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Paul's C.	-	-	-	Brick	0	-
TOTAL C.A. & C. SYN		0	44,000		20,000	79,000
1981 - 1983		0	32,000		27,000	92,000
1978 - 1980		0	32,000		14,000	73,000
TOTAL R.E. CHURCH						
1984 - 1986		0	369,000		32,546	2,391,900
1981 - 1983		0	257,000		64,200	1,217,402
1978 - 1980		0	182,000		45,450	1,060,513

Parish	En- dow- ment	EXPENDITURES		BENEVOLENCES			Grand Total
		Church in- cl. salary of Rector	Sunday School	Budget 10/83- 9/86	R. E. Objects	Non R. E. Objects	
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD							
First Church	Yes	596,240	625	14,894	190,563	11,155	813,477
Grace Chapel		138,081	4,160	9,330	2,392	3,909	157,872
St. Paul's		409,509	700	30,200	34,053	24,393	498,855
Atonement		133,520	482	5,094	25,459	12,989	177,544
Bishop Cummins		575,792	23,388	50,525	296,588	162,963	1,109,256
Reconciliation		83,222	1,423	5,545	954	0	91,144
Emmanuel		88,865	2,001	2,300	3,110	1,900	98,176
Redemption		12,771	0	1,573	8,515	0	22,859
Grace		227,888	11,150	11,262	10,145	634	261,079
Christ Mem'l		64,995	1,660	2,290	6,904	2,120	77,969
St. Luke's		144,819	325	5,567	12,340	2,463	165,514
St. Luke's		59,305	2,579	5,424	6,467	342	74,117
Grace	Yes	160,862	6,208	26,202	74,813	4,498	272,583
St. John's		125,997	4,388	350	193	0	130,928
St. Luke's		31,085	152	1,616	0	0	32,853
Trinity		89,433	9,179	9,508	7,950	580	116,650
Grace		154,252	11,487	8,477	5,678	0	179,894
B. Hoffman		52,293	0	693	307	0	53,293
St. Matthew's		122,760	1,622	12,978	15,080	6,156	158,596
St. Mark's/R.		191,581	3,106	14,822	32,945	10,494	252,948
Emmanuel	Yes	109,987	954	6,380	0	0	117,321
Calvary		60,914	2,570	1,695	1,722	670	67,571
Faith		71,878	0	2,360	653	95	74,986
H. Wagner		13,727	0	2,959	0	0	16,686
St. Philip's		70,465	0	1,615	900	300	73,280
Messiah		49,000	500	1,600	0	0	51,100
New Redeemer		116,000	1,100	1,370	0	0	118,470
Emmanuel		119,207	3,880	6,407	11,217	1,422	142,133
Covenant		159,579	1,350	6,318	40	950	168,237
Providence		87,835	1,300	1,996	1,500	0	92,631
Mt. Carmel		71,875	0	1,124	490	390	73,879
Covenant		64,776	819	1,607	2,332	0	69,534
Providence		70,649	254	1,146	0	0	72,049
Christ		13,177	857	1,059	881	75	16,049
St. Stephen's		63,629	2,283	1,263	6,284	1,989	75,448
Covenant		66,840	0	733	6,475	9,652	83,700

Parish	EXPENDITURES			BENEVOLENCES			Grand Total
	<u>En- dow- ment</u>	<u>Church in- cl. salary of Rector</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Budget 10/83- 9/86</u>	<u>R.E. Obiects</u>	<u>Non R.E. Obiects</u>	
TOTAL NY&P		4,672,808	100,502	258,282	766,950	260,139	6,058,681
1981 - 1983		3,519,927	87,419	195,990	549,159	240,024	4,592,519
1978 - 1980		2,522,316	92,714	173,634	364,940	191,703	3,345,307
SYNOD OF CHICAGO							
St. A. - C.		168,592	1,555		7,662	500	178,309
Epiphany		29,570	0		2,612	275	32,457
St. John's		24,462	0		2,040	0	26,502
St. M./A. A.		-	-		-	-	0
St. Barnabas'		5,400	0		600	6	6,006
TOTAL CHICAGO		228,024	1,555		12,914	781	243,274
1981 - 1983		227,326	3,865		9,288	1,987	242,466
1978 - 1980		184,489	2,843		8,441	321	196,094
CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD							
Bethlehem		21,425	4,009		3,060	480	28,974
Holy Trinity		61,201	2,505		2,650	316	66,672
Nazareth		42,885	3,782		3,151	1,890	51,708
Redeemer		66,955	16,413		0	661	84,029
Immanuel		15,298	2,408		0	1,651	19,357
Zion		6,415	318		1,224	257	8,214
Holy Comforter		8,945	1,164		236	418	10,763
Messiah		21,024	2,348		1,695	817	25,884
Good Shepherd		14,576	2,496		230	62	17,364
Grace		72,682	14,015		3,859	802	91,358
New Israel		272,184	7,214		4,190	1,825	285,413
Mt. Olivet		29,010	3,177		2,084	1,396	35,667
St. James'		10,811	604		621	314	12,350
Christ		9,572	397		1,032	229	11,230
St. Stephen's		14,170	292		3,011	0	17,473
Mt. Carmel		6,057	1,092		246	261	7,656
Promiseland		9,679	725		807	268	11,479
St. Michael's (closed)							
Holy Rock		8,557	1,252		458	0	10,267
St. Peter's		4,907	60		585	52	5,604
Intercession		11,159	216		1,755	630	13,760
Liberty		29,623	3,588		1,002	187	34,400

Parish	EXPENDITURES			BENEVOLENCES			Grand <u>Total</u>
	<u>En- dow- ment</u>	<u>Church in- cl. salary of Rector</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Budget 10/83- 9/86</u>	<u>R.E. Objects</u>	<u>Non R.E. Objects</u>	
Emmanuel, Alvin		14,433	1,026		417	59	15,935
St. Thomas'		26,621	3,637		591	0	30,849
St. Luke's		61,061	4,821		2,538	0	68,420
St. John's		125,841	2,879		9,208	787	138,715
Bethel		44,811	2,805		3,614	1,116	52,346
Atonement		20,417	946		2,661	540	24,564
Calvary		23,380	1,468		1,542	462	26,852
St. Matthew's		12,225	911		1,596	248	14,980
Emmanuel		23,314	-		410	1,861	25,585
St. Mark's (closed)							
St. Paul's		24,280	1		666	2,440	27,387
TOTAL CA&C		1,113,518	86,569		55,139	20,029	1,275,255
1981 - 1983		902,542	69,288		44,302	24,456	1,040,588
1978 - 1980		644,858	49,033		138,364	13,894	846,149
TOTAL R.E.C.							
1983 - 1986		6,014,350	188,626	258,282	835,003	280,949	7,577,210
1981 - 1983		4,649,795	160,572	195,990	602,749	266,467	5,875,573
1978 - 1980		3,351,663	144,590	173,634	511,745	205,918	4,387,550

ALL CHURCH PROPERTY

Parish	<u>Gross Value</u>	<u>Looney- Hoffman Fund</u>	<u>Other Encum- brances</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA SYNOD				
First Church	2,400,000	-	-	2,400,000
Grace Chapel*	520,000	75,000	-	520,000
St. Paul's	627,000	-	-	627,000
Atonement	907,000	-	45,000	862,000
Bishop Cummins	1,610,000	-	137,000	1,473,000
Reconciliation*	428,000	9,800	-	428,000
Emmanuel, Baltimore	594,000	-	-	594,000
Redemption	-	-	-	0
Grace, Scranton*	426,000	100,000	176,000	250,000
Christ Memorial	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
St. Luke's, Murray Hill	540,000	-	-	540,000
St. Luke's, Phila.*	375,000	22,400	-	375,000

ALL CHURCH PROPERTY

Parish	<u>Gross Value</u>	<u>Looney-Hoffman Fund</u>	<u>Other Encumbrances</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Grace, Collingdale*	510,000	75,000	-	510,000
St. John's by-the-Sea	625,000	-	-	625,000
St. Luke's, Wilm.	95,000	-	-	95,000
Trinity*	360,000	10,000	30,000	330,000
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	350,000	-	-	350,000
Bishop Hoffman Mem'l*	385,000	68,000	-	385,000
St. Matthew's*	350,000	85,000	10,000	340,000
St. Mark's/Redeemer*	1,137,233	75,000	-	1,137,233
Emmanuel, Somerville	530,000	-	-	530,000
Calvary*	320,000	58,930	-	320,000
Faith	112,000	-	2,000	110,000
Harvey Wagner Mem'l	98,300	-	-	98,300
St. Philip's*	200,000	75,000	-	200,000
Church of the Messiah*	128,000	34,000	-	128,000
New Redeemer	300,000	-	130,000	170,000
Emmanuel, Four Brooks*	478,800	100,000	10,000	468,800
Covenant Chapel	400,000	85,438	59,878	340,122
Providence Chapel	247,000	-	91,436	155,564
Mt. Carmel	416,000	-	100,000	316,000
Church of the Covenant*	150,000	100,000	25,000	125,000
Providence Church	80,000	-	25,000	55,000
Christ Church	-	-	-	0
St. Stephen's	100,000	-	-	100,000
Covenant Church	50,000	-	-	50,000
TOTAL NY & PHILA. SYNOD	17,849,333	973,568	841,314	17,008,019
1981 - 1983	11,620,100	792,130	809,800	10,810,300
1978 - 1980	9,791,593	825,430	597,602	9,193,991

* Looney-Hoffman Fund encumbrance not deducted.

SYNOD OF CHICAGO

St. Andrew's-Cheney	475,000	-	475,000
Church of the Epiphany	156,000	37,000	119,000
St. John's, Cincinnati	-	-	0
St. Michael/All Angels	200,000	30,000	170,000
St. Barnabas'	-	-	0

ALL CHURCH PROPERTY

Parish	<u>Gross Value</u>	<u>Looney-Hoffman Fund</u>	<u>Other Encumbrances</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
TOTAL CHICAGO SYNOD	831,000		67,000	764,000
1981 - 1983	611,000		37,000	574,000
1978 - 1980	631,050		37,000	594,050
CHARLESTON, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE SYNOD				
Bethlehem	85,000		0	85,000
Holy Trinity	40,000		0	40,000
Nazareth	136,250		0	136,250
Redeemer	313,000		0	313,000
Immanuel	78,750		0	78,750
Zion	15,000		0	15,000
Holy Comforter	25,000		0	25,000
Messiah	50,000		0	50,000
Good Shepherd	81,400		1,400	80,000
Grace	104,000		0	104,000
New Israel	1,100,000		182,900	917,100
Mt. Olivet	174,000		0	174,000
St James'	25,000		0	25,000
Christ	10,000		0	10,000
St. Stephen's	62,000		0	62,000
Mt. Carmel	9,500		0	9,500
Promiseland	6,000		0	6,000
St. Michael's (closed)				
Holy Rock	40,000		0	40,000
St. Peter's	20,000		0	20,000
Intercession	7,000		0	7,000
Liberty	97,000		0	97,000
Emmanuel, Alvin	91,000		0	91,000
St. Thomas'	9,000		0	9,000
St. Luke's	70,000		0	70,000
St. John's	205,000		16,944	188,056
Bethel	141,000		0	141,000
Atonement	10,000		0	10,000
Calvary	116,000		0	116,000
St. Matthew's	20,000		0	20,000
Emmanuel, Orlando	45,000		20,000	25,000
St. Mark's (closed)				

ALL CHURCH PROPERTY

Parish	<u>Gross Value</u>	<u>Looney-Hoffman Fund</u>	<u>Other Encumbrances</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
St. Paul's Chapel	65,600		0	65,600
TOTAL C.A. & C. SYNOD	3,251,500		221,244	3,030,256
1981 - 1983	2,929,600		420,800	2,508,800
1978 - 1980	2,270,000		270,200	1,999,800
TOTAL R.E. CHURCH				
1984 - 1986	21,931,833	973,568	1,129,558	20,802,275
1981 - 1983	15,160,700	792,130	1,274,694	13,886,006
1978 - 1980	12,692,643	825,430	904,802	11,787,841

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATERIALS FOR REFORMED EPISCOPAL HISTORY

To the Forty-fifth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History held no formal meetings during the past triennium. Informal contact between the committee members was maintained by telephone and personal conversation. The Chairman has sought to keep active through research and the pursuit of matters of historical interest to the denomination, and is happy to serve as a resource person for any who are seeking information regarding our history.

The Committee acted to assist Raymond A. Acker in the updating of his *History of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary*, in recognition of the Seminary's 100th anniversary, through the provision of some supplemental material and the notation of several corrections in the original edition.

A major project of this Committee during the triennium has been the editing and updating, in conjunction with the Publication Society, of the Memoirs of Dr. Benjamin B. Leacock, a founder of the Reformed Episcopal Church. We anticipate the issue of a new edition of these Me-

moirs by the Publication Society, in order that a most interesting historical record may be made available to our people.

In 1984, the Committee cited our crying need of a new denominational history. It is with gratitude therefore that the Committee has taken note of the exhaustive efforts of one of its members, Dr. Allen C. Guelzo, Professor of Church History at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, in the production of a volume entitled *The First Thirty Years*, chronicling the General Councils, and the fields of service of Reformed Episcopal clergy, for the years 1873-1903. It is anticipated that this is but the beginning of a work which will, in time, yield us an entirely new, and up-to-date, history of the denomination.

In this centennial year of our Seminary, the Committee has taken note of the absence at the Seminary of a portrait of Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, he being the only previous Dean not to be so honored. It is our hope that in the near future the Committee may work with the Seminary in providing a fitting portrait of Dr. Wilson which may be displayed there.

The Committee reminds the individual parishes of the importance of historical preservation of records, programs, pictures, and other items of interest to future generations. The Churches are encouraged to send copies of such items to the denominational archives for preservation. We wish to express appreciation to the Rev. Walter G. Truesdell and to Dr. Allen C. Guelzo for their on-the-spot supervision of the historical records and items which are part of the denomination's archives kept at the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger F. Spence
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

To the 45th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

MAY 1987

Thirty-nine years ago this month the first Committee on Women's Work was appointed by action of the General Council in response to a request from Mrs. Joseph E. Kearney, affectionately known as "Nan". Its pur-

pose has always been to unify, coordinate and stimulate the work of the women in the Reformed Episcopal denomination. This, we believe, has been accomplished.

Mrs. Kearney faithfully served on the Committee for many years, and acted in an advisory capacity until her death in September, 1986. We will miss her encouragement and prayer support. A lovely booklet "In Remembrance" was published by the Committee as a tribute to her memory and distributed this year on Women's Day. We thank the Lord for her godly influence.

During the past triennium, the Committee on Women's Work met annually each October preceding the Spiritual Enrichment Conference in order to accommodate members traveling a distance. Other business, as warranted, was conducted by mail and phone. At least one member of the Committee, plus the Treasurer, Mrs. Myrtle Wilmot, and the Chairlady, Mrs. Lyla Wildermuth have served on the committees organized annually for our activities.

The yearly devotional booklet, written by our R.E. women and published by the Committee, continues to unite us as we study and discuss together in the Women of the Church monthly meetings. The 1984-85 booklet "Contrasts in Scripture" was written by Mrs. David Backstrom and Mrs. Jack Stinnett from our Chicago Synod. "Blessed Attitudes", the 1985-86 booklet was written by Mrs. Ruth Casey, a member of Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. By request, the 1986-87 booklet "Fear Not" contains ten devotionals, each one written by the wife of one of our Reformed Episcopal ministers. For the women who write, and for Mrs. Virginia Colburn, who does the editing, this is indeed a labor of love.

On Friday, May 1st of this year, 220 gathered for our 38th Annual Women's Day at the Williamson Restaurant in Horsham, Pa. This has always been an exciting and uplifting day as we praise the Lord, listen to His Word, and present our monetary gifts for a special project.

In 1984, \$16,972 was contributed to an Emergency Relief Account making available to our bishops money to meet emergency situations within the denomination. In 1985, \$11,062 was presented to the R.E. Publication Society enabling them to establish a capital base. In 1986, \$12,210 went to the Board of National Church Extension toward the salary and expenses of a field secretary for the special jurisdiction of North America. This May, \$10,812.00 was contributed toward the Bishop Joseph E.

Kearney Memorial Library in the Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary in South Carolina.

Since 1952 the Women's Day Project offerings have provided almost \$332,000 toward our denominational needs. We thank God for the faithful, sacrificial giving of our people.

For 32 years an annual conference has been held in the Fall for the study of God's Word and the spiritual enrichment of our lives. This provides an opportunity for many of our women to use their gifts and serve the Lord, and it is a rich time of fellowship.

Twenty-three of these conferences have been held at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City, N.J. making it a delightful tradition. Unfortunately, the economy has become our enemy. The increased expense of holding our annual Spiritual Enrichment Conference at the Flanders has necessitated our making other plans. After investigating 14 other facilities, and after much thought and prayer, the decision has been made to move our conference to Sandy Cove in North East, Maryland, where the rates will be almost half of those paid at the Flanders. In order to take advantage of Sandy Cove's luxurious new building, it is necessary for us to move our Conference to the Spring, thus necessitating our moving Women's Day to the Fall. After so many years, change is not easy, but necessary.

The next Spiritual Enrichment Conference will be held April 29 and 30, 1988 at Sandy Cove.

The next Women's Day will be held on Friday, October 2, 1987 at the Williamson Restaurant, Willow Grove, Pa.

We sincerely request your prayerful support and encouragement as we make these changes.

We have had printed and distributed each September the "Dates To Remember" cards. If used properly, these should avoid conflict in planning activities within our denomination.

We are again revising the booklet "A Look at YOU--the Women of the Reformed Episcopal Church." It explains the function of the Committee on Women's Work, and the women's activities in all our Synods. This should be invaluable to new members of our established churches and to the work of the BNCE and our new churches.

As Chairlady of the Committee on Women's Work, I have continued to act in an advisory capacity to the three women's auxiliaries in the New York and Philadelphia Synod.

The Reapers, the missionary auxiliary, meets every October, March and June in one of our churches for a meeting and lunch. News letters and prayer requests of our missionaries are given special emphasis. The Reapers continue their 3 special appeals--the Supply Fund to help with special projects on the mission fields, the Clothing Fund to help outfit our missionaries and their families when they are on furlough, and a thank-offering designated for a special project each year. In 1984, \$1,250 was given toward the Brodish's car fund. In 1985, \$700.00 was provided to help with the work of BNCE and in 1986, \$855.00 was given for the purchase of office equipment for the Rev. Oommen Samuel to take to India. The Reapers have been very supportive of the Board of Foreign Missions and its refurbishing of the two Missionary houses in Pipersville, sponsoring two showers and an open house.

The Auxiliary to the Faculty and Trustees of the R.E. Seminary in Philadelphia is very supportive of all activities sponsored by the Seminary. At their annual covered-dish luncheon in September a project offering is received. In 1984, \$5,286.00 was contributed toward furnishing the Conference Room. In 1985, \$4,089.00 was provided toward furnishing the faculty offices. In 1986, \$4,457.00 went toward the student lounge. These have been wonderful additions to the Seminary building. On June 6th of this year, following commencement, a luncheon will be served. The Auxiliary is requesting the cooperation of our women in providing food and serving.

The Four Brooks Auxiliary continues to meet in November and April for a meeting and lunch at the Four Brooks Camp. The value and influence of a camp ministry is emphasized and prayer for specific needs is offered. The November project offerings for the past three years have been: 1984--\$789 toward debt reduction; 1985--\$372 additional for the lounge, and in 1986--\$631 for the liner for the walk-in freezer.

We have many reasons to rejoice, and much for which we give thanks. The fellowship among our Reformed Episcopal women brings great joy, but we are distressed at the decreased attendance at our Auxiliary meetings. Again we realize the economy has become our enemy. With so many women working full time these days they are not available week

days. Saturday activities are planned whenever possible for this reason.

In the early church there was a woman named Dorcas--"this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds" (Acts 9:36). There are many such women in the Reformed Episcopal Church, and we are grateful for each one.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyla M. Wildermuth
Chairlady

Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Women's Work

Balance on hand 12/31/83				\$5,477.83
RECEIPTS	1984	1985	1986	
General Council, R.E. Church	\$100.00	100.00	100.00	
Gifts to the Committee	110.00	106.00	126.50	
Devotional books purchased	1,115.50	1,399.00	1,440.65	
Women's Day	19,171.88	13,052.21	14,440.50	
Spiritual Enrichment Conference	1,625.80	1,610.51	1,402.08	
Interest on savings account	<u>175.32</u>	<u>199.23</u>	<u>304.12</u>	
Total receipts	22,298.50	16,466.95	17,813.85	<u>56,579.30</u>
				62,057.13
DISBURSEMENTS				
Committee expenses	125.93	190.80	188.90	
Devotional books (Prntg. & Pstg.)	1,155.00	1,147.70	1,255.37	
Women's Day	18,905.73	12,761.86	14,206.84	
Women's Day (deposits)	(85) 250.00	(86) 235.62	(87) 600.00	
Spiritual Enrichment Conf.	1,188.47	851.62	1,121.10	
Bank service charge	<u>5.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.75</u>	
Total disbursements	21,631.06	15,187.60	17,378.96	<u>54,197.62</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/86				\$ 7,859.51
First Pennsylvania Bank				
Savings account:				7,200.40
Checking account:				<u>659.11</u>
				\$ 7,859.51
Women's Day Project Offering disbursed to:				
(84) Emergency Relief Fund-Board of Pensions Relief Fund				\$16,972.53
Mrs. William Jennings, Treasurer				
(85) Reformed Episcopal Publication Society				\$11,062.56
E. David Bustard, Treasurer				
(86) Board of National Church Extension				\$12,210.00
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND CERTIFY THE JOURNAL

To the Forty-fifth General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren:

The committee appointed to examine and certify the Journal of the Forty-fourth General Council calls attention to the following corrections:

1. Cover: date should read Friday, 18 May.
2. Page 35, paragraph 3, line 7: omission of title Bishop before ... Herter's report.
3. Page 165 in the Lord's Prayer, first line, third phrase should read: Hallowed be thy Name.
4. Page 163 second paragraph of Gloria In Excelsis, second line: A in Almighty should be caps.
5. Page 218 under title Women's Day, second line should read: ... need to bring our women ... etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph H. Kidwell
Committee Member

SERMON PREACHED AT THE OPENING OF THE 45th GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 27, 1987

Monuments, Meaning, and a Reshaped Episcopal Church
by Bishop Franklin H. Sellers, D.D.

It is an honor and a pleasure to return to Charleston, South Carolina and to share in this historic Forty-fifty General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in which, for the first time in my memory, two Bishops of the Free Church of England have shared in the opening Communion Service.

While it is a delightful time to meet amid the flowers and festival activity, it is also a significant time to meet because throughout our land this last week of May, the people have been gathering around grave markers and stone crosses, using these symbols to spur the remembrance of the devotion and sacrifice of many American men and women that are traditionally recalled on Memorial Day.

If there is a sadness connected with this rite, it comes not from the thousands of white stone crosses, row upon row in our cemeteries, because the cross speaks of faith and belief in the resurrection based on the initial cross of Christ. No, the sadness comes from the misuse of the day and the failure of our children to learn the meaning of the events that led to the erection of these monuments. So, it is important, as we meet in this City of Monuments, (as I think of Fort Sumter, the Citadel, the aircraft carrier Yorktown, and many more near Patriots' Point), that we search the Scripture to see how Almighty God uses stone monuments for our benefit.

The narrative in which we are interested, in the book of Joshua, begins with these words, "now it came to pass" and thus unfolds the record of God's providential dealings with Israel on the banks of the Jordan. A number of things call out for our attention.

First is the emphasis on the continuation of the Lord's provision for His chosen ones. In fact, it is important to go back to Numbers 27:18, where we read that which the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him," i.e., pass the mantle, consecrate him to be the one who will succeed you, Moses.

In this we see God's umbrella of faithfulness covering His promise, and the umbrella is large enough to cover generation after generation, and, I hope, both the American and English branches of our church.

We see, also, the emphasis on order in this transition--a practice our church follows today. And order was important to the great transition that was about to be made from the aimless wanderings in the desert to the entrance into the Land of Promise. It was God Who provided the miracle at the Exodus at the Red Sea, and it is again the same God who now sets in motion the ordered and structured steps necessary to lead His people into the Land of Promise, the land of milk and honey. It was God leading in the past, as well as God leading in the future.

The crossing of the Jordan:

1. Of prime importance is the fact that it was designed and ordered by God. Joshua was instructed to direct and “oversee” the process but there can be no mistake--God structured it His way.

This is evident in:

- (a) A period of preparation of three days (described in Joshua 1:10, in which all were to sanctify and prepare themselves. How we constantly need time of preparation. Drafting of blueprints and plans before construction, the sanding and scraping prior to painting, the cutting, dicing, and seasoning before cooking, and, yes, the Garden of Gethsemane before Crucifixion, prayer before action.
- (b) The demand by God to be fearless. Verse 6 of Chapter 1:6 states, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers--only be strong and very courageous; be very careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or left,” and verse 9, “Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” The overseer must be fearless--and strong! And Joshua was.
- (c) Spiritual leaders to lead the way! Verse 3:14 states, “The priests carrying the ark before the people”...“feet dipped into the water (the Jordan River overflowed its banks), then the waters flowing down from above (Lake Galilee) stood and rose up in one heap.” The miracle happened only after an act of faith and obedience. The clergy had to get their feet wet first! The warriors and people followed after!

Now the picture of the crossing. Verse 3:17 states, “The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had crossed.” Clergy - first in - last out!

But the dynamic event continues. There is no hurried rushing across like the Exodus. This is a liturgical procession and it wasn't over. Twelve men were elected, one man for each tribe--form is important here--

protocol is evident--just as in the Book of Common Prayer.

Now the representatives of the people were directed to each take a boulder, to hoist it up on their shoulder from the middle of the Jordan (how long would the waters hold back?) and carry them to the encampment of the people. Large boulders used to build a monument set up in Gilgal for a very distinct and important purpose.

Pageantry, drama, the use of forms and symbols, not from the mind of man--but directed, ordered by God. It has always puzzled me why we in the Reformed Episcopal Church are so fearful of symbols. Is our faith weak? Listen to the word of the Lord in Chapter 4:20:

And those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. And he said to the sons of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, "What are these stones?" then you shall inform your children, saying, "Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground - For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea...that all the people of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty so you may fear the Lord your God forever."

Monuments, symbols properly used have a purpose. We don't worship the stone cross, but we are to use it to stimulate our memories and fire our appreciation of God's goodness. We don't worship the cross of stone in a cemetery or a cross of gold hung around a woman's neck or a cross of silver on a man. But we use them to assist us to forever know and reverence God. God didn't stop using symbols or symbolic acts--witness the water in baptism, the breaking of bread and the continued use of wine in the Holy Communion of the New Covenant. These are memory aids! These are also to be visual aids, instructional aids to help perpetuate our faith in and our knowledge of the goodness of God. What do these stones mean? God gave Israel the answer. Look, remember--then, praise God!

But now, what answer does he give us when we look at the monument erected by our specific forefathers. What do these Reformed Episcopal "stones" mean? God forbid if we have no answer to give, for then our church is dead. If we have no strong, clear, impassioned meaning to impart to our children, we have forfeited our heritage.

So many points of comparison leap forth at us as we assemble together in Council:

1. Like Israel, there is an Exodus in our history!
2. Like Moses to Joshua, there is a "passing the mantle," a laying on of hands upon our overseers, the maintenance of the historic episcopate!
3. Like Israel, there is also a transition from the old over the Jordan to the new--the future, a new beginning--and it should be noted the memorial monument was erected on the Promised Land, not on the wilderness side.

Our vision of the past (our history) is important, but the vision of the future--the opportunities, must of necessity be greater.

Now, I've ridden with each of your bishops in the Charleston, Atlanta and Charlotte Synod. Their cars and driving techniques are different, but one thing was common. The rear view mirror in each car was only about 2" x 6"--that's for looking behind. However, the windshields were about 2' x 6', so the emphasis should be on forward vision, on where we are going once we know from where we have come.

Again I ask, "What do these 'stones' of the Reformed Episcopal Church mean?" It is an outrage to build such temples and denominational structures, to occupy the time and energy of so many, to assemble and staff institutions and churches, unless there is a tremendous reason for doing it. We must demand to know why so much money, time, and devout lives were, and are, being poured into these stones--and an answer of worldly reform isn't good enough.

Our church must exist to be alive for Christ and testify of His love and power to redeem. Nothing else will satisfy. These stones must shout, "This is a living Church, designed to call your attention to God's goodness!"

We must never confuse "activity" with "accomplishment" and, praise God, our founding fathers sought out accomplishment, not just activity. What God-inspired wisdom that led George David Cummins to state out front, "The purpose of the meeting (in New York on December 2, 1873) is to 'organize,' and not to discuss the expediency of organizing," i.e.,

let's not just talk, let's do!

And just what did they do? In the letter calling the first meeting or council is this quote, "The Lord has put into the hearts of some of his servants who are, or have been in the Protestant Episcopal Church the purpose of restoring the old paths of their fathers. On Tuesday, the 2nd of December, 1873 a meeting will be held in Association Hall, corner of 23rd and 4th Avenue in the City of New York, at 10:00 A.M. to organize an episcopal church on the basis of the Prayer Book of 1785." In Bishop Cummins' words, "Meet to restore--to reconstruct" an episcopal church, a church with leaders! And that is what they did, even if some confusion exists understanding the name of the church.

Now, let me briefly interject some personal history to help you understand what I will say. I did some genealogical research on family lines. It proved how much I am indebted to the old Reformed Church, known also as the German Reformed Church. My mother, Elsie Spengler, was baptized in that church in 1886. She was later confirmed in that church as was my father and they were married in that church in 1904.

Before that, my grandfather, Ephraim Sellers, married my grandmother, Catherine Feather, in the same church in 1870. My maternal grandparents, Samuel Spengler and Susan Krick, were married in the church in 1882 and their parents before them, Reuben Spengler and Sarah Reifschneider, were married in the Reformed Church in 1827.

As I said, I am indebted to the ministry of those men in the Reading, Pennsylvania area, but the church of that day and age was not the church that our founding fathers structured in 1873. Nor is it the church in which I was baptized, confirmed and ordained.

To our leaders, "Reformed" meant restructure--remold--reshape, and their desire was not to organize a Reformed or Presbyterian Church with a Prayer Book and an episcopal emphasis! If this would have been all they wanted, they could have just walked across the street in New York and have been eagerly welcomed into those existing communions.

Hear this! Make no mistake! These stones cry out and shout, "We are a restored Episcopal church" and this is what they meant by that:

1. A church restored or reshaped that honored biblical theology and tested all things by scripture! Theology of the Reformers was

valid only when it was biblical.

2. A church, like the march across the Jordan, that was structured and organized, in which order could be found and "overseers," the English meaning for the word "bishops," would exercise fearless leadership in the sight of God.
3. A church with an orderly worship service that combined beauty and logical progression which emphasized the liturgy of the word of God and the commanded sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is this that makes us stand apart from so-called "electronic ministries" on the television. We believe in and practice a sacramental ministry overseen by bishops.

As to point Number 1, the first action of the meeting was to adopt the Declaration of Principles, chief of which is the first article that "declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the sole rule of faith and practice." The second article states their belief in the episcopacy as a very ancient and desirable form of church polity, i.e., a system that works! Charles Edward Cheney, the first bishop consecrated in our church, in the 1874 Council, said, "The first act is to declare our solemn determination of fidelity to the Bible." "The ideal evangelical Church recognizes no authority save the Word of God!"

As to the second point, the Episcopalness of our church, the prime order of business following the luncheon on Tuesday afternoon was to elect Charles Edward Cheney as the first to be consecrated bishop. The young church realized the importance of oversight, especially as a biblically established pattern. Moving with dispatch, the church consecrated Dr. Cheney (white vestments were worn) in Chicago on December 14, 1873, just 12 days later.

What was Bishop Cheney's idea of the episcopate? Bishop Cheney never wavered from his strong belief in the parity of presbyters. His own words at the 1874 Council ring out, "The New Testament is full of passages where bishops and presbyters are manifestly the same." It is for the first among equals, however, to oversee, to be the first in the Jordan waters, to bear the burden of an office responsibility, not of an order.

We cannot leave this message, delivered so close to Memorial Day, without mentioning the U.S.S. Stark, which was attacked and in which

thirty-seven equal-before-the-law citizens of the USA died. Authority was committed to just one man, the Captain--the overseer--to raise a defensive shield. Tragically, he did nothing. I pray as a Church that we will never be fearful of allowing our bishops the right of active oversight!

Looking back, would our Reformed Episcopal Church in India have been different if we had the courage to elect a bishop for active oversight on that continent? I, for one, feel it would have been.

Could our church today be different with a courageous episcopate? Again, I certainly think so. Could we reach across the ocean to the English branch? I certainly think we should have.

I am nearing the end of my ministry and will soon step down, but I believe our Church could be strengthened by three simple steps of this Council, allowing younger, future bishops to:

1. Make use of Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution by adding one sentence to allow bishops to authorize minor verbal or rubrical alterations in the Book of Common Prayer which affect neither doctrine or polity.
2. By the addition to the note in the Confirmation service on page 491, allowing bishops to authorize presbyters to confirm when necessary.
3. By making mandatory periodic meetings of the overseers of our synods.

Then, maybe future Councils will consider more plans for action in addition to reports of the past. We need more time for discussion centered on position papers and goals relating to the future!

What do these stones of the Reformed Episcopal Church mean? They are a living memorial that preserves the richness of the past, and reaches into the Promised Land of the future. We should not "hold the fort," but rather "storm the ramparts" of the future.

In summation, Charles Edward Cheney eloquently stated the visible signs or meaning of our church:

1. It recognizes no authority above Scripture!

2. It makes preaching the gospel superior to every other task!
3. It manifests the love of Christ among its members (not perfectly -- remember the disturbing vestment issue), but it is duty-bound to try to fulfill Christ's commandment to love one another, even if we are robed in different colors, and even if we minister on different sides of the Atlantic.

However, knowing what these stones that form the monument of our church mean is only half our task. The larger part is to tell it to your children! To, as they say, "Pass it on, pass it on."

Now let's get on with the Council, blessed by God, and do a grand work! Amen.

**SERMON OF BISHOP ROYAL U. GROTE, JR.
AT THE ORDINATION OF
MILTON HOOD TO THE PRESBYTERATE**

May 28, 1987

The Practical Focus of Christian Doctrine

Tonight we all have an opportunity to participate in something very special...the ordination of our brother, Milton Hood, to the Presbyterate, and it is my privilege to deliver the sermon this evening. Now you who are here understand this--usually a sermon is directed toward everyone, but tonight I want to follow the custom of Bishop William White. He always directed his remarks to the candidate. The congregation were overhearers, if you please. So friends, that's what I would like you to be this evening, overhearers, as I have opportunity to challenge Dr. Hood.

You see, I'm particularly delighted to fulfill this role since I have had occasion to interact with you as bishop and minister, not to the degree that that should occur, but that will soon change. Milton, here's my last shot at you, so to speak.

In the presentation of our brother to the bishop, we will hear the exhortation, "*Take heed that this person whom ye present is apt and meet for his learning and godly conversation, to exercise his ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of His Church.*" A little later in the examination of the candidate you will hear this question, "*Will you then give*

faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments and the discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded and as this Church hath set forth the same; according to the teachings of Holy Scripture, so that you may teach the people committed to your charge, with all diligence to keep and observe the same?"

Clearly, we understand the duty of the servant of Jesus Christ is to minister the doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ to the people of God. The Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy and instructing him as to how he was to exercise his ministry said, *"Watch your life and doctrine closely; persevere in them because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."* Doctrine and living are linked together by Paul as what constitutes effective ministry to the people of God.

Milton, you are presented here today as a qualified minister of Jesus Christ. It is our duty and privilege to ordain you to this Order of ministry. Know this, that your duty is clear--to set forth the doctrines of Jesus Christ and to live those doctrines in such a way that it will affect the people to whom our Lord would have you minister.

Doctrine is not very popular today. Many ask, "Does it really matter what we believe so long as we love?" Sound doctrine is at the heart of the Christian Church. We need to believe the right things in order to hold the right doctrinal positions. We cannot have healthy churches without healthy doctrine; and we cannot be healthy believers without healthy doctrine; but having said that, I run a great risk. It is always possible for a truth to go out of focus, either by too much emphasis or too little, and when it does, it ceases to be truth. What I mean is, it is possible for doctrine--right belief--to become an end in itself. The pursuit of the theological can become misfocused; if we are not careful, if we do not have the right balance or focus in regard to its application, it is useless. Christian doctrine must always have a practical focus!

The Apostle Paul gives that focus to us in his letter to Titus, Chapter 2, verse 1: *"You,"* says Paul in speaking to Titus, *"You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine."* These words appear in the context of Paul addressing the false teachers that existed in the church at that time. Chapter 1, verse 16: *"They claim that they know God, but in their actions they deny Him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good."* Notice the contrast; in 1:16 Paul says "they" and in 2:1 he says "you." Titus, "they" are this way, but "you," Titus, are not to be like that. They are hypocrites professing to know God, but their lives are

like the devil. Their lives and their professed beliefs are opposites. Titus, your life must be different. You must be consistent in what you say and in what you do.

Here is a tremendous formula for defeating heresy. Instead of occupying our time trying to discredit heresy or the things heretics teach, our job as ministers of Christ is to preach the truth based on the word of God and live a life before the world that declares what we preach is truth. Sometimes we give too much publicity and recognition to the heretic. We really combat heresy by preaching the truth, living the truth, and standing on the truth. That then puts a great responsibility on us to teach the right things. We must make sure we base our lives upon the word of God. *"You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine."* Notice something -- doctrine isn't enough -- it must be "sound" doctrine. That word refers to something that is very obvious and healthy and wholesome; sound doctrine is healthy truth. What we preach must not only be doctrinally correct, it must have a sense of vitality attached to it. Literally, it means "to make well, to make whole" or "to heal." What we preach, what we proclaim, must have as its focus the making of people well, the encouragement of the children of God, the practical application of biblical truth in the lives of God's people.

And teaching takes place on two levels--proclamation and demonstration. We have a saving Gospel to proclaim; it should result in saving action. We have a Gospel of forgiveness; we ought to demonstrate forgiveness. We have a righteous Gospel; we ought to live that righteousness. We have a Gospel of love, and we ought to show love. We should teach the things that bring health and wholeness into people's lives--sound doctrine.

But, we might ask, how is this to be done? And isn't this done already? In some cases, yes, but in many cases, no! There is a serious misunderstanding of how to apply sound doctrine. Paul gives some very practical direction to help us focus on how to apply doctrine and to whom. First of all in verse 2 he says, *"Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled and sound or healthy in three things: healthy in faith, healthy in demonstrating love, and healthy in endurance."* He begins with the mature men in the church and works his way down from the foremost to the least! Every class or group of people is to be taught. In verse 3, *"Older women are to be taught to be reverent in the way they live, not slanderous in their speech or excessive drinkers, but instead to be teachers of what is right or good."* Then, *"younger women are to*

love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be industrious at home, to be kind and subject to their husbands."

In verse 6 direction is given to the young men to be self-controlled or prudent, in other words, to possess and exercise a quality of mind which keeps the life safe, by having all emotions and mental functions under control. Verse 9 says that servants are to be subject to their masters in everything, not to be disrespectful, nor to steal from them, but to demonstrate trust. The people of God from greatest to least, oldest to youngest, are to be taught. They are to be taught doctrine, but the teaching is not just simply a collection of words, not merely an affirmation of the cardinal truths of the Christian faith. Those things are important and essential. To say, "I believe in God, the Father, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord...I believe in the Holy Ghost...and all the other doctrines of the Apostles' Creed" is most important. To know and teach the doctrines of grace are very important; but, by themselves, they are worthless. It is the duty of the Christian minister to take those truths and apply them to the lives of those in Christ's Church in such a practical way that they will be enabled to fulfill Christ's purposes for them. And notice what Christ's purposes are. Verse 5, *"These things are to be taught so that no one may ever speak evil of the word of God."* Again, at the end of verse 7, *"You are to live in such a way that your opponents may be ashamed because they have nothing evil to say about you."* Then in verse 10, *"The lifestyle of the child of God is supposed to result in making the teaching about God our Saviour attractive"* (attractive to whom?) *"to those who do not yet know Him."* That means that doctrine -- wholesome, healthy, life-giving doctrine -- has as its end a transformation of lifestyle and character which God intends to use to bring others to Himself! Notice also that an essential part of the teaching by the minister is his own actions. Verse 7, *"In everything set them an example by you doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned!"* If you want to move people in the right direction, then you yourself must lead the way, first of all; not by words, but by actions. Paul says here the minister of Christ must be an example; literally, the pattern. The word pattern here describes an impression made upon an object by the pounding of a hammer upon a seal. It makes an exact reproduction. In this context it means an example of good works or fine conduct, a pattern for others to follow, so that when people see and here us they will know that what we are saying is what we are living, and what we are living is worthy of reproduction.

Paul says, "*Imitate me as I imitate Christ.*" Now that is it in generalities. Paul gets specific, "*In your teaching show integrity.*" It must be clear that the pastor's motives are absolutely pure. There is always the danger of self-display, the temptation to demonstrate one's own cleverness, to seek to attract notice to one's self rather than to God's message, and to become frustrated if not given due recognition. There is always the temptation to power. It's easy to become the dictator--leader you must be as a presbyter, but dictator, never. Men can always be led, but never driven for long. There is always the danger of setting the wrong standards of success--popularity is not necessarily true success. Faithfulness, integrity of motive, will go a long way in making what you teach truly believable.

Next Paul says that "*the man of God must have dignity, or honor.*" Dignity is not aloofness nor arrogance nor pride. It is not simply an air of attitude that one tries to convey. Dignity begins with proper awareness of self--who am I?--a sinner saved by God's grace, a recipient of His love and His mercy, an heir of all the glories of heaven. Because God so loved me, He gave His only begotten Son, so that I might become His child through faith, and He has called me and led me to this point in my life, that I might serve Him in this special way. To be a minister of the gospel is a solemn responsibility. Other men may stoop to pettiness, but God's ambassador must be above that. Other men may bear grudges, but he must have no bitterness. Other men may be touchy about their place, but he must have a humility which has forgotten that it has a place. Other men may grow irritable or blaze into anger in an argument, but the minister of God must have a serenity which cannot be provoked. Nothing injures the cause of Christ more than for the leaders and the elders of the people of God to descend to conduct and words unbefitting an envoy of Jesus Christ. There must be dignity.

And when the motives are pure and the dignity is there and the actions are right, then the message begins to ring true. The die is struck, the impression is made and reproduction occurs. Paul says that you must have a sound message, a message that brings healing to those who hurt, health to those who are spiritually unhealthy, strength to those who are weak, and that message can never vacillate. It must be straight talk; it must be balanced; it must have one end in view--the practical application of Christian doctrine.

Paul ends this chapter with a significant exhortation; his words are clear; they speak for themselves. Verse 11, "*For the grace of God that brings*

salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say No to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, people who are eager to do what is good!" These then are the things you should teach, encourage and rebuke with all authority. "Do not let anyone despise you."

So my brother, as you enter this new phase of your ministry, go forward with this focus--to take the truths of holy scripture and apply them in a practical way, first, in your life, then in the lives of the rest of God's people. In so doing, He will be glorified and His kingdom strengthened. Amen.

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