

ABSTRACT
OF THE
MINUTES
REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE
UNITED STATES
(EUREKA CLASSIS)

59th ANNUAL SESSION

at
PEACE REFORMED CHURCH
UPHAM, NORTH DAKOTA
May 19-22, 1969

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The Eureka Classis, Reformed Church in the United States, convened for its 59th Annual Session at Peace Reformed Church, Upham, North Dakota, May 19, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. The sessions were opened with a sermon by Rev. Donald W. Treick, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, preaching on I Corinthians 1:9. Rev. Emil Buehrer, Green Bay, Wisconsin, conducted the service.

After the President had declared the meeting opened for business, it was determined on the basis of Certification of Elders and the reading of the Roll that there were 12 pastors and 15 Elders present, a quorum.

On Tuesday morning the following were elected OFFICERS for the Classical year 1969-1970:

President: Rev. Norman C. Hoeflinger, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Vice President: Rev. Robert E. Grossmann, Artas, South Dakota

Stated Clerk: Rev. Donald W. Treick, Aberdeen, South Dakota

Treasurer: Mr. Donald Greiman, Garner, Iowa

LIST OF MEMBERS

Pastors:

Donald W. Treick, 1408 So. Lincoln, Aberdeen, S. D. 57401

C. W. Powell, Rupert Road P.O. Box 856, Anderson, Calif. 96007*

Robert D. Stuebbe, 420 Columbus, Bakersfield, Calif. 93305

Lloyd Gross, Route 3, Garner, Iowa 50438

Robert E. Grossmann, Artas, S. D. 57423

Hessel Stevens, Hosmer, S. D. 57448

Vernon Pollema, Upham, N. D. 58789

Norman C. Hoeflinger, Route 3, Manitowoc, Wis. 54220

Chester Ploeger, P.O. Box 302, Menno, S. D. 57045

Roger L. Gibbons, 317 S. Garfield, Pierre, S. D. 57501

Calvin J. Stuebbe, 235 James St., Shafter, Calif. 93263
 Norman L. Jones, P.O. Box 223, Sutton, Neb. 68979
 William Warren, 2604 W. 8th St., Hastings, Nebr. 68901
 Sam M. Allison, Rt. 1, Box 128, Raymond, Minn. 56282
 (without charge)**
 Peter B. Grossmann, 314 S. Polk St., Pierre, S. D. 57501
 (without charge)**
 Jefferson G. Duckett, Ashley, North Dakota 58413 (supply
 pastor)*
 Gene Sawtelle, 6894 Lady Smith Ave., Anderson, Calif. 96007
 (without charge)*
 Emil Buehrer, P.O. Box 534, Green Bay, Wis. 54305 (with-
 out charge)
 Dr. John M. Zinkand, 526 First Ave., S.E., Sioux Center,
 Iowa 51250 (without charge)
 D. E. Bosma, 1307 McGovern, Aberdeen, S. D. 57401 (re-
 tired)**
 Robert Klaudt, 1333 Castaic, Oildale, Calif. 93308 (re-
 tired)**

*—Examined and added to the Roll during the 59th Session

**—Excused from all the sessions

There are pastoral vacancies at Ashley-Venturia, N. D.;
 Emery, S. D.; Eureka, S. D.; Ft. Collins, Colo.; Heil, N. D.;
 and Minot, N. D.

Elders:

Rudolph Opp, Leola, S. D. 57456
 Ernest Gibbons, 3770 Riverside Ave., Anderson, Calif.
 96007*
 Emil Dockter, Venturia, N. D. 58489
 Gideon Goehring, 425 Petrol Road. Bakersfield, Calif.
 Theo. Koerner, Bridgewater, S. D. 57319
 Walter Opp, Eureka, S. D. 57437
 Ruben Bertsch, 1 Holly Court, Loveland, Colo. 80537
 Harm Buschmann, Klemme, Iowa 50449
 A. A. Stegmeier, 800 Mandan St., Bismarck, N. D. 58501
 Floyd Beck, Artas, S. D. 57423
 Elmer Hieb, Hosmer, S. D. 57448
 Gottfried Rau, Gary Ave. S.E., Harvey, N. D. 58341
 Norman Lutze, Route 1, Newton, Wis. 53063

Ted Holzwarth, Freeman, S. D. 57029
Ben Mettler, Upham, N. D. 58789
Marvin Olivier, 214 W. 5th, Pierre, S. D. 57501**
Raymond J. Mettler, Rt. 1, Box 427, Bakersfield, Calif. 93308
Albert P. Nuss, Sutton, Neb. 68979
Gideon Mettler, Upham, N. D. 58789
*—Seated upon reception of Faith Ref. Church, Anderson,
Calif.
**—Excused from all the sessions

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday, May 19

8:00 p.m.—Opening Worship Service
Sermon—Donald W. Treick
Conducting—Emil Buehrer

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 a.m.—Devotions—C. W. Powell, Jr.
8:00 p.m.—Sermon—Robert Grossmann
Conducting—William Warren

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 a.m.—Devotions—Jefferson G. Duckett

Thursday, May 22

9:00 a.m.—Devotions—Gene Sawtelle
8:00 p.m.—Sermon—Norman Jones
Conducting—Robert D. Stuebbe

FRATERNAL DELEGATES AND VISITORS

The dates of the Classis Session coinciding with the dates of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, no delegates were present at the Classis meeting. A letter of greeting was sent to the Eureka Classis and read on the floor. In turn the Classis sent a telegram of greeting to the O.P.C.

The candidates for examination, Revs. C. W. Powell, J. G. Duckett, and Gene Sawtelle were greeted as visitors prior to their examination, as also other visitors were greeted by the President.

The Treasurer was also greeted as a visitor by the President.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

Rev. C. W. Powell, Rev. Jefferson G. Duckett, and Rev. Gene Sawtelle, all examined at the Classis session, were received as members of the Eureka Classis, upon signing the Formula for Licensure. The President officially welcomed the new ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States.

RECEPTION OF NEW CHURCHES

Faith Reformed Church, Anderson, California, made application for membership in the Eureka Classis, and was received as a member church with great joy and thanksgiving to God. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by the President.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF CLASSIS

Overtures: C. Stuebbe, R. Gibbons, R. Grossmann, Walter Opp, Ben Mettler
Services: E. Buehrer, W. Warren, S. Allison, Theo Koerner, Gideon Mettler
Missions: J. Zinkand, C. Stuebbe, P. Grossmann, V. Pollema, A. A. Stegmeier, Gottfried Rau
Finance: C. Ploeger, V. Pollema, J. Zinkand, R. D. Stuebbe, Harm Buschmann, Raymond J. Mettler
Nominations: W. Warren, H. Stevens, P. Grossmann, Elmer Hieb, Ted Holzwarth
Excuses: V. Pollema, L. Gross, R. Gibbons, Norman Lutze, Marvin Olivier
Judicial: R. Grossmann, C. Stuebbe, N. Jones, E. Buehrer, Rudolph Opp, Floyd Beck
Publications: R. D. Stuebbe, H. Stevens, V. Pollema, Ruben Bertsch, Harm Buschmann
Ministerial Aid: R. Gibbons, R. Grossmann, S. Allison, Emil Dockter, A. A. Stegmeier
Education and Student Aid: H. Stevens, E. Buehrer, J. Zinkand, Norman Lutze, Floyd Beck
Examination and Licensure: L. Gross, R. D. Stuebbe, C. Ploeger, N. Jones, Gideon Goehring, Albert P. Nuss
Benevolences: N. Jones, W. Warren, R. Grossmann, Rudolph Opp, Walter Opp

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (to report in 1970)

- To Study the Heidelberg Catechism Workbook by N. Jones:
J. Zinkand, N. Jones, L. Gross, Kenneth Kauk.
- To Study the Question of Inactive and Non-Delegate Elders
Serving on Permanent Committees of Classis: H. Stevens, Elmer Hieb.
- Committee to Revise Bible Stories Book III: N. Hoeflinger,
R. Grossmann, N. Jones, D. Treick, Elmer Hieb,
Rudolph Opp.
- To Establish a Foundation in the name of Classis: N. Hoeflinger,
E. Buehrer, Norman Lutze

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

- Foreign Missions: R. Grossmann, (1 yr.), Albert Stoller
(1 yr.), J. Zinkand, Convener (2 yrs.), V. Pollema
(2 yrs.), Ernest Gibbons, (3 yrs.), C. W. Powell, Jr.
(3 yrs.)
- Home Missions: L. Gross, Harm Buschmann, C. Stuebbe,
J. Zinkand, R. D. Stuebbe, Gideon Goehring.
- Board of Trustees: V. Pollema, A. A. Stegmeier, Gottfried
Rau, D. Treick, Ben Mettler.
- Publications: N. Jones, C. Ploeger, R. Gibbons, Ted Holzwarth.
- Executive Committee: N. Hoeflinger, D. Treick, Norman
Lutze.

The President's Report:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Honorable Eureka Classis
Reformed Church in the U.S.

Esteemed Brethren:

"Behold, I set before thee an open door . . ." Rev. 3:8.

An open door is opportunity. And opportunity best describes the scene before us in Eureka Classis. Opportunity as unlimited as the power of God. Jesus Christ, the Head and King of the Church, has "the key of David, he . . . openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth; and no man openeth."

Great and terrible as the problems of our day are, they are the challenge of our times. And this challenge is our opportunity. For the problems call for a truly great solution, and that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The parochial reports of our pastors show that both they and their congregations are responding to these opportunities with a desire to meet the challenge. This is the state of our church today.

We are faced with opportunity in missions. Our newest work in Hastings is alive with excitement in the prospect of a church building now available at modest cost. The first service in this building doubled the usual attendance figure. The Minot Congregation has maintained itself despite being without a pastor. Much thanks is due to the neighboring pastor, Rev. Vernon Pollema, who has given so much in time and effort to this work. While some families have moved from Pierre, the pastor there reports that most of these have united with other congregations of our church or with other Reformed churches. Furthermore, new families have replaced these and prospects for greater increase are good. Fort Collins needs our help—in getting a pastor (We are sorry that Rev. Savage has had to devote himself entirely to other work because of family medical needs; let us pray for and help him), and also in assistance and encouragement.

Our home mission picture is bright with opportunity. Many of our long established churches are already responding to this home mission opportunity by taking part in the support of these mission churches through prayers and direct financial assistance. This is especially true of those in the area of the mission works. We heartily recommend to all churches that they enquire how they may best help these emerging churches.

While the cities are teeming with life and we concentrate our efforts to build new churches in these areas, parochial reports indicate a new lease on life in the rural congregations. Not all the comforts are found in the city. The small town and country church need not be resigned to a lingering death. Our congregations in both Hosmer and Leola express hope in their reports, and they look optimistically to the future in view of the stabilizing situation in the rural areas with a view to their own mission opportunities. The mission of our church to our covenant family must never be neglected. And every revival must begin at home.

While it is disheartening to realize the temptations faced by our young people today—one pastor mentions the easy availability of narcotics, another the effects of the new morality—uniformly our churches report healthy and prosperous youth groups. Perhaps our greatest task lies here. For the changes in society, in part produced by modern technology, have truly created a “generation gap”. Our children are growing up in a world that we are unfamiliar with and do not understand. Despite this fact, Jesus Christ is still the answer: Yesterday and Today and Forever.

That our church is faced with opportunities is evidenced by the fact that Faith Reformed Church of Anderson, Calif., is now requesting admission to our church, and that Emmanuel Reformed Church of Sutton, Nebraska, has met with representatives from our church in seeking a new ecclesiastical connection. Similarly, three ministers of the gospel are presenting themselves for admission to our ministry at this session. They are Rev. Jefferson G.

Duckett, Rev. C. Powell, Jr. and Rev. Gene Sawtelle. In all this and for all this, we praise God abundantly. The trend of the times can only mean that those of like precious faith will seek us out as also we seek them out in the unity of the true faith, the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

Other opportunities have opened up for our ministers to testify to Jesus Christ. The Rev. Peter B. Grossmann presently serves in the area of government as Director of Public Welfare of the State of South Dakota. The Rev. Sam Allison continues to teach Bible at the Central Minnesota Christian High School. Dr. John Zinkand returns to his professorship at Dordt College after serving four years in the Old Testament department at Westminster Theological Seminary. Rev. E. Buehrer has labored in reprinting the Bible Stories Book III and in publishing The Reformed Directory of Worship; these in addition to his usual literary and publishing work.

Our most immediate need is the filling of our present pastoral vacancies: Eureka, Minot and Fort Collins. We recognize that God has carried us through lean years with only a few pastors. Yet we have been kept by the power of God. The Hosmer Reformed Church celebrated its Sixty-fifth Anniversary, and Ebenezer Reformed Church of Shafter had its Golden Anniversary. But we do not want again to pass through such trying times because of the shortage of pastors to meet the need and the opportunities. We have one student at Westminster Seminary, Mr. Paul Treick who finished his Middler year. Where are the others? Does not that present pastors, parents, congregations and young men with a very real and definite challenge?

The means of meeting all our opportunities are with us: the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments and the exercise of a biblical discipline. And they are being used. Whatever our faults (and let us acknowledge our manifold transgressions before the Lord) there are few churches that can say that the gospel is preached from all its pulpits. We can say this with confidence—but also with humility and only by the grace of God.

Yes, we have much for which to be thankful. Truly

it is of the Lord's mercies. Among these mercies are the reports of increased enthusiasm for the Lord's work and increased giving in support of the Lord's work in many congregations (Zion Reformed Church, Menno, has reduced its debt on its new church building to only \$2,000!). We give thanks to God for the continued health of our senior ministers in retirement, Rev. D. E. Bosma and Rev. Robert Klaudt. We are saddened by the death of Mrs. Bosma and commend our dear Brother Bosma to the comfort that is in Christ our Lord. As this is being prepared we have just received word of the sudden death in an air accident of the father-in-law of Rev. Roger Gibbons. May these bereaved also be comforted in the love of God. We also express our sympathy to the Zenk family in the passing of Mrs. G. J. Zenk this past year.

Special prayer is requested for our foreign missionary, the Rev. Harvie M. Conn, as he faces the difficult decision whether to remain in Korea or to join the faculty at Westminster Seminary. Surely here the need and opportunity is great in both places.

Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20

"I am the door: by me of any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3:8

What a glorious opportunity the Lord has given unto us: to enter into fellowship with Him and to call others to Christ also. That is the state of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman C. Hoeflinger

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1968-1969

Rev. William Warren resigned the pastorate of Peace Reformed Church, Garner, Iowa, effective Sept. 1, 1968, and was called to be home missionary at Hastings, Neb. He was installed as associate pastor of Hope Reformed Church, Sutton, Neb., with the specific duty of serving at Hastings,

on October 13, 1968.

Rev. Jefferson Duckett sustained a satisfactory preliminary examination as to orthodoxy and purity of intentions.

The Executive Committee circularized recommended guidelines for giving to Classis causes.

A special committee to study the question of inactive and non-delegate elders serving on permanent committees of Classis was appointed. This committee consisted of Rev. H. Stevens and Elder Elmer Hieb.

The Articles of Incorporation of Grace Reformed Church, Hastings, Neb., were studied and approved with recommended changes.

Rev. Lloyd Gross accepted a call to Peace Reformed Church, Garner, Iowa, and resigned the Minot pastorate effective Nov. 1, 1968. He was installed at Peace Reformed Church on Jan. 12, 1969.

Rev. A. B. Meyer, Bismarck, N. D., Reformed Church in America, was approved as a supply pastor for the Heil, N. D., congregation. He supplied alternately with area Classis pastors.

Rev. Vernon Pollema was placed as stated supply in Minot, N. D., with a salary of \$200.00 per month.

Executive appointed a special examining committee to examine the Rev. Mr. Gene Sawtelle as to orthodoxy and purity of intentions. The committee consisted of: R. Grossmann, chairman; H. Stevens, D. Treick, and elder Harry Hieb. The examination was declared satisfactory.

Rev. Peter Grossmann resigned the Eureka Reformed Church pastorate, effective Feb. 3, 1969, to become Director of Public Welfare for the state of South Dakota. The pulpit was declared vacant.

Arrangements were made for the Classis meeting at Upham, N. D., May 19-22, 1969.

Summer supply was arranged as follows: Heil, N. D.—Student Paul Treick, Ft. Collins, Colo.—Student Charles Dennison.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDERS

The questions set forth in Art. 84 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the U. S., were put to the elders who answered 'yes' to all of the questions put, with these exceptions: Question #3: Gideon Goehring, Bakersfield, "Satisfactory"; Walter Opp, Eureka, "Satisfactory"; A. A. Stegmeier, Heil, "Satisfactory"; Question #4: Ruben Bertsch, Ft. Collins, noted that the lack of a pastor affects the number of times the Lord's Supper is given, but when given it is done so in accord with the constitution. Marvin Olivier, Pierre, excused from the sessions, did not submit a document showing the answers to the Constitutional Questions and the Pierre congregation was instructed to submit a document showing the answers, to the Executive Committee.

REPORTS OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Our missionary to Korea, Rev. Harvie M. Conn, continues to labor for the furtherance of the gospel to the glory of our God. His preaching engagements totaled 164 during 1968. Of these engagements, 136 messages were in the Korean language and 28 in English. The committee reports that almost all of the English messages were delivered to the missionary community which gathers near the Conn home for worship. In addition to these engagements, nine special lectures on issues of contemporary interest were given to a variety of groups. Three times Mr. Conn addressed foreign missions conferences of the Korean churches, and nineteen full-length lectures were given to college-age young people.

Though thus busy in preaching, teaching continues to be one of the main works of our missionary. From this basis there arises the opportunity for a wide-spread influence of the Reformed Gospel. Mr. Conn continues to serve on the faculty and as librarian of the Korean Presbyterian (Hapdong) General Assembly Theological Seminary in Seoul, in the department of New Testament. Mrs. Conn also labors in teaching, having taught a two-hour

course in English conversation to pre-seminary students during the first term.

The committee reports that Mr. Conn has also been most active in the field of literature, both in translating and in writing. One book, and a series on Sunday School material was translated in the past year by our missionary. In writing, Mr. Conn has written 15-20 articles published in the Hapdong church's weekly newspaper. He is also active in writing for the Hapdong Seminary's quarterly journal. To this journal he has contributed nine book reviews the past year. Mr. Conn has also written in English, producing the final study in a series on the theology of the Korean Presbyterian Church, appearing in the **Westminster Theological Journal**.

The instability of the Korean church situation reported a year ago seems to have settled somewhat, and it now appears that there is no merger seen for the foreseeable future. Thus there is a reprieve from the damage of liberalism, for the present. The committee reports, however, that "the instability of the Asian political situation and a continuing economic growth in Korea provide diverse forces which present problems for a growing Korean Reformed movement." There is also the ever-present danger of liberal variations of the basic theme of the unbeliever which are so tempting to those who are new to the Reformed faith. Thus there is a continuing need for our missionary to labor in Korea. Mr. Conn reports that in spite of the difficulties mentioned, he is able to see in many cases direct results from his work.

The committee met only briefly on one occasion during the past year. Robert Grossmann continued as chairman and was in regular mail contact with Mr. Conn. He also made the usual two trips to Philadelphia to meet with the Orthodox Presbyterian Foreign Missions Committee, under whose jurisdiction our missionary operates.

The committee adds a note of concern to the Eureka Classis, as Mr. Conn is presently considering the possibility of accepting a position of teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. "Were he to accept this position, he would not go to Philadelphia until July

1970 but we should all be aware of this as its possible effect on our foreign mission program could be very great."

The Committee came with no recommendations but presented the report of Finances of our missionary with this note: This report is made by the Orthodox Presbyterian Foreign Missions Committee to the Eureka Classis for the support of the Rev. Harvie Conn during the year 1968.

RECEIPTS

Eureka Classis	\$7620.00
O.P.C.	751.36
Others	100.00
Total	\$8471.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary @ 180/Mo.	\$2160.00	(1969 Budget) (2460. @ 205/Mo)
Child Allowance @ 300/child	1200.00	(1200. @ 300/child)
Cost of Living Supplement*	1468.00	(1365.*)
Education Allowance @ 300/child	1200.00	(1200. @ 300/child)
Vacation Allowance	200.00	(200.)
Medical and Dental	217.45	(200.)
Housing		
Repairs, etc.	355.59	
Utilities	626.05	
Interest	275.00	
Travel	713.45	(690.)
National Helpers	578.54	(700.)
Language Study	8.76	—
Literature	70.04	—
Pension and Social		
Security	385.90	(400.)
Miscellaneous	136.64	(170.)
TOTAL	\$9595.42	(10,385.)

Disbursements above Income 1968 -1124.06

* The Cost of living supplement for Korea is figured by a percentage of total salary and child allowances based on the amount the cost of living in Korea differs from that in the United States. It varies from year to year.

The Committee adds a note that the current deficit in the Conn fund when added to the previous years' deficits comes to a total of \$10,218.17. That is the amount that it has cost the O.P.C. to support the Conns, over and above that support provided by the Eureka Classis.

HOME MISSIONS:

The committee reported that the Pierre church continues as a mission church of Eureka Classis. Rev. Roger Gibbons reports that, although some families have left the Pierre congregation because of change in employment, other new families have been attending the services, and the prospects are quite good, humanly speaking. Giving has been on the increase with the result being increased reduction in indebtedness. Improvements have also been made on the church property in Pierre.

The Minot Reformed Church, a mission work of Classis, is presently without a regular pastor, but is supplied by Rev. Vernon Pollema of Upham, N. D. Services are conducted regularly each Lord's Day and the Youth Fellowship meets bi-weekly. The membership has grown in the past year and attendance at worship services has been good. The giving has been good, with the result being ability to meet the payments on the parsonage and a reduction in other debts as well. Minot requested that when, in God's grace, an undershepherd is provided them, Classis provide help in meeting the moving expenses.

Prospects appear quite good for the Hastings, Neb., mission work. Attendance and offerings have been such that the obligations toward the payment of the parsonage have been met. The report also noted with praise to God gifts and loans of around \$9,000.00 from the Sutton congregation; gifts from the Garner congregation amounting to over \$500.00; and a gift of \$39.00 from the Heil congregation. With these monies a down payment was made on a parsonage and a building fund established, with the intention of moving ahead towards a more suitable house of worship. After the giving of this report an opportunity presented itself in the providence of God for Hastings to purchase an old but adequate church building and parsonage which is envisioned as a place for Sunday School

rooms. These buildings cost \$15,000. With a loan received from Classis, and the building fund, plus other loans, these buildings are to be purchased.

Although not a mission work of Classis, the Ft. Collins church came to the attention of Classis through this report. Their immediate need is an undershepherd to lead them in the way of our Lord. Some financial difficulty is also noted in this congregation, as the growth has been slow. Also, the supply pastor, Rev. Dorman Savage, has been confronted with large medical bills due to a physical ailment of his children. This has forced him to continue in secular work.

By recommendation of the Home Missions Committee and action of Classis, the following budget was adopted for Home Missions:

Salary for the Pierre work	\$ 5000.00
Salary for the Minot work	5000.00
Salary for the Hastings work	5000.00
Summer supply and travel expenses	1500.00
Moving expenses for Minot work	500.00
	<u>\$17000.00</u>

The committee added the following note: "It is to be noted that should the ... membership remain at the figure of 2,500 as was reported last year, the home missions budget would be met if each member of the Reformed Church in the U.S. gave only \$10.30 toward the work of Home Missions."

PUBLICATIONS:

The Permanent Publications Committee reported that the REFORMED HERALD has appeared on schedule each month, and indications are that it is well received with the articles stimulating discussion among the people. Mr. Kenneth Kauk was commended for his untiring work in the area of church news.

This committee also commented on the expectation of early publication of Rev. N. Jones' Workbook on the Heidelberg Catechism, the need for the REFORMED DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP, and the reprinting of BIBLE HISTORY III.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees continues to exist as a committee of Classis which holds responsibility for any real property of Classis. However, since the fund balance has been reduced to zero, and no property was either bought or sold, the Board of Trustees came with no report this session.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

REFORMED DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP:

After laboring on a Reformed Directory of Worship since 1964, the Eureka Classis has finally come with a suitable work which is to be published in final form in the very near future. The new Directory is to be printed by Reliance Printing Co., Green Bay, Wis., and made available to pastors and congregations at a cost that is not yet determined. A resolution was passed to thank Rev. E. Buehrer for his work in printing two provisional forms of the Directory for study by the members of the Eureka Classis.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM WORKBOOK by N. Jones:

This committee reported that it was encouraging to receive the material on Questions 103-115 shortly before making its report. All expectations are that the Heidelberg Catechism Workbook will be in the hands of the congregations before too long. Rev. N. Jones was commended for his work in preparing the material thus far available, and in order to provide continuity in the committee work, the committee was continued for another year.

TO STUDY THE QUESTIONS: "Why Do We Have Sunday School?" and "What is a Sunday School?":

This special committee came with a report and conclusions with no specific recommendations. The conclusion of the committee was that the Sunday School is a proper branch of the ministry of the Christian Church, and as such comes under the supervision of the Christian Church. While it is the primary responsibility of the parents to instruct the children, according to the Scripture, a father may delegate some of his responsibility in this area to the church. The committee concluded that when such responsibility is delegated to the Church, then the teaching responsibilities fall to the eldership of the Church. The Sunday

School, in the findings of the committee, is properly a part of the teaching ministry to the entire congregation and thus is not limited to children, nor, since a part of the ministry of the Church, is the Sunday School limited to children of covenant homes. The following observation was made by the committee: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly that in Scripture we find that the teaching of the Word of God to children is the first responsibility of parents, specifically the father in the household. This duty and authority the father can delegate to no one else! The Sunday School is a part of the teaching ministry in Christ's church but in no way takes the father's place in the home."

TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF INACTIVE AND NON-DELEGATE ELDERS SERVING ON PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF CLASSIS:

The committee did not come with a report and was continued for another year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BENEVOLENCES:

This committee recommended that the guidelines for giving as suggested last year be continued as follows: Westminster Seminary - \$2.00; Bethesda Hospital - \$1.00; Dordt College - \$1.00. All of these figures are suggested per communicant member. The plight of the Rev. Dorman Savage who has incurred large medical expenses, and that of the Minot congregation, as a result of the recent flood waters, was called to the attention of Classis, and special offerings were recommended in each case. Monies received for these causes should be sent to the Classis treasurer who will send them to the treasurers of the congregations designated.

EDUCATION AND STUDENT AID:

Our student for the ministry, Mr Paul Treick, reported that he is even more assured of his call to the ministry of the gospel and of his desire to serve in one of our Classis churches. Mr. Treick expressed, in a written report, thanks to the Classis for financial aid last year and re-

quested continued aid. He is to receive \$200 for books and \$200 for tuition.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE:

Three men were examined on the floor of Classis — Rev. C. W. Powell, Rev. Jefferson G. Duckett and Rev. Gene Sawtelle. Each man's examination was considered separately by the body and each, upon vote of Classis, was declared Satisfactory. Thus the three men were received into the ministry of the Reformed Church in the U.S., upon signing the Formula for Licensure.

EXCUSES:

The following requests for excuse from any or all of the sessions were granted: R. Gibbons - Mon. evening, Tues. and Wed.; Marvin Olivier - all sessions; D. E. Bosma - all sessions; A. A. Stegmeier - Mon. evening; H. Stevens - Monday evening, Tues.; P. Grossmann - all sessions; S. Allison - all sessions; R. Klautd - all session.

FINANCES:

Classical Dues for the coming year are set at \$1.75 per communicant member. These dues are to be in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. Don Greiman, Garner, Iowa, no later than Dec. 31, 1969. Each congregation treasurer is responsible to send the required amount for his particular congregation based on current statistics.

The Treasurer, Mr. Don Greiman, was given a sincere vote of thanks for his work this past year and was re-elected Treasurer.

The following mileage expenses were paid to delegates to the Classis meeting:

Mr. Gottfried Rau - Requests no mileage be paid	
Mr. Ted Koerner	\$ 65.94
Rev. W. Warren	103.53
Shafter Congregation	320.00
Mr. Elmer Hieb	5.40
Mr. Floyd Beck	18.24
Mr. Rudolph Opp	5.40
Mr. Walter Opp	35.00
Rev. R. Grossmann	18.24

Mr. Ted Holzwarth	39.20
Rev. C. Ploeger	39.20
Mr. Emil Dockter	17.76
Rev. J. Duckett	17.76
Mr. Albert Nuss	100.80
Rev. N. Jones	14.40
Mr. Harm Buschmann	102.90
Rev. L. Gross	14.70
Rev. N. C. Hoeflinger	116.62
Mr. Norman Lutze	16.60
Rev. E. Buehrer	16.60
Mr. Ruben Bertsch	119.00*
Bakersfield Congregation	320.00
Mr. A. A. Stegmeier	22.68
Dr. J. Zinkand	285.04
Rev. D. W. Treick	45.50
Rev. H. Stevens	35.56
Rev. R. Gibbons	49.00
Mr. Ernest Gibbons	253.00
Rev. C. W. Powell	36.00
Rev. Gene Sawtelle	36.00
Mr. Don Greiman (actual plane fare)	139.00

*Check made out to Peace Reformed Church, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The report of the Certified Public Accountant on the financial state of the Eureka Classis was adopted and follows:

EXHIBIT A

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
EUREKA CLASSIS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, FUND BALANCES AND ASSETS
MARCH 16, 1968 TO DECEMBER 31, 1968

Transactions For Period

FUNDS	Receipts	Disbursed	Increase (Decrease)	Fund Balances	
				3-15-68	12-31-68
Classical Dues	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 3,228.56	\$ 76.44	\$ (1,545.50)	\$ (1,469.06)
General Publishing	1,830.00	1,425.94	404.06	1,388.13	1,792.19
General Benevolence	383.08		383.08	24,205.09	24,588.17
Home Missions	10,349.79	12,437.72	(2,087.93)	7,208.91	5,120.98
Ministerial Aid And Pensions	3,924.79	5,690.00	(1,765.21)	3,519.19	1,753.98
Student Aid		400.00	(400.00)	2,718.18	2,318.18
Westminster Seminary	2,613.42	2,612.90	.52	(.50)	.02
Bethesda Hospital	658.06	658.06			
Foreign Missions	6,148.21	5,885.00	263.21	2,628.47	2,891.68
Dordt College	867.48	867.48			
TOTALS	<u>\$30,079.83</u>	<u>\$33,205.66</u>	<u>\$(3,125.83)</u>	<u>\$ 40,121.97</u>	<u>\$ 36,996.14</u>
				Asset Balances	
Cash On Deposit —				3-15-68	12-31-68
Hancock County National Bank, Garner, Iowa				\$24,957.40	\$14,002.49
Loans Receivable (Exhibit B)				15,164.57	22,993.65
TOTAL ASSETS				<u>\$40,121.97</u>	<u>\$36,996.14</u>

EXHIBIT B

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
EUREKA CLASSIS

STATEMENT OF LOANS RECEIVABLE
MARCH 16, 1968 TO DECEMBER 31, 1968

PARTICULARS	Loan Balances 3-16-68	Loans Made	Paid Interest Added	Cash Repayments	Loan Balances 12-31-68
Hope Reformed Church of Pierre \$8,300.00 Dated 4-4-65; 2% Interest; Monthly Payments Of \$30.00 Or More Commencing 5-1-65	\$ 7,283.16		\$ 76.43	\$ 210.00	\$ 7,149.59
Minot Reformed Church \$2,000.00 Dated 1-1-64; 2% Interest; Due 1-1-74	2,000.00				2,000.00
Aberdeen First Reformed Church \$8,000.00 Dated 1-15-65; 2% Interest; Final Installment Due 1-15-75	5,881.41		151.73	560.00	5,473.14
Aberdeen First Reformed \$8,850.00 Dated 5-1-68; 3% Interest; Monthly Payment Of \$90.00		8,850.00	150.92	630.00	8,370.92
TOTALS	<u><u>\$15,164.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,850.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$379.08</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,400.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$22,993.65</u></u>

JUDICIAL:

The Judicial Committee examined the Constitution of Faith Reformed Church, Anderson, California, and made recommendations of minor changes to bring the Constitution in conformity with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the U.S. With the assurance of the representatives of Faith Reformed Church that the recommended changes would be made, the Constitution of Faith Reformed Church was declared acceptable and in conformity with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the U.S.

This committee also handled a request to define the words "proper reasons" in the Constitution of the RCUS, Sect. 1, Art. 5, dealing with members who for "proper reasons" desire to unite themselves with another congregation which is not in the RCUS. The committee recommendation that it is the responsibility of the Spiritual Council to investigate the Church to which a person would be dismissed, was adopted.

The requests of Rev. Peter Grossmann and Rev. Sam Allison to do secular work for the coming Classical year were granted.

MINISTERIAL AID:

Ministerial Aid continues to Classis ministers and their widows as follows: Rev. D. E. Boma - \$100.00 per month; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Klaudt - \$120.00 per month; Mrs. W. Korn, Mrs. K. Krueger, Mrs. K. J. Stuebbe, and Mrs. U. Zogg - \$75.00 per month. The aid to Rev. D. E. Bosma was made retroactive to the time of his wife's death.

MISSIONS:

The Missions Committee reported the reception of the report of Student John Hilbelink for summer supply work in Emery, S. D., in 1967 and 1968.

Summer supply was determined as follows: Heil, No. Dakota is to be supplied by Student Paul Treick, with Classis providing travel of \$.07 per mile to and from the field, and Heil providing salary of \$300.00 per month and housing. Student Charles Dennison is to supply Ft. Collins, Colorado, with Classis assuming salary responsibility and

travel expense of \$.07 per mile to and from the field. Student Edward Huntington is to supply Minot, No. Dakota, with Classis paying the salary of \$300.00 per month and travel expense of \$.07 per mile to and from the field. Minot Reformed Church is to provide housing and utilities.

Rev. J. Duckett was placed under the supervision of the consistory of Faith Reformed Church, Anderson, California for supervision of any ministerial work he may engage in while otherwise engaged in secular work.

Classis acted to assume full support of Foreign Missionary Harvie Conn for the coming year and thus budgeted \$10,385.00 towards his support.

The following loans were recommended and adopted by Classis:

Peace Reformed Church, Ft. Collins, Colorado was granted a loan in the amount of \$1,500.00 at 3 per cent interest to be repaid on principal and interest at the rate of \$16.00 per month.

Grace Reformed Church, Hastings, Neb. (mission), was granted \$4,000.00 at 3 per cent on a ten-year note.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Publications Committee recommended that the Editor and printer of the REFORMED HERALD be commended for their labors of the past year. The committee reported the Editor's comments on the laxity of the pastors to submit material for the HERALD. By Classis action, the present Editor, Rev. N. C. Hoeffinger, was re-elected as Editor at a salary of \$150.00 per year, and the printer, Reliance Printing Co., was retained as the printer of the HERALD. The department editors are continued.

OVERTURES:

The 60th Annual Session of the Eureka Classis, Reformed Church in the U.S., is to be held at Eureka Reformed Church, Eureka, So. Dakota, May 11-14, 1970.

NECROLOGY

The death of Mr. Clarence Greiman, Garner, Iowa, during the past year, was noted at the sessions in the parochial report of Rev. Wm. Warren. Mr. Greiman served

several terms as elder of Peace Reformed Church, Garner, Iowa, and his work and counsel in the Church of our King will always be appreciated. We rejoice in his help during his lifetime and we rejoice now with him in his and our only comfort in life and in death.

STANDING RULES OF EUREKA CLASSIS

1. (1960, '64, '68) The Classical dues shall be due on the 1st of Dec. and are to be paid no later than the 31st of Dec. of the current year.

2. The parochial reports and statistics shall be forwarded two weeks before the annual session: the parochial reports to the President of Classis and the statistics to the Stated Clerk.

3. The writ of certification for delegate Elders shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk two weeks before session of Classis.

4. All congregations shall present an accurate report on confirmation instruction, Sunday-school and week-day school. The period of instruction shall, if possible, be so extended that the pupils memorize and are able to recite the entire Catechism before confirmation. The course of instruction shall include Bible history, Catechism, Bible readings and the study of books and contents of the Bible; also singing, and preferably Psalm-hymns.

5. (1932) The Standing Rules shall be read during the second session after the opening session.

6. (1933) If pastors, elders, and members, of congregations request information from the Executive of Classis concerning constitutional matters and procedures, as provided in Art. 95, the answer shall, if the request is in order and in written form, be presented to the parties concerned only in written form and relevant only to the item in question.

7. (1965) A pastor and his elder delegate to Classis shall

be paid eight cents per running mile; when there is but one elder delegate, if he drives his own car, he shall be paid seven cents, and if he rides with another person, he shall be paid one cent per mile.

8. (1936, '51) That the treasurer shall reimburse travel in behalf of Classis at seven cents per running mile, also if several ride together in one car, or if by train, the actual fare.

9. (1937, '67) Travel reimbursement shall be paid only those delegates to Classis whose congregations have paid the Classical due in full to the Classis treasurer, and to those delegates who have attended all sessions of Classis or have been properly excused by Classis.

10. (1942) When the elders are questioned concerning preparatory service for the Lord's Supper, and examination of communicant members by the Spiritual Council (see Const. Art. 84, 199-202), the intent of same as interpreted by Classis shall be presented by the Stated Clerk on this wise: "every sermon based upon Scripture must necessarily conform to the spiritual meaning of the Lord's Supper and unless the Spiritual Council has taken official disciplinary measures against a communicant member he shall not be denied the privilege of attending the Lord's Table."

11. (1960, '61, '65) The President of Classis shall receive two hundred dollars, the Stated Clerk two hundred dollars, and a maximum of thirty-five dollars to pay added help, and the Treasurer two hundred dollars for the Classical year, and the Editor of the REFORMED HERALD shall receive one hundred-fifty dollars per Classical year.

12. (1957) The monies sent to the Treasurer shall be made out in check form and shall be designated for which fund and how much for each fund.

13. (1958) That Executive be authorized to advance travel funds not to exceed \$100.00 per candidate to qualified candidates preaching trial sermons in our vacancies.

14. (1959) The stated Clerk shall make an abstract of the Classis minutes for publication by Classis.
15. (1961) The Editor of the REFORMED HERALD shall be elected annually.
16. (1961) The Classis shall have a Permanent Foreign Missions Committee, a Permanent Home Missions Committee; and the Committee on Nominations each year is to nominate men to serve on these committees.
17. (1962) The complete Classis statistics shall be mimeographed by the Stated Clerk each year at Classis expense.
18. (1962) Nominations for all officers of Classis shall be made by secret ballot. All names appearing on the nominating ballot shall be candidates, and if there is no election on the first ballot, on each succeeding ballot the two candidates with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped until there is an election.
19. (1963) Every Charge that will not have an elder delegate at the yearly meeting of the Classis, shall, before the date of meeting, send in the answers to the questions placed before the elders according to Article 84 of the Constitution. This copy shall be signed by all the elders of the charge, and sent to the Stated Clerk.
20. (1963) The reports and recommendations of the Permanent and Special Committees of Classis will be completed and mailed to the Consistories of all the Churches by March 1st of the year in which these reports and recommendations are to be presented to Classis session. Excuses of this requirement are to be made only on written request to the Executive of Classis by the chairman of the committee involved.
21. (1966) That services of Classis be prepared by the Executive Committee and that the Services Committee report on the first morning of sessions for Classis approval of these services.

STATISTICS

	FINANCES for CALENDAR 1969 R. C. U. S.	Receipts from Regular Sunday Offerings	Receipts from Special Offerings	Receipts from Pledges and Other Sources	TOTAL RECEIPTS OF ALL MONIES	Paid Toward Ministers' Salary	Other General Expenses	Contributed to Classis Funds	Benevolences Outside Classis	Total Disbursements	Value of Church Building	Value of Parsonage	Improvement on Church Property	Present Property Debts	Debts Paid Off Last Year
1	Aberdeen	2085.84	368.66	14645.50	17100.00	2820.00	12622.74	1158.00		16600.74	46500.	8000.	300.00	13371.41	2046.40
2	Accla	1125.55	1550.19	2022.00	4697.74	1780.00	1097.78	1782.50	46.15	4706.43	5000	8000			
3	Ashley	3373.17	456.85		3829.02	1660.00	1272.74	631.00		3463.74	7400.	5500			
4	Venturia	3371.75	332.25		3904.00	1450.00	1272.74	1003.31		3726.05	6000				
5	Bakersfield	3192.10	1470.44	11424.50	16087.04		15239.48	2355.94	400.00	17995.42	70000	18500			
6	Emery	624.38	198.11	989.43	1821.92	930.00	253.21	535.00		1718.21	425.				
7	Eureka	8990.56	374.90	12386.05	21751.51	5500.60	8229.49	9814.00	94.60	23638.69	72000.	32000.	823.00	2000.00	3362.67
8	Ft. Collins	1779.89			1779.89	1	1661.89			1661.89	32000.			30000.00	192.22
9	Garner	9507.07	516.75	10450.41	20474.23	4135.00	10886.70	5072.95	25.00	20119.65	125000	30000.		11476.79	3773.37
10	Heil	1592.83	553.40		2151.23	979.00	247.56	1188.00	96.00	2510.56	1000.		50.00		
11	Merried	4144.16	1473.60		5617.76	1849.00	1029.77	1506.86		4385.63	25000		1308.00		
12	Artas	2333.24	590.91	3575.20	6499.35	3384.00	1385.83	2699.74		7469.57	9000	6000.	862.30		
13	Hosmer	1797.40	1287.30	4005.68	7090.38	5004.00	2256.76	1657.50		8918.26	25000.	8000.			
14	Linc. Vall.	2048.74		1603.90	3652.64	2200.00	501.63	1190.80		3892.43	5000.				
15	Upham	2505.09	102.85	2038.82	4646.76	2201.52	1275.62	1225.97		4703.11	15000.	6000.	498.00		
16	Manitowoc	1477.68	3335.07	24022.98	28835.73	5200.00	18396.02	4628.99	183.76	27408.77	150000.	15000.	143.40	55400.00	9600.00
17	Penno	3861.80	5548.97	5052.92	14463.69	5000.00	3766.21	5867.50	169.77	14803.48	114000.	15000.		2000.00	7000.00
18	Pilot	2511.99	397.85	524.85	3434.69		3270.23	609.60		3330.43	8500	17500.	79.78	13223.00	2377.00
19	Pierre	2167.55	100.00	595.00	2862.55		2359.84	870.00		3229.86	20000		276.96	7116.84	1152.06
20	Shafter	2839.42	722.02	18809.20	22370.64	5400.00	8398.71	3101.00	318.25	17267.96	95000.	18000	1000.00	7700.00	5000.00
21	Sutton 67	6707.49	2066.99	3785.30	12559.78	5170.00	4002.89	3410.00		12582.89	30000.	12000	209.00		
22	Fastines	1634.48		*9391.00	11025.48		*687.56	118.43		6046.19	19500.			15539.00	3961.00
	TOTALS	19877.18	21446.11	125322.74	216656.03	54563.12	103043.38	50467.09	1333.53	210730.06	798825.	192000.	5550.44	159427.04	38632.50

*Gifts and loans from Sutton, Garner, and Heil for mission

STATISTICS
for the 1968-1969

Classical Year

EUREKA CLASSIS

REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES

	Number of Elders	Number of Deacons	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Rec'd - Confirmation	Rec'd - Letter	Rec'd - Profession	Total New Members	Total Old and New Members	Dismissed	Erased/Disciplined	Deaths	Total Members Lost	PRESENT COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP	Unconfirmed Members	Total Baptized Members	Number of Families	Number of Children in Sunday School	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Total Baptisms	Number Participating in Lord's Supper	Times L.S. Given in Yr	
1. FIRST-Aberdeen, S.D.	2	2	122	5	5	4	14	136	0	3	2	5	131	62	193	47	54	0	3	3	120	4	1.
2. ORANIEN-Leola, S.D.	2	2	82	0	0	0	0	82	6	12	2	12	70	23	93	29	20	0	0	0	66	3	2.
3. ASHLEY-Ashley, N.D.	2	2	76	1	3	0	4	80	12	6	0	16	58	14	72	24	14	0	0	0	40	3	3.
44. HOFFNUNGSTHAL-Ventur., N.D.	2	2	61	2	0	0	2	63	2	0	0	2	61	13	74	20	20	0	0	0	40	3	4.
5. GRACE-Bakersfield, Calif.	3	3	257	9	1	6	16	273	4	1	1	6	267	101	368	109	80	4	14	18	208	3	5.
6. HOPE-Emery, S.D.	2	2	24	2	0	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	4	30	10	7	0	0	0	26	3	6.
7. EUREKA-Eureka, S.D.	3	3	359	16	5	5	26	387	4	1	9	14	372	149	521	162	154	0	11	11	305	3	7.
8. PEACE-Ft. Collins, Colo.	2	1	9	4	0	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	13	7	20	4	2	0	0	0	13	1	8.
9. PEACE-Garner, Iowa	3	3	151	7	0	0	7	158	2	0	2	4	154	54	208	61	47	0	3	3	150	4	9.
10. GRACE-Heil, N.D.	2	1	38	7	0	2	9	47	0	0	0	0	47	12	59	13	10	1	1	2	28	3	10.
11. FIRST-Herried, S.D.	2	2	38	4	0	4	8	46	1	2	3	6	40	18	58	15	17	0	3	3	29	3	11.
12. ARTAS-Artas, S.D.	2	2	68	6	0	0	6	74	0	0	0	0	74	35	109	26	29	0	0	0	67	3	12.
13. HOSMER-Hosmer, S.D.	3	3	133	3	1	0	4	137	5	0	2	7	130	40	170	52	26	0	4	4	92	3	13.
14. KASSEL-Linc. Valley, N.D.	2	2	68	4	0	0	4	72	10	0	1	11	61	13	74	19	16	0	0	0	65	4	14.
15. PEACE-Upham, N.D.	2	2	65	3	6	0	3	68	4	0	1	5	63	8	71	27	4	0	2	2	65	4	15.
16. SALEM-EBENEZER-Manit., Wis.	3	3	285	6	1	4	11	296	2	0	6	8	288	114	402	100	114	0	6	6	260	4	16.
17. ZION-Menno, S.D.	4	4	265	6	3	0	9	274	4	0	0	4	270	84	354	99	68	0	2	2	259	4	17.
18. MINOT-Minot, N.D.	1	2	18	0	8	0	8	26	1	0	0	1	25	5	30	13	3	0	2	2	23	4	18.
19. HOPE-Pierre, S.D.	2	2	32	0	0	6	6	38	4	6	0	4	34	21	55	15	15	0	4	4	28	4	19.
20. EBENEZER-Shafter, Calif.	3	3	199	4	0	0	4	203	6	4	3	13	190	63	253	84	47	0	2	2	134	4	20.
21. HOPE-Sutton, Neb.*	3	3	156	5	6	4	15	171	0	4	3	7	164	93	257	80	0	8	8	146	4	21.	
TOTALS	50	49	2506	96	33	36	164	2570	61	31	35	128	2538	933	3471	929	327	555	70	2163	71		

*Families Unreported

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