

*Standing Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise
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To the Church Councils of the Canadian Reformed Churches

Dear brothers,

The Standing Committee for the Publication of the *Book of Praise* (hereafter, Committee) would like to notify you of two oversights of ours, with respect to our GS 2025 report and our mandate from GS 2022.

First, there is an incongruity between our main report and supplement report to GS 2025. The main report, under 6.2.2 (page 18), lists **eight** alternative psalms that the Committee is proposing for adoption. A close read of the supplement, however, reveals that in fact there are **nine** songs being proposed for adoption. That is, the Committee proposed also **TPH 103C** (text/melody copyright) for adoption (see pages 24–25 of the Supplement). Thus, the list is as follows:

1. Psalm 4 – Give Ear, God of My Righteousness (text copyright)
2. Psalm 13 – How Long Will You Forget Me? (text copyright)
3. Psalm 19 – The Heavens Above Declare (text copyright)
4. Psalm 22 – Amid the Thronging Worshipers
5. Psalm 23 – The Lord’s My Shepherd
6. Psalm 41 – Blessed Is the One Who Helps the Weak and Poor (text copyright)
7. Psalm 103 – Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD (text/melody copyright)
8. Psalm 112 – O Praise the LORD! The Man Is Blest (text/melody copyright)
9. Psalm 149 – Give Praise to the LORD (text copyright)

Second, the Committee acknowledges that it overlooked one piece of its mandate received from GS 2022. *Acts*, Art. 71, 3.1.2 bears Synod’s decision “to send to the SCBP, for its consideration, the recommended changes to Hymn 1 made by Ancaster.” The Committee indeed received said recommendation, but did not duly consider it. Thus, the Committee is requesting that this mandate be renewed by GS 2025.

With brotherly greetings, on behalf of the Committee,



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