

Conclusion and recommendation:

The Committee recommends that Synod Chatham 2004 further mandate the Committee to formulate a draft proposal of regulations for general synod. In order to perform the task given to us by Synod Neerlandia 2001 the Committee incurred a total of \$5,745.53 in expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendix B of the Addendum Report of the Church Order
Subcommittee**

A record of the work thus far accomplished on the new Church Order – as per November, 2003 in addition to the sections: *Introduction, Historical Background* and *Foundational Principles* as recorded in the Committee's earlier report:

Broad Divisions

Since we desire to honour the apostolic command that in the churches all things are to be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we order our ecclesiastical relations and activities under the following divisions:

- I. Offices (Articles I -)
- II. Assemblies (Articles -)
- III. Worship, Sacraments and Ceremonies (Articles -)
- IV. Discipline (Articles -)

Article 1 JCO: Purpose of the Church Order

For the purpose of maintaining good order in the Church of Christ, it is necessary that there be: Offices; Assemblies; Supervision of Doctrine, Worship, Sacraments and Ceremonies; and Christian Discipline.

I. ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES

Article 2 JCO: The Three Offices

Christ has instituted three distinct offices in the church: the minister of the Word, the elder and the deacon. No one shall exercise an office without having been lawfully called to it.

The Minister of the Word

Article re: The Duties of the Minister

The duties belonging to the office of minister of the Word consist of continuing in prayer and in the ministry of the Word, administering the sacraments, catechizing