

2.9 FINANCES SYNOD FERGUS

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General Synod 2001
c/o Canadian Reformed Church at Neerlandia

RE: AUDIT OF FINANCES OF SYNOD FERGUS 1998

Esteemed Brothers,

The church at Guelph was appointed by Synod Fergus 1998 to audit the finances of Synod 1998 and reports that they were found to be in good order.

To assist us in this, we appointed a committee consisting of Br. P.VanderSchaaf and Sr. J. Lodder. They brought the following to our attention and we deem it advisable to bring it forward for your consideration as well.

The meals, etc., which were prepared and served by a host of dedicated sisters to the members and guests of Synod, were obtained by the sisters in their own vehicles, and not one of them charged a single kilometer, though some had to drive considerable distances. All that labour of love cannot easily be overestimated.

Since the bank did not return the canceled cheques, all that could be done was compare the invoices and expense reports with the debits in the passbook. Therefore it could not be established to whom the cheques had been made payable.

There does not seem to be any regulations in place regarding the management of finances for synod. The accountability could be improved if such regulations were put into place.

We have the following recommendations:

- 1.) That the convening church instruct the treasurer of Synod to pay only those invoices and expense reports which have been authorized for payment by an executive of Synod in order to improve accountability.
- 2.) To instruct the treasurer of Synod to have the canceled cheques returned if it is possible. In the event that the canceled cheques are not returned to the treasurer, that the recipient of the money state on the expense report that payment has been received and in which manner.

Finally, please find enclosed a summary of the expenses, along with a comparison with those of three preceding General Synods.

We wish you the Lord's blessings in your work.
On behalf of Council,

Rev. A. J. Pol
Chairman

G. B. VanWoudenberg
Correspondence Clerk

FINANCES OF GENERAL SYNOD

	Fergus 1998	Abbotsford 1995	Lincoln 1992	Winnipeg 1989
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Stationary, Postage, Telephone		987.01		
Stationary, Postage				639.28
Telephone				405.21
Stationary	1,399.78	1,340.41		
Postage	757.99	505.66		
Telephone	146.34	129.67		
Travel			E&W	12,937.99
(delegates East)	1,787.90			1,935.09
(delegates West)	5,245.34			4,450.28
(delegates East)		6,200.34		
(delegates West)		1,336.07		
Meals, etc.	2,560.79	2,164.76	1,345.05	2,989.99
Equipment Rentals	2,468.00	2,210.46	1,511.92	735.00
Acts of Synod	14,326.23	13,936.48	11,684.44	2,930.15
Service charges Bank	16.41			33.72
Miscellaneous	86.67	333.77	706.24	737.54
Total	28,795.45	28,157.62	22,620.03	31,408.88
		See Acts	See Acts	See Acts
		G.S. 1998	G.S. 1995	G.S. 1992
		Art.76	Art.108	Art.66
		page 67	page 76	page 43

Comparison:

G.S. 1995 Abbotsford	\$28,157.62	(See above)
G.S. 1992 Lincoln	22,620.03	(See above)
G.S. 1989 Winnipeg	31,408.88	(See above)
G.S. 1986 Burlington	17,009.90	(See Acts G.S. 1989, art. 147, page 109)
G.S. 1983 Cloverdale	32,413.63	(See Acts G.S. 1986, art. 24, page 18)