

**REPORT OF DEPUTIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECCLESIASTICAL UNITY
TO SYNOD ABBOTSFORD 1995
*a supplement, March 30, 1995***

The following is a supplement to our main Report submitted earlier. Please note the following additions under the original headings.

B ACTIVITIES

6. *Other Activities*

i. Respecting local Canadian Reformed ecumenical activities, we received the following additional official information:

 f. a bulletin announcement (January 8, 1995) of the Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church in Hamilton in which the congregation is informed that their consistory and that of the Hamilton Independent Christian Reformed Church have formally recognized each other as a true church, as well as a copy of the joint report that was adopted by both consistories. The matter went to Classis (March 1995) for advice. Joy was expressed that mutual recognition was possible, but requests for input on issues like pulpit exchange received negative advice. At the time this report is submitted, no further details as to the rationale for the advice are available.

 g. a copy of correspondence pertaining to and agenda of combined meetings of the consistories of the Canadian Reformed Church in Winnipeg and the Independent Reformed Church in Winnipeg on April 14, June 23, and September 22, 1994. The respective topics discussed were "What is the Church", Article 28, B.C., and Article 29, B.C.

 h. copies of discussion papers presented by the Trinity Orthodox Reformed Church in St. Catharines, Ontario and the Rockway Canadian Reformed Church in the same vicinity on the place of church federation.

 i. the consistory of the Canadian Reformed Church in Orangeville, Ontario has taken up contact with the Grace Orthodox Reformed Church of Simcoe County and will be meeting with them on April 18, 1995.

 j. the consistory of the Canadian Reformed Church in Elora, Ontario has taken up contact with the Independent Christian Reformed Church in Wingham and a meeting was being arranged.

D CONCLUDING REQUESTS

We respectfully request Synod:

6. to appoint Dr. J. De Jong, Professor of Ecclesiology at the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches, as a deputy to any new synodical committee for the promotion of ecclesiastical unity that synod may wish to appoint. The reason for this request is that matters of church polity can be expected to figure prominently in upcoming discussions with those who have left the Christian Reformed Church.

respectfully submitted

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