

APPENDIX I

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OF PRAISE OF THE CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

REPORT TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF BURLINGTON WEST, 1986

Esteemed brethren,

The Standing Committee for the Publication of the *Book of Praise* hereby presents its report to your assembly.

1. PUBLICATION

- a. The newly revised and completed edition of the *Book of Praise*: Anglo-Genevan Psalter appeared in February 1985. The copies that had been ordered in advance were promptly delivered to the congregations, where they were gratefully received.
- b. The committee wishes to express its thanks to Premier Printing Ltd. for their fine cooperation in this publishing venture. Every effort was made to keep the price down, though by no means at the expense of the quality of the finished product. In keeping with the terms of our agreement, Premier Printing efficiently handled all the commercial aspects of publication, providing the committee with a detailed disclosure of the cost of producing the *Book of Praise* as well as any requested information regarding its distribution.
- c. It may be of interest to Synod to know that approximately 19,600 copies were printed. Over 16,000 of these were distributed within our confederation of churches; close to 2,400 were ordered by our Australian sister churches, while several hundred were purchased by others. As of Dec. 31, 1985, there were fewer than 700 copies left.
- d. The committee hopes to proceed with a second printing after the General Synod of Burlington West, 1986. It will then be possible to include any changes that Synod may adopt.

2. CORPORATE STATUS

In accordance with previous Synod decisions, the committee has maintained its status as a corporation (516455 Ontario Ltd.). Although we are not involved in financial transactions, we in this capacity can legally exercise control over the *Book of Praise* as authorized by General Synods.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend to Synod,

- a. that the Standing Committee for the Publication of the *Book of Praise* be re-appointed;
- b. that this committee be given the mandate
 - i to see to it that the *Book of Praise* remains available to the churches at a reasonable price;
 - ii to make the necessary arrangements with printers and others for the production and distribution of the *Book of Praise*;
 - iii to maintain its corporate status in order to be able to protect the interest of the Canadian Reformed Churches in all matters concerning the *Book of Praise*;
 - iv to implement all Synod decisions relating to the contents of the *Book of Praise*;

- v to foster an increased awareness of the existence of the *Book of Praise* among others;
- vi to serve as the address to which any correspondence regarding the *Book of Praise* can be directed;
- c. that any changes to be included in the next printing be passed on to the committee as soon as possible;
- d. that Synod provide the committee with any available information that may be relevant to the preparation of future printings of the *Book of Praise*.

Respectfully submitted,

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