

APPENDIX I

Changes which have been made in the rhymings of the Hymns as they appear in the Hymn Section which was made available to the Churches.

7. 6-1 "Honour your father and your mother"
8. 3-9 And with His care did He surround him,
4-1 Lo, as an eagle, hov'ring o'er its young
2 When it has thrust them from its eyrie,
3 Will catch them, bearing them along
11-5 Mine is the vengeance. At My call
- 17.4-1 "The newborn Child you there shall find,
2 Not as a king arrayed
3 But humbly wrapped in swaddling cloths
4 And in a manger laid."
- 21.1-3 Came down from heav'n to suffer and to die
5-6 Who of His generation then received Him
- 24.1-3 -Our works cannot avert our doom,
4 The law can save us never.
6-5 By faith alone we're justified;
- 27.2-4 Or who shall from Christ's love then separate us ever?
- 31.5-2 Who gives rich gifts to us, His own,
3 Gifts from His treasure taken.
5 Christ keeps us by His power secure;
- 34.4-3 In Him, Precursor of our faith,
- 35.1-5 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
The same for 2-5; 3-5; 4-5; 5-5.
- 36.4-7 And praise Thee with one accord.
8 Be where Christ His churches gathers,
5-1 Counsellor, O Holy Spirit,
- 38.2-2 His many varied gifts outpoured,
- 42.4-2 "Return, O sons of men":
51. Based on I Cor. 15 : 35-58
7-5 Where, O death, is now your sting?"
8-2 He through Christ made us victorious.
- 58.1-2 Praise ye His Name, His lordly honour sing:
5 For Thy great glory, sovereign Lord and King.

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APPENDIX II

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THE NOTATION OF HYMN SECTION 1979

The following provides an overview of all the changes.
For further particulars see the second part of this Appendix.

- HYMN 1. Notation changed here and there
- 3. A change affecting the singing of one syllable
- 5. Changes affecting the singing of two syllables
- 10. Correction of slight printing error
- 14. Change affecting two syllables; three rests removed
- 17. A rest added
- 23. Change affecting one syllable
- 24. Three rests added
- 28. Changes affecting four syllables
- 29. Notation changed throughout
- 30. Change of melody
- 31. Pause mark added to last note
- 33. Three rests removed
- 34. Change of key
- 39.. Change of melody
- 41. Notation partly changed
- 43. Notation changed
- 51. Notation changed
- 56. Change of key
- 57. Change of melody (permission not yet obtained)
- 59. Change of key; a few additional changes
- 60. Change of key; a few additional changes
- 61. Change of melody
- 63. Changes in notation throughout
- 65. Changes in notation throughout

In addition, please note that

- (a) all G-clefs, except the first one on the first staff of each hymn have been removed;
- (b) all time signatures have been removed;
- (c) in some cases bar lines have been removed, in others added;
- (d) some final notes have been changed to breves; i.e., in Hymns 25, 34, and 38.

APPENDIX IIIa

LIST OF PSALMRHYMINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHANGED
SUBSTANTIALLY

PSALM

- 1
- 4
- 17
- 27
- 32
- 34
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- 57
- 63
- 66
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THE PSALM SECTION OF THE BOOK OF PRAISE : FURTHER CORRECTIONS
AND IMPROVEMENTS

Although the committee has also corrected or improved the Revision of the Psalm Section of Our Book of Praise (1980) as far as punctuation and capitalization are concerned, the following list shows only those alterations which affect the text of the rhymed Psalms.

Psalm

- 4:3-1 How many sigh with heartfelt longing,
7:5-3 For others he prepares a pit,
4 But he himself falls into it.
8:1-1 O LORD, our Lord, Thou God of our salvation,
18:10-8 I am secure, He puts me on the heights.
15-7 From men of violence and cruelty,
19:3-9 With joy our hearts do brighten;
5-10 To Thee I humbly pray,
11 Forgive and clear away
12 My hidden faults for ever.
26:5-5 When I before Thy altar
28:5-3 Is He for whom He has anointed
4 And for those as His heirs appointed.
33:6-5 So we humbly pray Thee,
7 LORD, upon us be.
35:5-1 Malicious witnesses arise;
2 They question me and utter lies.
4 I am perplexed. They seek to slay me.
5 Yet I was grieved when they were sick;
9-1 O LORD, Thou hast observed this all;
2 Be Thou not silent, heed my call.
37:2-3 Commit your ways to Him. The LORD will ever
4 Bring forth your vindication as the light;
5 He will reward all your upright endeavour
6 And, as the noonday, let your cause shine bright.
4-1 All those who hope in God shall with elation
2 Possess the land. He is their help and stay.
3 The evildoer, to his consternation,
4 Shall be cut off; the LORD will not delay.
5-5 The LORD sees them and laughs at their endeavour,
6 For He has set the day of their defeat.
42:1-3 Longs for flowing streams of water,
4 Som O God, I long for Thee.
44:1-5 But Thy own people Thou didst plant
6 And Thou didst make them thrive and flourish,
47:3-4 Lo, their princes all gather at His call:
48:1-3 To Him your thankful praises render.

Psalm

- 53:4-1 See how they trembled, overwhelmed with fear;
2 They panicked and their terror was unbounded.
3 Their bones God scattered; they were left confounded,
4 For He despised them. When they boast and jeer,
5 The LORD does hear.
- 54:2-8 them;/ Let all their schemes come to an end.
- 65:5-1 Thou to the earth dost show Thy favour,
2 The bounty of Thy hand,
3 For Thou with water from Thy river
4 Enrichest all the land.
- 71:2-3 To save me from all wrong.
- 79:2-1 We are a taunt to those around us dwelling.
- 109:5-2 None show his children any pity.
- 118:4-5 I shall not die, but live, and praise Him;
-8 He has from death delivered me.
- 119:14-5 Restrain me lest I wistful glances dart
51-6 Because Thy law is not at all respected.
- 144:4-3 For unto kings Thou givest victory;
- 146:1-6 While I live I'll laud my King.
- 147:3-6 In warriors' legs or strength of horses:
- 148:3-8 Come, praise the LORD with joyful song.
- 150:3-2 To the praise of God the King.



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CANADA

Dear Mr. Wildeboer,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Professor Norman Shepherd of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Last month the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study of our denomination (RPCNA) met with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to discuss areas of agreement and differences in the hope that we might be brought closer together as denominations. One major difference is the fact that we still sing the Psalms exclusively without instrumental accompaniment.

The major decision of the meeting was that we would each recommend to our highest church court that a joint study conference on Psalmody be held within the next year. Their General Assembly meets in May and our Synod meets in August, so we won't have authorization to go ahead until this is approved, but in the meantime Professor Shepherd recommended and I concur that it would be helpful to us to have the materials prepared by your Synod at the time you worked on your new Book of Praise. We would anticipate also that representatives from your Synod would be welcome to attend the study conference.

Could you please furnish me with copies of the material prepared by your Synod. I would be happy to reimburse you for any charges that might be involved.

We pray for the blessing of our Sovereign God upon you and your church as you serve and glorify Him in these critical days.

Fraternally in Christ,

Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.
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O P I N I O N

1. General preamble and synopsis
2. What type of Standing Committee
3. Recommendation to Committee
4. Draft proposal to Classis

1. We have been retained by the Committee for the Publication of the Anglo-Genevan Psalter ("the Committee") to give advice with respect to the further development of the Committee. The need for a definitive direction at this point in the existence of the Committee becomes apparent when the following factors are considered:

- (a) the functions of the Committee, particularly the administrative and financial concerns, have become more complex as the Book of Praise reached maturity;
- (b) despite the early attention paid by it to the Committee, General Synod has not at any time clearly defined the mandate as regards administrative details and publication since 1954, even though requests by the Committee since 1958 included recommendations that Synod authorize deputies to administer these particulars;
- (c) especially with a view to the imminent definitive edition of the Book of Praise, decisions regarding the control over the printing, publication, the vesting of authority delegated by the Synod and similar legal or semi-legal responsibilities must be faced;
- (d) the retirement of the remaining original deputies and the substitution by younger and new deputies is an appropriate occasion to reflect on the origin, development, and future of the Committee and to redefine and re-affirm its character as subsidiary and subservient to Synod.

The Committee is presently confronted with the issue of ensuring that the real power of the Committee as trustee of the Churches continues in the hands of people who are not likely to be in a position of conflict of interest.

To elaborate on this dilemma it may be pointed out that such commercial aspects as, for example, printing and publishing ought to be dealt with solely in the interests of the Canadian Reformed Churches and the challenge and need is to prevent a situation where the proper administration of these responsibilities would or could be impaired or prejudiced by other or conflicting interests. The situation in the Gereformeerde Kerken in the Netherlands where the printer postponed the printing of the new edition authorized by the "Kerken" until after his inventory had been depleted, is but one bad precedent which the Committee has the ability, with the enactment of proper safeguards, to avoid. This kind of problem had not been contemplated by the draftsmen of the Church Order of Dordt and must be guarded against.

As far as the Canadian Reformed Churches are concerned, the need for some body to administer the finances, publication and distribution of the fruit of the Committee's labors was recognized by Synod in 1965. The solution applied by Synod was clearly a temporary measure: the authorization of the deputies to avail themselves of a "Publication Committee" to administer technical and financial aspects. The Publication Committee derived its authority from the deputies, and in a rather loose arrangement was responsible to it. Such a solution fails to ensure that the interests of the Churches are protected and enhanced. The lack of definition or direction alone prevents any real power from being vested in the Committee even after the establishment of the sub-committee. More important, however, is the danger, through the creation of sub-subcommittees, that the interests of Synod are lost sight of, and, in any event, Synod's power to intervene is complicated and its presence becomes dangerously remote.

2. A lasting solution requires a more permanent Committee to look after the details of the administration. While searching in the direction of some established arrangement, regards must be had to the general dislike of Standing Committees, a dislike which is pervasive and historical in the Canadian Reformed Churches.

Two types of permanent Committees present themselves:

- (a) a standing body which administers its synodically defined responsibilities in perpetuity, subject only to regular accounting to Synod;
- (b) a standing body which receives a similar concise mandate from Synod, which administers its responsibilities during the pleasure of Synod. Importantly, the constitution of this body provides that the madate is exhausted with the report

at next Synod, at which time the body is deemed to have come to an end. Reconstitution of the body is open at Synod's option, and the reconstituted body will again stand for a limited amount of time.

In gauging the desirability of (a) or (b), it may be noted that, in either case, the mandate of Synod to the Committee ought to be clear and definite. In addition both alternatives provide the degree of independence necessary to ensure control over printing, publication and similar activities. The basic and telling difference lies in the fact that one type (a) is more autonomous, less dependent on Synod, and self-perpetuating, while the other (b) resembles Reformed tradition more closely. It seems that a preference for type (b) may be expected from Synod.

Assuming that a delineated mandate is given to a Committee which, though independent to a degree, derives its authority from Synod, one obstacle appears insurmountable. How can property rights, such as copyrights, be vested in a Committee which may be dissolved? Upon dissolution of such a Committee, the ownership in the copyrights seems to vanish as well. This is an axiomatic problem, and for its solution, it is necessary to look for a precedent.

To consider the possibilities which can give the Committee some legal standing while the mandate of Synod is executed, let us look at three propositions:

Control over the copyright via the Religious Institutions Act, an Ontario statute designed to give christian assemblies the legal status which is necessary for ownership, which general purpose appears to serve our interests. Upon closer inspection, and in spite of the fact that s. 1 of the Act explicitly refers to printing offices controlled by a congregation, this Act becomes less clearly favorable. For one thing, there is mention in the Act only of ownership of land. It may be argued that copyright is indeed a property interest, but there is no jurisprudence which affirms that the Religious Institutions Act applies to copyrights. If the Committee were to assert its property interests by means of this Act, it might find itself on thin ice if such assertions were challenged. Clearly, the essence of a copyright is the capacity to defend its interests against such challenges. It would be unwise to build such rights on an Act which does not positively support it. Just recently, as a matter of telling fact, a new Act, the Religious Organizations' Land Act, 1979, received second reading and may soon be in force. This Act, which repeals The Religious Institutions Act seems to indicate clearly the real property thrust of the legislation.

Secondly, the possibility of appointing someone who is capable of dealing with the legal niceties of copyright, as a trustee for the committee, must be considered. Such a trustee, or group of trustees, should, of course, not be in a position of conflict of interest. Again, however, the basic nature of a copyright presents difficulties. To elaborate, the intrinsic assertive, or "watchdog" aspect of the copyright clashes with the legal position of the trustee as a passive depositor of the beneficiary's interest. Again, there may be indefensible challenges made against the person in whose trust the copyright is placed, on the basis that he is really not a trustee at all and therefore incapable of providing any legal protection for the Committee.

This leaves the third possibility, incorporating the Committee. While this may seem an extreme step in some ways, it ought to be carefully reviewed. It may be recalled that in 1971, Synod adopted the motion for the incorporation of the Theological Seminary (Act 73). The incorporation of the Seminary was a response to a similar situation as that presently faced by the Committee, as the problem of vesting legal ownership in the property and assets of the Theological Seminary had to be resolved, by giving it a legal personality. So Synod is not unfamiliar with the concept of incorporation.

One advantage of incorporation is the requirement that the Directors meet at least once per year. Such a requirement ensures that the copyright concerns are kept alive and relatively up to date. Also, it prevents excessive laxness and counter-productivity.

Further, incorporating the Committee does not necessarily mean the creation of a body independent of Synod. Various ways to ensure that the Reformed tradition of avoiding standing committees is preserved, come to mind: the by-laws of the Committee can specify that only confessing members in good standing of one of the Canadian Reformed Churches associated with Synod are eligible to be members and directors. In addition, it could be required that all directors sign a declaration affirming their subordination to the Canadian Reformed Churches in Synod assembled. The final decision regarding the eligibility or subordination of the Directors ought to be left for Synod. This would safeguard the close relation between Synod and the work of the Committee, with respect to a Church Book which is close to the hearts of the Churches.

3. Recommendation

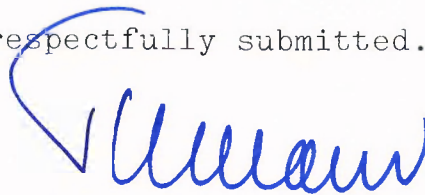
In light of the aforesaid, our recommendation in pursuance of our retainer, is that the Committee protect the interests of the Canadian Reformed Churches by incorporating itself forthwith. This incorporation is subject to the approval of a motion to that effect, by the Canadian Reformed Churches assembled at the Synod of Smithville, to be held, D.V. in 1980.

4. Draft Motion to Synod

Assuming that the Committee accepts our advise it may present a proposal to a Classis of its choice for submission to Synod in the following form:

"...that Classis accept for information an Opinion procured by the Committee for the Publication of the Anglo-Genevan Psalter, and, if it considers the Recommendation therein contained necessary, that it overture to Synod that it authorize and direct the reconstitution and incorporation of said Committee in accordance with the Opinion and such further and other advice and instruction as Synod may dispense."

All of which is respectfully submitted.



Jan van der Woerd

APPENDIX VI

Draft Instruction for Standing Committee
(to be appointed by Synod)

1. The Committee shall be called : Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise of the Canadian Reformed Churches.
2. The Committee shall hold the copyright of the Book of Praise on behalf of the Canadian Reformed Churches.
3. The Committee shall consist of ^{five} ~~three~~ members, to be appointed by General Synod.
4. The Committee shall have the following duties:
 - a. to prepare the contents of the definitive Book of Praise (Psalms, Hymns, Prayers, Forms, Creeds) for printing and publication according to synodical decisions and directives;
 - b. to arrange by contract for the printing, binding, and distribution of the Book of Praise under the best-possible conditions and guarantees;
 - c. to see to it that the Book of Praise remains at all times available to the Churches at reasonable prices;
 - d. To incorporate in future printings of the Book of Praise any changes, corrections, deletions, and additions as decided by General Synods;
 - e. to supervise the sale of the contents of the Book of Praise in whole or part to other interested parties in agreement with the copyrights;
 - f. to meet as often as the fulfilment of this mandate demands, and to arrange for reimbursement of any expenses incurred in the course of its work;
 - g. to report on all its activities to each General Synod in due time.

APPENDIX VII

TWO SUGGESTED ORDERS OF LITURGY

A. (As adopted by the Synod of Middelburg 1933)

I. For the Morning Service

1. Votum : Psalm 124 : 8 .
2. Salutation : I Cor. 1:3 or Rev. 1: 4,5a .
3. Congregational Singing.
4. The Ten Words of the Covenant, from Ex. 20:2-17 or Deut.5:6-21.
5. Congregational Singing.
6. The Public Reading of the Scriptures (one or more passages, related to the sermon. When the Heidelberg Catechism is explained, related passages from Confession and Canons may be read).
7. Prayer (with confession of sins, prayer for forgiveness and renewal, illumination and the intercessions).
8. Offertory (with preceding announcement and exhortation to liberality).
9. Congregational Singing.
10. Reading of the text.
11. Ministry of the Word (may be followed by responsive song).
12. Prayer of Thanksgiving.
13. Closing Song.
14. Benediction : from Numbers 6:24-26 or II Cor. 13:14.

(It is possible to read from the Scriptures after the prayer.)

II. For the Afternoon Service

1. Votum : Psalm 124 : 8.
2. Salutation : Rev. 1 : 4,5a, or I Cor. 1:3, or I Tim. 1:2.
3. Congregational Singing.
4. Profession of the Fath:
 - a. in the words of the Apostles' Creed or Nicene Creed, followed by a song;
 - b. sung by the Congregation on the tune provided in the Book of Praise.
5. Public Reading of the Scriptures (one or more passages relevant to the part of the Heidelberg Catechism to be explained, followed by singing).
6. Prayers (for the opening of the Word, and intercessions).
7. Offertory.
8. Congregational Singing.
9. Reading of the Lord's Day of the Heidelberg Catechism.
10. Ministry of the Word, with an Amen-song.
11. Prayer of Thanksgiving.
12. Closing Song.
13. Benediction: from II Cor. 13:14, or Numbers 6:24-26.

(The Scripture passage may also be read after the prayer.)

B.(As adopted by the Synod of Kampen, 1975.)

I. For the Morning Service

1. Votum : Psalm 124:8
2. Salutation : I Cor. 1:3, or I Tim. 1:2, or Rev. 1:4,5a.
3. Congregational Singing.
4. The Ten Words of the Covenant: from Ex. 20:2-17, or Deut. 5:6-21.
5. Congregational Singing.
6. Public Confession of sins, prayer for forgiveness and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Prayer for the opening of the Scriptures and of our hearts.
7. Public Reading of the Scriptures (one or more passages related to the sermon, followed by a song).
8. Reading of the Text.
9. Ministry of the Word.
10. Amen-song.
11. (Administration of Baptism) (Celebration of the Lord's Supper)
12. Thanksgiving and Prayer for All the Needs of Christendom.
13. Offertory.
14. Closing Song.
15. Benediction : from Numbers 6:24-16, or II Cor. 13:14.

(In special cases baptism may be administered between
5 and 6 of this Order.)

II For the Afternoon Service

1. Votum : Psalm 124:8.
2. Salutation : from Rev. 1:4,5a, or I Cor. 1:3, or I Tim. 1:2.
3. Congregational Singing.
4. Prayer for the Opening of the Word.
5. Public Reading of the Scriptures (one or more passages related to the Lord's Day of the Heidelberg Catechism to be explained).
6. Reading of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day . . .
7. Ministry of the Word, with Amen-song.
8. Profession of the Faith:
 - a. in the words of the Apostles' Creed or Nicene Creed, followed by singing;
 - b. or the Apostles' Creed sung by the Congregation.
9. (Administration of Baptism.) (Celebration of the Lord's Supper.)
10. Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession.
11. Offertory.
12. Closing Song.
13. Benediction : from II Cor. 13:14, or Numbers 6:24-26.

(In special cases Baptism may be administered between 3 and 4 of thos Order. Similarly the Holy Supper may be celebrated at that place in the Liturgy.

In case Communion in the second service is considered a "continuation" of that in the first service, it may be preferable to place it between 3 and 4.)

APPENDIX VIII

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ARISING FROM OUR
MANDATE RE: PRINTING OF REPORTS

Printing of 6,000 copies "Revised Hymn Section"	\$ 5,770.32
Printing of 400 copies "Revised Psalm Section" (text only)	\$ 784.79
Printing of Harmonization of 1,000 copies 4-part setting Hymn Section (music only)	\$ 2,375.90
Total	\$ 8,931.01
PROCEEDS of Church Collections	\$ 3,481.43
DONATED by Publication Committee	\$ 5,449.58
Total	\$ 8,931.01