

Reimbursements are as follows:

To Committee on Correspondence Churches Abroad		\$242.33
To Committee on Church Book I Psalm Section		120.25
To Committee on Translation Heidelberg Catechism		42.20
To Committee on Revised Standard Version		261.83
To Committee on Revision of the Church Order		84.92
To Committee on Contact with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church		428.82
To Committee on Textbook for Catechism Classes		28.42
To Committee on Contact with the Christian Reformed Church		<u>104.12</u>
For expenses made for Synod New Westminster 1971		
To P. VanderSchaaf (this was returned)	\$ 6.41	
To Rev. H. Scholten	28.02	
To Prof. L. Selles	32.00	
To Xerox Canada, printings Synod '71	<u>331.22</u>	
		397.65
Administration costs H. Veldman		<u>3.26</u>
Total of the expenses		<u>\$1,713.80</u>
Summary: Income	\$3,378.87	
Expenses	<u>1,713.80</u>	
Balance	<u>\$1,665.07</u>	

Of this amount \$1,604.33 is on a non checking account and \$60.74 on a checking account of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Elm Creek, Manitoba, as of September 20, 1974.

The Consistory checked the books of br. H. Veldman, who was appointed to administer the General Fund, and found everything in perfect order.

There was a request of the Church at Toronto, as convening church for your meeting, asking also for reimbursements. On the basis of Article 38, from which we took that the convening church itself takes care of the synodical expenses, and Article 39 of the Acts of Synod of New Westminster 1971, which speaks of an address for the period between Synods for the appointed committees, we were of the opinion that we could not comply with that request.

Respectfully submitted,
on behalf of the consistory,
J. Geertsema
T. TerMeer

APPENDIX II

COMMITTEE ON CHURCHBOOK

Section: Book of Praise - Psalm and Hymns (appointed by General Synod New Westminster 1971)

REPORT to General Synod Toronto 1974 of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

Esteemed Brethren:

I MANDATE

General Synod New Westminster 1971 instructed the Committee with the following mandate:

- to complete the Book of Praise
- to take care of the distribution
- to advise the Next Synod regarding procedures and arrangements which will become necessary after the first printing has been published and distributed.

In direct connection with the Book of Praise (Psalm and Hymn-section) Synod 1971 adopted the following recommendations of the Synodical Committee:

- d) to appoint a separate committee for the second half of the church book (Forms-section) with a specific mandate concerning the Forms
 - e) to decide that the Church Order shall not be included in the Church Book until its text has been finalized
 - f) to express the desire that Scripture references be placed with the Hymns
- (Acts General Synod 1971, Art. 28, recommendations 3, 4, and 7).

On these matters we report:

- ad a) The report of the Committee for the Book of Praise appointed in 1968 mentions that "due to the convening of Synod at an earlier date, they have not been able to present a complete Book of Praise". It gives your Committee much pleasure to officially present to Synod a complete Psalter with 150 Psalms, 62 Hymns and the Forms, as part of our Report to the Churches and to General Synod. We have also asked the Publication Committee to make a separate booklet available with the Three Forms of Unity.

This Committee informed us that 5000 copies have been printed and are available.

- ad b) Pursuant to the decision of previous Synods the Committee has availed itself of the assistance of a Publication Committee of an Anglo-Genevan Psalter. After having requested from the Churches a last financial contribution for the remuneration of authors all obligations were met.

- ad c) Your Committee would strongly advise Synod to continue the Committee to remain diligent in the matters of the Church Book, to keep control over the contents of the Book of Praise and to execute decisions of General Synod in connection with the Church Book.

- ad d) After having received and discussed a communication from the Committee for
- and e) the second half of the Church Book (Form section) your committee was convinced that, since the proposed changes in the Forms of Confession were so extensive that they were more a revision than a correction, we should refrain from inserting these Forms in the new version without a previous decision of a General Synod.

The Church Order was not inserted on the basis of what is mentioned under Mandate, item e.

- ad f) As the Book of Praise shows Scripture references have been placed with several Hymns. We admit that this could have been done more extensively. One of our members has worked on this; part of the results have been published in "Clarion".

II. CONTACT WITH OTHER COMMITTEES

- a. The Committee for Correspondence with Churches Abroad requested to send them a number of copies of our report to Synod 1974. Since it is in the province of Synod to decide whether copies of reports shall be sent to Deputies for Correspondence before they are dealt with we did not feel free to grant this request.
- b. There has been some contact with the "Deputaten voor een Kerkboek in de Engelse Taal, benoemd door de Synode Launceston 1970 van de Free Reformed Church of Australia". We received their report to Synod Armadale 1972, dated August 29, 1972. From this report it appears that these Deputies do not know about a Committee of the Canadian Reformed Churches on the revision of the Church Order. They also state that their mandate differs from the one given to your Committee. This matter has been brought to our attention in the correspondence.

To their question whether a printing of copies of the Book of Praise without the Hymns would be possible we have replied a.o. "that the cost would be prohibitive and that the possibility for deleting or replacing will remain open on the basis of sound criticism, while the matter of deleting or replacing is a matter for Synod to decide upon".

Synod Armadale 1972 adopted the following recommendations:

1. to advise the Churches to use the Psalm section
2. to restrict the use of the Hymn Section to 12 of the 62 Hymns in the Book of Praise.

III. REMARKS AND CRITICISM

- a. The Australian Deputies list a series of remarks and criticisms in their report to Synod Armadale 1972. Your Committee received this communication (via the Committee for Correspondence with Churches Abroad) in March 1974 and was unable to evaluate these remarks and report on them.
- b. In spite of the fact that reactions were invited your Committee did not officially receive any remarks from any Church or from any individual Church-member.

IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached to this report please find a final Financial Statement which shows the total amount of moneys received from the Churches and a balance of \$87.63.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Synod receive the complete Book of Praise as part of this Report, advise the Churches to use it and to address remarks to the Committee for the Church Book.
2. Synod continue the Committee for the Church Book for the following purposes:
 - a. to take such measures that the Churches retain control over the contents of the Book of Praise
 - b. to be the address for remarks and criticisms
 - c. to execute all and any decisions General Synod may make with regard to and in connection with the Church Book.
3. Synod grant the privilege of the floor of Synod to one of the members of this Committee.

With the prayer that the use of the completed Book of Praise may be to the glory of God and to the upbuilding of the Body of Christ we respectfully submit to your Assembly this report of which copies have been sent to the Churches.

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