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Dear Brethren,

Article 84 of our officially adopted Church Order -- which can be found in the Supplements to the Acts of the Synod 1965, -- does not fit in our specific Canadian situation. Yet we are convinced that the Churches should see to it as soon as possible that their possessions are safeguarded also legally by the proper general provisions.

Upon the advice of Mr. A.H. Oosterhoff, LL.M., Associate Professor of Law at the University of Western Ontario at London, Ontario, we therefore propose the following text for Article 84 Church Order, and advise Synod to adopt this article irrespective of whether the other part of our report will be accepted or not, since it appears mandatory that the assets of the Churches be safeguarded without delay.

ARTICLE 84. ~~PRO~~PERTY OF THE CHURCHES

All property, both real and personal, which belongs to the Churches comprised respectively in Classes, Regional Synods and General Synod in common, shall be held in trust for such Churches in equal shares by deputies or trustees appointed for that purpose from time to time by the appropriate Classes, Regional Synods or General Synod, and such deputies or trustees shall be bound by the terms of their appointment and instructions and are subject to being discharged by a subsequent Classis, Regional Synod or General Synod.

We request that this letter be added to the report which we have already sent.

Respectfully submitted

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