

Church. It was the principle issue in the Appeal 1962 which has now come to the fore in the (unfinished) contact that our Deputies had with the Contact Committee since 1965. Therefore c. and d. cannot be a ground not to complete this contact.

II "Pros"

After the above remarks your committee does not see the need of going into the details of the various overtures. These have to be taken up in the mandate to be given to new Deputies for contact with the Christian Reformed Church together with some valuable contributions, mentioned sub I "Cons".

(For *Recommendations*, see the Acts)

SUPPLEMENT 11-A (Ag. Report I, 2; Arts. 155, 172) REPORT OF DEPUTIES AD ARTICLE 19 C.O.

Esteemed Brethren:

1. Deputies are very happy to report that they not only had to collect the money for the General Fund, but that they could also distribute it.

2. Three brethren requested financial aid. The first brother (communicant member of the Church at Edmonton, Alta) asked support commencing September 15, 1967. This brother studies at our own Training for the Ministry under the guidance of the teachers of our own churches. He is married and has 5 children. The deputies granted a support of \$390.00 per month.

A few churches were criticizing deputies for granting this large amount. These churches were of the opinion that deputies went beyond their mandate in supporting the family too. Deputies do not want to go into the question whether the churches should criticize deputies by approaching them directly. Deputies are of course willing to give information to the churches when asked, but they feel that they have to give account of their duties to the General Synod, and it is their modest opinion that the churches should go with complaints to the same address.

Deputies realized that this was an exceptional case. There are not many students with such a family. Article 19 Church Order does not give any guidance in this respect. It does not say whether it applies to unmarried or to married students, either with or without a family. Nor is it indicated whether the support should be limited to the study-expenses or not. (For instance in Holland in many cases room and board were also included.) Because Art. 19 does not give any specific direction, deputies felt free to grant this request for aid in the hope that the General Synod will give instructions for similar cases that might turn up in the future.

3. Deputies also received in September 1967 a request for aid from a brother of the Church at Burlington, Ont. This brother studies at the Theologische Hogeschool of our sister-churches in Kampen. He requested \$100.00 per month. The deputies ad Article 19 C.O. of Classis Ontario North gave him \$600.00 per 6 months. Your deputies were asked to support this student and to restitute the \$600.00 out of the General Fund.

Deputies did not grant this request. They are of the opinion that the General Fund was set up for students who study at our own Training for the Ministry only. Deputies do not agree with the decision of Classis Ontario North of December 1967 that deputies did go beyond their mandate by reading certain restrictions in it. It should be mentioned at this point that none of the deputies are aware of any mandate given by the Synod 1965. They received a letter from the 2nd clerk stating that they were appointed as deputies, but no instructions were given. They were not even asked whether they could accept the appointment. Two of the deputies were delegates to Synod 1965. They do not remember that any mention was made then about aid to students studying at other Seminaries. The grounds for the decision in Article 147 of the Acts of Synod 1965 do not make mention of it either. Deputies are of the opinion that if Synod 1965 had had other Seminaries in mind it would have undermined the future of our own training for the Ministry.

4. A third request for aid was received in February 1968 from a brother in Edmonton, Alta, who is studying at the University for his B.A. degree. He is intending to carry on with his study in Theology at the Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia (U.S.A.) in September 1968. This request was refused on the same grounds as mentioned in section 3 of this report.

5. Deputies requested the churches for one collection in 1966 and 1967, and 75 cts. per member was asked for the year 1968. The money came in very slowly and often far too late. Deputies are sorry to say that the co-operation of many churches was disappointing. At the time of closing this report there are still 4 churches which did not remit the one collection of 1967 (Ottawa, Toronto, New Westminster and Smithers). The result was that the brother who received support could not be paid in time. A request in C.R.M. did not greatly improve matters. Neither did the letters which were sent to the churches.

6. Deputies are of the opinion that some regulations have to be made to advise prospective students when, where and how to apply for aid. We enclose a concept-regulation, which could serve as a guideline for the General Synod.

7. Deputies came to the conclusion that if deputies want to work effectively, they should live close together. They deal with financial matters which are quite difficult to decide by correspondence. This General Fund was a temporary set-up. If Synod decides to carry on with it, deputies advise Synod to appoint a church for this purpose. This would be in our opinion the most effective solution and the least expensive one.

8. Deputies in the West and East both met twice. A mileage allowance of 6c per mile was established.

9. A statement of Receipts and Disbursements as of May 1, 1968, is enclosed with this report. The Balance as of May 1, 1968, is \$25.81. Deputies are eight weeks behind in paying the needy student.

Respectfully submitted (May, 1968).
E.C. Baardman, New Westminster, B.C.
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SUPPLEMENT 11-B
(Ag. Report I, 2b; Arts. 155, 172)
SUPPLEMENT REPORT OF DEPUTIES AD ARTICLE 19 C.O.

Esteemed Brethren:

Deputies are able to give some information concerning their work after their first report dated May, 1968.

They were glad that after the first report, which was sent to the churches, some more money came in. However, the situation at the date of this report is bad again. The brother involved has been supported until July 15, 1968, so that the deputies are three months behind in paying him. It can be seen from the following additional financial statement that the balance at hand on October 15, 1968, is \$17.82. Furthermore, it struck deputies that some of the larger churches (Burlington, New Westminster and Smithville) did not yet pay anything in 1968.

After May 15, 1968, one brother requested aid. He intends to study at the Westminster Seminary. Deputies did not grant his request on the same grounds as mentioned in Section 3 of their May report.

The student who receives aid moved from Edmonton to Calgary where he assists the congregation in pastoral work. Therefore his support was reduced from \$390.00 to \$300.00 monthly.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Name of Church	1966	1967	1968	Total
Watford	\$ 4.94	\$ 27.33		
Abbotsford	35.07	30.65		
Barrhead	6.38	6.90	40.00	
Brampton	25.00	25.00	90.75	
Burlington	92.35	131.76		
Chatham	44.72	41.47	243.75	
Cloverdale	50.00	50.00	271.00	
Coaldale	29.41	33.43	115.00	
Calgary		45.00		
Carman	27.38	35.29		
Edmonton	49.83	56.55	464.20	
Fergus-Guelph	25.15	33.05	67.00	
Grand Rapids	26.69	31.95	34.44	
Hamilton	30.00	48.80	225.00	
Houston	27.27	28.21	97.50	
London	9.02	13.56		
Neerlandia	15.00	11.95	63.70	
New Westminster	77.25			
Ottawa		15.88		
Orangeville	29.83	30.00	242.25	
Smithville	57.97	61.53		
Smithers	50.00	50.00	122.29	
Toronto	67.50	75.00	80.00	
Winnipeg		32.44	99.24	
Matheson			20.00	
Interest	1.87	17.44	0.69	
Totals:	\$782.63	\$933.19	\$2276.81	\$3,992.63

Disbursements:

Aid to Needy Student	\$3900.00	
Mileage deputies	39.60	
Administration, Exchange, etc.	35.21	\$3,974.81
Balance on October 15, 1968		\$ 17.82

With fraternal greeting,
On behalf of the Deputies,
A. J. Ytsma (Secr.-Treasurer).