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First Christian Reformed Church

Montreal - Quebec - Canada

SUNDAY, 10:30 - 11:00 P.M.

CKVL - 850 K.

MINISTER: REV. N. B. KNOPPERS, B.D.

CLERK:

13 MERCIER ST.

DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX, P.Q.

PHONE 684-7895

November 20, 1964

The Reverend J.T. Van Popta
11134 - 66th St.
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Reverend Van Popta:

The 1964 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church appointed a special contact committee to communicate with the Canadian Reformed Churches with a view to establishing a closer relationship with these churches.

In behalf of this Committee I address myself to you because one of the brethren told me that you are the name and the address of the 1965 Synod of your Churches. Anyway, I kindly call in your help for the following:

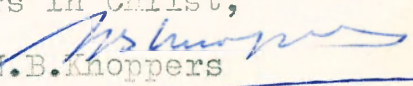
- a. Is there an official Standing Committee or Study Committee of your Churches for matters such as these? If so, please tell me the address.
- b. If there is not such a Committee, please tell me how our Committee can communicate with your Churches re this matter.

Our Committee met for the first time in Toronto on November 13, 1964. This meeting resulted in the idea to find out - in co-operation with your Churches - the procedure to follow. In our humble opinion we thought it advisable to have a kind of preliminary meeting with the Standing/ Study Committee or an other official agency of your Churches. In this meeting which then will be of a more or less informative character we could together work out the line to follow for the real discussions and deliberations.

We come up with this idea because of our earnest desire to prevent any technical obstacle at the start of our endeavours to communicate with your Churches.

In case this informative meeting can be organized, we'd suggest that this meeting will be held in the Toronto area. But in this matter too your suggestions are very welcome.

For the abovementioned contact committee,
yours in Christ,


N.B. Knoppers

Edmonton, February 4, 1965

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Rev. N. B. Knoppers
13 Mercier st.
Dollard des Ormeaux, P.Q.

Dear Reverend Knoppers,
Re: your letter November 20, 1964

On account of special circumstances I was not able to answer your letter earlier than today.

Our general synod 1962 appointed us to draft a letter to the forthcoming Synod of the Christian Reformed Church with copies to the consistories of that Church with regard to the Christian Reformed Church's correspondence with the (Syn) Reformed Churches of the Netherlands and her decisions in connection with the objections of some of her own members to this correspondence, as e.g. the changes in the Church Order, which have been proposed; and to call upon them to return from this course of action, so that the unity of the people of God in these countries be restored".

As may appear from this decision, our task was to draft a letter, to send it to your synod and also to send copies to the consistories of the Christian Reformed Church. This we did, and we have further authority to deal with any other matter. In our letter we offered to give more information about what we wrote, if so desired, but that would be all we were authorized to do.

I must, therefore, inform you, that there is no official Standing/Study Committee as meant by you.

We hope to have another general synod this fall. And since the Church at Edmonton, Alta, is the convening Church for this synod, it would be appreciated if you would send any communication for this synod to my address.

With kind regards,

Jan van der



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March 13, 1965

TO
the General Synod 1965 of the Canadian Reformed Churches
c/o the Reverend J.T. Van Popta
11134-66 St., Edmonton, Alberta

Esteemed Brethren:

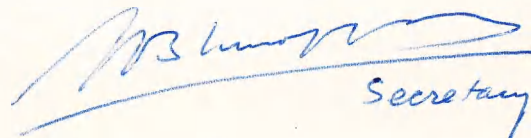
The 1964 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church appointed a special Contact Committee to communicate with the Canadian Reformed Churches with a view to establishing a closer relationship with these Churches.

This Committee wrote a letter to the Minister of the convening Church for your 1965 Synod asking whether there is a Standing Committee or Study Committee of your Churches for matters such as these. We were informed that there is no official Standing/Study Committee as meant by us.

For this reason we address ourselves to your Synod with the earnest request to appoint a Committee which could meet with our Committee to discuss together how closer relationship can be established between our Churches.

With Christian greetings,
The Contact Committee of the Christian
Reformed Church
Rev. J. C. Verbrugge, Bowmanville, Ont.
Rev. N. B. Knoppers, Montreal, Que.
Rev. P. M. Jonker, Brampton, Ont.
Mr. D. Fahrenhorst, Hamilton, Ont.

correspondence address:
Rev. N. B. Knoppers
13 Mercier, Dollard des
Ormeaux, Quebec


Secretary

Canadian Reformed Church

REV. J. T. VAN POPTA, MINISTER
11134 - 66 STREET
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Edmonton, May 6, 1965

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To the Contact Committee of the Christian Reformed Church
c/o Rev. N. B. Knoppers
13 Mercier, Dollard des Ormeaux
Quebec

Esteemed Brethren,

We received your letter of March 13, 1965.

We shall forward it to the General Synod, which will meet in November
1965.

With Christian greetings,

in behalf of the consistory of the Canadian Reformed Church
at Edmonton

President

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