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# THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF THE CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The Board of Governors,  
Theological College of the  
Canadian Reformed Churches,  
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Esteemed Brothers:

The Board of Trustees are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 1972.

## 1. TRUSTEES' ACTIVITIES GENERALLY

The Trustees held five meetings during the past year. At two of the meetings one of the Trustees was absent with notice. In addition, a number of subcommittees met regularly throughout the year to carry out the duties of the Board of Trustees.

The major actions of the Trustees are summarized in this Report. Details of their decisions and actions can be found in the minutes of their meetings, copies of which were sent to the Board of Governors.

We were able to carry out our assigned tasks in brotherly harmony and we enjoyed the co-operation of The Board of Governors, Faculty and students in our work.

## 2. PHYSICAL PLANT

### 2.1 Repair and Renovations

A major item of repair undertaken during the past year was the reconstruction of the driveway and the rear parking lot. Parking had been inadequate for some time but there was little or no room to expand except along the driveway which needed repair as well. Accordingly the Trustees decided to widen the driveway to twice its original width so as to create

several parallel parking spaces. The widening necessitated the building of a retaining wall on the lot line and, unfortunately, the removal of a large tree. The basic work, including the installation of curbing, catchbasins in two places with proper sewer connections, and base were completed before the year end. The paving has since been completed.

The outside woodwork of the main building and of the garage were painted during the past year as well. In addition, a number of minor repairs and alterations were made by a retired brother of the Hamilton congregation, who has indicated his willingness to do this type of work.

## 2.2 Student Accommodation

At first one, and later two, students occupied the facilities provided on the third floor of the building. Originally this accommodation was provided free of charge in return for the students doing some of the cleaning of the building, keeping the grass cut, etc. This arrangement has never worked well, especially in the summer when the students are usually not in residence. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees decided to charge a theological student who wishes to take up residence at the College \$150.00 per academic year. The students are still expected to keep their own rooms clean, neat and tidy, to clean out the waste baskets and put out the garbage, and to shovel snow in the winter, but the regular weekly cleaning and the lawn mowing, gardening, etc. is now being done by paid personnel. The residence fee charged of the students goes in part to defray the cost.

## 3. FACULTY

### 3.1 Salaries

The Board of Trustees remain concerned about the effect of the rising cost of living on the salaries of the faculty. These salaries are not adjusted annually as are those of most persons on a fixed salary, but once every three years.

The Board of Trustees are investigating this matter and are also redrafting regulations regarding continuation of salaries and pensions.

## 4. ORGANIZATIONAL - CONSTITUTION

The Board of Trustees have been drafting a new set of constitutive documents for the College. It became apparent that, for practical reasons, a major revision was necessary at this time. The Trustees hope to be able to conclude this revise in 1973 and to distribute the drafts to the Board of Governors and Faculty for discussion well in advance of the next General Synod.

## 5. FINANCIAL

### 5.1 Contributions

A summary of contributions received for 1972, of arrears accrued during this period, and of arrears for previous years, appears in Appendix A to this Report.

We note with thankfulness that many of the Churches are very prompt in paying their contributions to the Treasurer on a quarterly basis. Others, however, continue to be extremely tardy in their payments. As is apparent from Appendix A, some Churches let their contributions accumulate during the whole year before a cheque is finally sent to the Treasurer. Except for one or two cases in which there is a disagreement as to the amount owing, these arrears have always been paid by the Churches concerned, by or shortly after the year end. We wish to stress, however that this is not solely a year end problem. It arises during the year as well. Thus, for example, the arrears for the three quarters ended September 30, 1972 amounted to almost \$7,000.00.

We therefore again remind the Churches that the College cannot function without a regular source of funds and this requires at least a quarterly remittance to the Treasurer.

In an effort to aid the Treasurer in calculating the quotas for each church, a form will be sent to all the Churches shortly before the end of each calendar year in which each Church is asked to indicate the number of its confessing members as at January 1 of the next year. The Church's assessment for the year will be based on that information (save in exceptional circumstances). The Churches are asked to co-operate in this matter as well.

### 5.2 Other Income and Gifts

While the College's main source of income is church contributions the Treasurer regularly receives monetary gifts from individuals and groups. These, together with the proceeds of collections, student fees and a modest investment income assist in rounding out our Budget.

In this connection it should be noted that the College is now registered as a charitable organization in Canada with the Department of National Revenue and can issue receipts for income tax purposes to donors. As a precondition to registration we had to undertake to request the forthcoming General Synod to amend the Constitution to include the standard non-profit and dissolution clauses.

5.3 Audited Financial Statements

The audited financial statements for the year 1972 are attached hereto as Appendix B. These statements are self-explanatory and need no further comment. It may be noted, however, that the reason for the delay in this Report is the delay in obtaining these statements from the auditors.

5.4 Budget 1973

The Board of Trustees regretted having to increase the contribution per confessing member for 1973 to \$17.50. This is a substantial increase over previous years. The sizeable increase became necessary, however, because we would have incurred a deficit of approximately \$8,500.00 had we continued at the old rate.

6. CONCLUSION

The foregoing is our report.


Copies of this Report are being sent to all the Churches, the convening Church for the next General Synod, and to members of the Faculty in accordance with the Constitution, Art. XII, 1(b).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

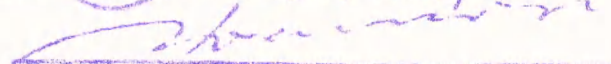
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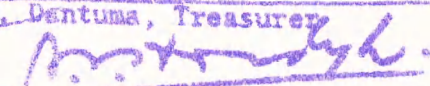
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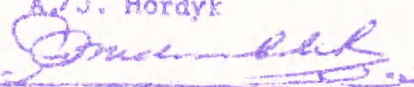
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