

Excerpts from the  
Minutes of the Presbytery of Detroit  
Showing the Transition  
from the Synod of Michigan to  
the Synod of the Covenant

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The Roll continued:

ELDERS

Allen Park - Alex Csorgo  
Ann Arbor, First - James A. Kennedy  
" " - John R. Laird  
Auburn Heights - R. Grant Graham  
Brighton Federated - Carmen Wilson  
Center Line - Mrs. Hilda Reimann  
Detroit, First - Henry W. Barnett  
" , First United - W. Dale Harbison  
Broadstreet - Robert E. Forster  
Cadillac Blvd. - Janet B. Cooper  
Calvary - Vincent C. Palmer  
Calvin, East - Willis Jewett  
Calvin, West - Earl F. Guire  
" " - C. D. Weaver  
Covenant - Richard Cooper  
Eastminster - A. V. Schuck  
Evergreen - John L. Frantz  
Fort Street - W. E. C. Huthwaite  
Grandale - Robert Brownlee  
Highland Park - Alex M. Knight  
Immanuel - Lloyd M. Murray  
Jefferson Avenue - C. C. Grigsby  
Knox - Ray Smith  
Military Ave. - James Ewing  
Monteith Memorial - Robert Schepman  
Palmer Park - Donal W. Kuhn  
Olivet - Robert B. Allen  
Outer Drive - Fred Garrity  
Redeemer - Ralph G. Gillespie  
St. John's - Washington B. Collins  
St. Mark's Com. - Yancey F. Griggs  
Trinity - T. McKenzie Edgar  
Trumbull Ave. - Alex R. Donald  
Westminster - Lloyd M. Collins  
Winchester Village - Donald Weilemann  
Woodward Ave. - C. Clark Swick  
Dearborn, First - R. Grey Firth  
Cherry Hill - A. W. Hartig  
Littlefield Blvd. - Donald J. Exelby  
St. Mark's - Sally Body  
Dearborn Woods, - Lyndon V. Cole  
Farmington - Jesse H. Goss, Sr.  
Drayton Avenue - Marvin J. Williams  
" - Harold S. Atherton  
Ecorse - Mrs. Margaret Balla  
" - Agnes Dickie  
Grosse Ile - Betty L. Sells  
Grosse Pte. Memorial - Jack Mills  
St. Paul's - James Quin  
Monroe - Bruce R. Knowles  
Kingswoods - W. C. Coelius  
Northville - Earl Walker  
Orchard Lake - Gordon Lyon  
Plymouth - Richard H. Wernette  
" - Gerald J. Fischer  
Joslyn Ave. - Marvin Fauss  
Oakland Ave. - Howard Webb  
Rochester - Robert B. Allured  
Christ Memorial - H. Hunting  
R. O. First United - Calvin W. Bowers  
Southfield - George A. Watts  
South Lyon - Franklin E. Heath  
Trenton - Paul Wagoner  
Troy - Amos H. Bethel  
Walled Lake - William H. Lang Jr.  
Warren, Ladd Center - Clarence E. Pickett  
Waterford, Lakeland - Leland V. Johnson  
Wayne - Donald L. Paxton  
W. Bloomfield, Church of our Saviour -  
Harold Fletcher  
Wyandotte - Louis W. Behm

The following were, upon motion, excused from this meeting of the Presbytery: Ministers: William Baker and Faze Larudee.

The following Resolution was read by the Rev; Mr. Roy Lambert and adopted by the Presbytery:

"WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in special session on May 5, 1958, meeting at the St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church of Detroit, voted to concur with the overture relative to the union of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in regular session on May 13, 1958 at Garden City, Michigan, voted to concur with the overture relative to the union of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Synod of Michigan of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, meeting at Alma College, Alma, Michigan on June 10, 1958, voted to concur with the action of the Presbytery of Detroit of the Pres-

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byterian Church in the U.S.A., and the Presbytery of Detroit of the **Synod of Ohio** of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to form the Presbytery of Detroit in the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Special Administration Commission of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. voted on November 25, 1958 to approve the overture from the Synod of Michigan to merge the former United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit with the former Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the former Presbytery of Detroit to become the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., effective January 1, 1959,

THEREFORE, be it declared that the two presbyteries are now constituted as one body,

AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the union preserves as one presbytery the official records, property and interests of the two presbyteries, constituting the union now consummated,

AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the two presbyteries are known as the Presbytery of Detroit of the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to the Glory of God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Presbytery of Detroit, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was constituted with Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wilfred E. Simpson.

Upon motion, the Recommended General Rules for Judicatories of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and the Rules of Order of the Presbytery of Detroit, were adopted. (Note: the Moderator shall appoint a special committee to review the Rules of Order, during 1959, and to submit these recommended Rules of Order for adoption.)

The Chairman of the Joint **Nominating Committee**, Elder J. Lamar Newberry, presented the name of the Reverend Dr. John Arthur Visser to be the Moderator of the Presbytery. There being no further nominations, upon motion, Dr. Visser was unanimously elected. The Rev. Mr. Roy F. Lambert, former Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit of the former United Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Rev. Dr. Wilfred E. Simpson, acting Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit of the former Presbyterian Church in the United States of America left the Pulpit to greet the newly elected Moderator. After assisting him into his gown they escorted him to the Pulpit as the Presbytery stood. The Moderator acknowledged his election with a few remarks.

**Visser -  
Elected  
Moderator**

The Chairman of the Joint Nominating Committee, Elder J. Lamar Newberry, presented the following named persons to be the officers of the Presbytery of Detroit: Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Vice-Moderator; Dr. Harold F. Fredsell, Stated Clerk; the Rev. R.A.N. Wilson, Jr., Permanent Clerk. Upon motion, the report was received, the nominations were closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast for the above named officers. The Moderator then declared that they were duly elected.

**Officers  
elected**

The Chairman of the Joint Nominating Committee, Elder J. Lamar Newberry, presented the report of the Committee with the following nominations to the Committees of Presbytery. Upon motion, the report was received. There being no other nominations, upon motion, all the nominees were declared elected.

**Committee  
elected**

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- PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE OF DETROIT, INC.
- Class of 1960  
 The Rev. Harry R. DeYoung  
 Mrs. Allan M. Frew (Detroit First)  
 Elder Robert F. Hastings (Westminster)  
 Elder Paul E. Hurr (Woodward Ave.)  
 Elder Read Jenkins (Kirk in the Hills)  
 The Rev. Roger B. McShane  
 Mrs. Allan Monroe (Pontiac)
- Class of 1961  
 Elder Dr. Frank J. Sladen (Grosse Pte. Memorial)  
 Mrs. Harold Cutter (Kirk in the Hills)  
 Elder Carl W. Forsythe (Drayton Ave.)  
 Elder Marlin R. Hemphill (Royal Oak 1st)  
 Dr. Icie Macy Hoobler (Ann Arbor 1st)  
 Mrs. Walter Koester (Jefferson Ave.)  
 The Rev. John K. Mitchell (Dearborn 1st)  
 Elder J. Lamar Newberry (Grosse Pte. Memorial)  
 The Rev. H. Paul Sloan, Jr. (Drayton Ave.)
- Class of 1962  
 Elder Mrs. Charles W. Brownell (Grace)  
 Elder Mrs. Earl M. Doig (Westminster)  
 The Rev. Paul K. Heberlein  
 Elder Oliver Horn (Grosse Ile)  
 Elder Herbert D. Hunter (Birmingham 1st)  
 The Rev. Kenneth G. Neigh  
 Elder Mrs. Nelson A. Miles (Birmingham 1st)  
 Elder John H. Sherf (Cherry Hill)

- ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
- Class of 1960  
 Elder Marshall Sergeant (Jefferson Ave.)  
 Mrs. James G. Morrison (Grosse Pte. Memorial)  
 Mrs. Paul E. Hurr (Woodward Ave.)  
 Mrs. Ella Trominski (Allen Park)  
 Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey (Evergreen Village)  
 Mr. Edwin G. McKay (Redford Ave.)
- Class of 1961  
 Mr. Jesse Bacalis (Westminster)  
 Mr. William R. Miner (Central Methodist)  
 Mr. Ernest Davenport (Plymouth Congregational)  
 Mrs. Earl J. Conway (Birmingham 1st)  
 Mrs. Chester Smith (St. John's)  
 The Rev. Norman J. Stanhope (Plymouth)
- Class of 1962  
 Mrs. V. A. Bristol (Second Baptist)  
 Mr. Lawrence Carter (St. John's)  
 Elder Clifford Moore (St. John's)  
 Mrs. Harriet Truman (St. Andrew's)  
 The Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr.  
 Elder Grace Blakely (St. John's)
- Other Members  
 Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh  
 The Rev. James E. Jones

The Moderator appointed the following Special and Standing Committees of the Presbytery of Detroit:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

- The Rev. Samuel C. Weir, Chairman  
 The Rev. Joseph Blackburn  
 The Rev. Leslie M. Gonnson  
 Elder C. Kenneth Warren (Cherry Hill)  
 Elder Ralph F. Stoner (St. Andrew's)

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The Committee on Ministerial Relations reported through the chairman, the Rev. Harry Rine DeYoung as follows:

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- St. Andrew's - 1. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Presbytery voted to concur in the  
Sylvester  
dissolution request of St. Andrew's Church and the Rev. Mr. Malcolm B. Sylvester in  
the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between them effective  
May 25, 1959 in order that Mr. Sylvester might have time to re-evaluate his  
ministry and future plans. Pending action on this recommendation, the Pres-  
bytery heard Albert D. Jones representing the congregation who spoke in high  
praise of the ministry of Mr. Sylvester during his five and one half years  
among them and the unanimous regard in which he was held by the entire church.
- Labor outside 2. Upon recommendation of the Committee Presbytery voted permission to Rev.  
bounds  
Sylvester Malcolm B. Sylvester to Labor outside the Bounds of the Presbytery for a  
period of one year.
- Williams 3. Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to concur in  
Received finding in order the Letter of Dismission of the Rev. Frank Williams  
from the Presbytery of Western Michigna that he might be free to accept  
a Call to the Milford Church. Mr. Williams was received in Absentia.
- Markham 4. Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to concur in  
Received finding in order the Letter of Dismission of the Rev. Mr. Paul Markham  
from the Presbytery of Western Michigan.
- Call 5. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Presbytery approved the Call  
Monroe - for the Pastoral Services of Mr. Markham as Assocaite Pastor of the Monroe  
Markham Church as follows: The Call promises an annual salary of \$6,300, Manse,  
\$600 Expenses, one month's vacation, Pension, and promise to review. At  
the request of the Presbytery of Western Michigan, this Call is to be  
placed in his hands. Pending action on the motion, the Presbytery heard from  
the pastor, the Rev. Wilfred E. Simpson, and from Elder Alda J. Rolph  
representing the congregation.
- Installation 6. Upon motion, the Presbytery approved the following Order of Installation  
Markham - of Rev. Paul Markham to take place on Sunday, June 14 at 7:30 P.M. to direct  
Monroe the Worship Rev. Wilfred E. Simpson; the Sermon, the Moderator or his  
appointee; Charge to Associate Pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Yolton; Charge  
to Congregation, the Rev. Stanley Taylor; Prayer and Scripture, the Rev.  
William Dandoy.
- Call 7. Upon recommendation of the Comm ttee the Presbytery approved the terms of  
Church of the Call from the Church of Our Saviour for the pastoral services of the  
Our Saviour - Rev. Mr. Ralph C. Stribe as follows: The Call promises an annual salary of  
Stribe \$4,300, \$300 Car Allowance, Telephone, Manse, one month's vacation, Full  
Pension, opportunity to take Clinical Training once a year, and promise to  
review. Pending action on this motion, the Presbytery heard from Elder  
William Seetoo representing the congregation.
- Installation 8. The Presbytery approved the following Order of Installation of the Rev.  
Stribe - Ralph C. Stribe, Jr.: on Sunday, June 7 at 8:00 P.M. The Moderator to  
Church of preside; Sermon, the Rev. George Colman; Charge to Congregation, the Rev.  
Our Saviour Mackay Taylor; Charge to Minister, the Rev. Jesse E. Christman; Scripture  
and Prayer, the Rev. Harold F. Fredsell.

- 6. Upon motion, the Presbytery voted to concur in the action of the Synod of Michigan June 7-8, 1960 on boundary changes, to approve the merger of its seven presbyteries into five presbyteries to take effect January 1, 1962, the Presbytery of Detroit: to include the counties of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland (except Holly township), and the townships of Hartland, Brighton, and Green Oak in Livingston County, together with all Churches and ministers therein.
- 7. The Stated Clerk reported on Clergy participation in the United Foundation appeal.

The Committee on Ministerial Relations reported through the Rev. Mr. Robert F. Hermanson.

**I. Receptions:**

Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to find in order the Letter of Dismissal for the Rev. Mr. Virgil Jones from the Presbytery of New York and that he be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of Detroit. Mr. Jones is to be Campus Pastor at Wayne State University. His Contract is to be presented at the November Meeting for approval.

Virgil Jones  
recd and  
enrolled

**II. Dissolutions;**

Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to concur in the request of the Rev. Mr. Matthew H. Thies and the Synod of Michigan for the dissolution of the present contractual relationship existing between them effective September 30, 1960. Pending action on this motion the Presbytery heard from the Rev. Robert H. Yolton, Assistant Stated Clerk and Secretary of the General Council of the Synod and other members of the Presbytery expressing appreciation of the work done by Mr. Thies and regrets at his leaving. Mr. Thies is to be Secretary for the Division of Work through the Synod and Presbyteries of the Board of National Missions.

Dissolution  
Thies -  
Synod

Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to grant Mr. Thies permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Detroit as he wished to remain a member of this Presbytery.

**III. Miscellaneous Matters:**

Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to continue the welfare grant for Mrs. Ruby D. G. Carmichael in the amount of \$1,200 for another year.

Upon recommendation of the Committee the Presbytery voted to concur in granting the Rev. Joseph Atkins, Jr., permission to labor within its bounds for one year with the permission of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and that it concur in the arrangements that have been made with him by the Board of National Missions in his work at the Hamtramck Church. Mr. Atkins receives a salary of \$4,500 from the Board of National Missions covering the period from July 5th 1960 through June 5, 1961.

ARTICLE IV: THE COMMITTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Section 3: Program Committees

B. The Committee on Christian Education

(2) Membership: There shall be EIGHTEEN members of this committee, A MAJORITY OF WHOM, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, SHALL BE MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

5. General Council reported that it concurred in the report and recommendations of the Special Committee to Review the Commission on Religion and Race and requested Presbytery to adopt the report in principle at this October 25 meeting, so that conversations may be held with other Presbyteries regarding budgetary support for 1967.
6. Upon motion, Presbytery approved the following Per Capita Administrative Budget for 1967, including the per capita rate of thirty-five cents (35¢):

	1967	1966	1966
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1. <u>Synod Administrative Budget</u> (For combined operation of the Synod-Presbytery Headquarters)	22,000	20,000	20,000
2. <u>Officers of Presbytery</u>			
Moderator	150	100	200
Recording Clerk	500	500	500
3. <u>Ecclesiastical Committees</u>	3,250	2,550	1,300
Audit	300	150	150
Candidates	2,000	1,500	500
Ministerial Relations	750	750	500
Other Committees	200	150	150
4. <u>Program Committees</u>	1,000	550	500
Christian Education	200	200	125
National Missions	200	100	100
Other Committees	600	250	275
5. <u>Other Expenses</u>	2,000	1,700	1,500
General Council	250	200	200
Presbytery Directory	850	775	750
Special Committees and Commissions	200	100	200
United Presbyterian Men	125	125	100
Miscellaneous	575	500	250
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>25,400</u>	<u>24,000</u>

Per Capita Apportionment for 1967

	1967	1966	1965	1964
Total Communicants Reported as Basis	81,260	80,166	79,145	78,328
Rate Per Member	.35	.30	.31	.33
<u>Income from Per Capita Apportionment</u>	<u>\$28,441</u>	<u>\$24,050</u>	<u>\$24,535</u>	<u>\$25,848</u>

7. General Council reported that it had approved the conclusions and recommendations of a Synod consultation on the Regional Synods Proposal as follows:
  - a. That it would be valuable for churches across the Synod to study the Regional Synods Proposal;
  - b. That General Council appoint a Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal;
  - c. That a special meeting of Presbytery be called for Tuesday, November 29, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in Grace Church for the purpose of discussing the Regional Synods Proposal;
  - d. That the Special Committee make a panel presentation to this special meeting, to be followed by a longer discussion in small groups;
  - e. That the Special Committee review the findings of this special meeting and present a final report with recommendations to the December meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion, a special meeting of Presbytery was called for Tuesday, November 29, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in Grace Church, Detroit, for the purpose of discussing the **Regional Synods Proposal**.

General Council reported that it had appointed a Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal as follows: The Rev. William F. Whitley (Chairman), The Rev. Albert R. Juterbock, The Rev. Thomas W. Kirkman, Jr., The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson, Elder Gordon H. Robertson (Kirk in the Hills).

The Special Committee to Review CORAR reported through the chairman, The Rev. Ralph C. Stribe, Jr., who introduced the members of the committee and described the procedures they had followed. (see Paper D)

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the report and adopted its recommendations as follows:

1. Change from Commission to Committee: That the Presbytery of Detroit form a new program committee, the Committee on Religion and Race, which shall continue the work of the Commission on Religion and Race, beginning on January 1, 1967. The change from a commission to a program committee is to indicate the ongoing concern of Presbytery in this field. In no way shall this change be construed to negate the mobility and responsiveness in crisis situations which has characterized the Commission on Religion and Race.
2. Current Concerns: That the new Committee on Religion and Race should be particularly conscious at this time of the following needs:
  - a. The urgent need to develop tools of communication and interpretation to fill the gap between what the Commission has been learning and doing in the civil rights struggle and what the layman knows about it.
  - b. The need to assist local church officers and members toward an appreciation of the variety of meanings, both personal and social, which emerge in conflict situations; and to assist them toward creative responses to their opportunities for Christian witness.
  - c. The urgent need to coordinate strategy and program with the various committees and agencies of Presbytery.
  - d. The need for more consistent execution of the policies and decisions of Presbytery through its committees and agencies.
  - e. The continuing need to confront the established structures of society with their responsibility to follow through on civil rights laws already on the books, and with their obligation to respond constructively to the real needs of the community.
  - f. The need for trained task forces, beyond the Committee membership but responsible to the Committee, to carry out programs developed by the Committee.
  - g. The critical need for Church leadership in other Michigan communities that are facing problems similar to those of metropolitan Detroit.
3. Structure and Duties: That the following proposed addition to the Structure and Bylaws of Presbytery be received and docketed for action at the November 22, 1966 meeting of Presbytery:

ARTICLE IV: THE COMMITTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Section 3: Program Committees - I. The Committee on Religion and Race

- (1) Membership: There shall be nine members of this committee, of whom five shall be ministers and four shall be elders or members of churches of Presbytery.
- (2) Duties:
  - (a) To implement the pronouncements of the General Assembly and of this Presbytery relative to race relations by mobilizing the full resources of Presbytery for effective action.
  - (b) To work with the congregations and agencies of Presbytery to eliminate any policies, practices, or attitudes of racism within the United Presbyterian Church.
  - (c) To review all Presbytery actions to see that they comply with established policies relative to race, and to recommend new policies by which Presbytery may forward the realization of an integrated Church and society with equal social, economic, and civil rights for all.
  - (d) To represent Presbytery in cooperating with the policy and program of the General Assembly Commission on Religion and Race.

SPECIAL MEETING

Date: November 29, 1966  
Place: Grace Church, Detroit

Moderator: Elder George P. Cobb  
Stated Clerk: The Rev. David B. Lowry

The Presbytery of Detroit met on Tuesday, November 29, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grace United Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The Moderator convened the meeting and offered the constituting prayer.

The Stated Clerk read the call for this special meeting of Presbytery. (see Paper A)

Upon motion, Presbytery found in order the call for this special meeting.

The roll was taken and the Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Ministers

Bailey	Dunkelberger	Jones (H.D.)	Miller	Swartzback
Beal	Dunn	Juterbock	Peterson	Sweet
Beery	Estes	Kesler	Rives	Tozer
Beumler	Flowers	Kirkman	Schneider	Teeuwissen
Brand	Garypie	Kuckuk	Ratcliffe	Van Winkle
Bury	Geissinger	Lambert	Remillard	Watkins
Byars	George	Lowry	Shafer	Whitledge
Caldwell	Gillette	MacInnes	Smith (I.G.)	Williamson
Crawford	Glandon	McAlpin	Smith (R.C.)	Wright (D.A.)
Dalzell	Huish	Mair	Stewart	
Dimond	Janssen	Mehaffey	Stribe	

Elders

Allen Park	Caruso, Tony	Garden City	Dines, Floyd
	Gettemy, Dean	Highland Park	Jonah, David
Berkley, Greenfield	Sylvester, Harold J.	Livonia, St. Paul's	Klerekoper, Bill
Brighton	Michaels, Francis		Manns, Elwood
Clarkston, Sashabaw	Dennis, P. J.		O'Neil, Walter
Center Line	Campbell, W. Fred	Mt. Clemens, Hope-	
Dearborn, Little-		Kingswood	Frobom, Aarne
field Blvd.	VanderWeele, Nell	Orchard Lake	Wright, Charles M.
Dearborn Heights,		Pontiac, Church of	
St. Mark's	Hughes, Frederick W.	the Atonement	Allen, Mrs. Herbert C.
Detroit, First	Mears, Victoria E.	Joslyn Avenue	Bohlman, Mrs. Fred
Calvary	Palmer, V. C.	Royal Oak, First	
Calvin East	Povlitz, Donald D.	United	Winship, Roy
Calvin (West)	Fleming, Mrs. Bruce R.	Southfield United	Seyb, Edgar
Grace	Cobb, George P.	Troy, First	Helser, David C.
Monteith Mem.	Galbraith, Joseph W.	Walled Lake, Cross-	
	Ladd, E. R.	roads	Lang, William H.
Palmer Park	Johnstone, C.	Wyandotte	Hopkins, Douglas
Village	Daniels, Leonard		Strauss, F. H.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused: Abram, Auchard, Bauer, DeWindt, Hutchison, Johnson, Lampe, Muench, Palmer, Rieker, Shirley, Winchester.

Upon motion, the docket was adopted. (see Paper B)

The worship service was conducted by the host pastor, The Rev. Roy L. Schneider.

The Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal reported. The chairman, The Rev. William F. Whitledge, summarized the history of the development of the regional synods proposal. He referred to the printed report, "Special Report of the Special Committee on Regional Synods and Church Administration," copies of which had been distributed to members of Presbytery. (see Paper C)

Mr. Whitledge then introduced the following members of the Special Committee who spoke to this report: The Rev. Albert R. Juterbock, The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson, The Rev. Thomas W. Kirkman, Jr., Elder Gordon H. Robertson (Kirk in the Hills).

Presbytery recessed for one hour. During the recess, members of Presbytery met in four discussion groups, each group having a convenor, a recorder, and a member of the Special Committee as a resource person.

Presbytery reconvened for a plenary session and heard summary reports from each of the discussion groups.

The chairman reported that the Special Committee would consider the reports of these discussion groups in preparing a final report for the December meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion, Presbytery adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with prayer and benediction by The Rev. Robert H. Yolton.

*David B. Lowry*  
David B. Lowry  
Stated Clerk

STATED MEETING

Date: December 28, 1966 Moderator: Elder George P. Cobb  
Place: Fort Street Church, Detroit Stated Clerk: The Rev. David B. Lowry

The Presbytery of Detroit met on Wednesday, December 28, 1966 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The Moderator convened the meeting. The Rev. Thomas A. Bailey offered the constituting prayer.

The roll was taken and the Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

		<u>Ministers</u>		
Abram	Clippinger	Hoyt	Miller	Sutton
Allardice	Colman (D.B.)	Ireland	Mitcham	Swartzback
Atwood	Colman (G.D.)	Janssen	Mitchell (R.W.)	Sweet
Auchard	Crawford	Johnson	Muench	Tabor
Bailey	Dickson	Jones (H.D.)	Nagy	Taylor
Bauer	Didier	Juterbock	Peterson	Teeuwissen
Beal	Dimond	Kilgore	Rassi	Thomas
Beery	Dunkelberger	Kirkman	Rieker	Totten
Benton	Dunn	Kuckuk	Sanford	Tozer
Beumler	Estes	Lampe	Scott	Walls
Brasure	Flowers	Lovick	Shafer	Watkins
Brunelle	Garypie	Lowry	Shirley	Weir
Bury	Geard	Lumley	Small	Whitehead
Byars	Geissinger	Lundell	Smith (I.G.)	Whitledge
Caldwell	George	MacDonald	Smith (R.C.)	Williamson
Candy	Gillette	McConnell	Stribe	Winchester
Christensen	Glenn	Mehaffey	Stryker	Zaun
Christman				

(Roll of Elders listed on Page 259)

Upon motion, the following were seated as corresponding members: The Rev. Richard L. Stephan, Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse; The Rev. James E. Griffes, Presbytery of South-west Iowa; The Rev. Alvin Lusty, American Baptist Convention, Washington.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused: Allebach, Brake, Brown, Campbell, Clark, Dalzell, DeLawrence, DeWindt, Fogal, Glandon, Gundersen, Hueftle, Jeffrey, Jerome, Kent, Kerr, Kesler, Kilgore, Lawrence, MacInnes, Mair, McAlpin, Milford, Pickera, Riedesel, Vernon.

Upon motion, the minutes of the stated meeting of November 22, 1966 and the special meeting of November 29, 1966 were approved.

The Stated Clerk presented the docket. (see Paper A)

Upon motion, the proposed docket was amended by the addition of a brief report from The Rev. Robert H. Yolton immediately before the recess and report from the Committee on Interpretation and Stewardship immediately after the recess.

The Committee on National Missions reported through the chairman, Elder Gordon H. Robertson. (see Paper H)

1. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized the Oakland Avenue Church in Pontiac to mortgage its property up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) with the Pontiac State Bank at six and three-quarter percent (6-3/4%) interest for fifteen (15) years for the purpose of erecting a Christian education building.
  2. Upon motion, Presbytery adopted the following policy statement:  
The Presbytery of Detroit is committed to a society in which all men have equal opportunity. We believe that equal opportunity should apply to the purchase of goods and services and, therefore, make the following recommendations:
    1. That all real property of the Presbytery of Detroit and the congregations and agencies thereof, when offered for sale, shall be sold only on the open market. An open market is one in which every qualified prospective buyer has equal opportunity to make an offer to buy, and where the seller makes his decision to accept or reject such an offer on the same criteria applied to all prospective buyers. To this end, the sale of all real property shall be advertised in one of the major Detroit daily newspapers willing to include the phrase "equal opportunity seller", for five successive days, including one weekend.
    2. If a realtor is employed, he must agree to list the property, show the property, and transmit all offers to the seller without regard for race, creed, color, or national origin.
    3. Consideration should be given to using the listing service offered through the Metropolitan Detroit Committee on Fair Housing Practices, 705 Fine Arts Building, Detroit, 48226.
    4. The seller in considering any offer to purchase shall not consider any factor of race, creed, color, religion or national origin of the prospective buyer, nor the current composition of the neighborhood in which the property is located.
    5. The Presbytery is encouraged to consult with the Committee on National Missions regarding the implementation of this policy.
  3. Upon motion, Presbytery overtured General Assembly to amend the Form of Government, Chapter XXXVI to broaden the authorization of union churches to include the United Church of Christ.
  4. The Committee reported that a Special Committee on Housing has been formed for the purpose of recommending to Presbytery policies and programs for Presbytery's response to the problem of housing. The Rev. Stanley M. Tozer is chairman of the Special Committee.
  5. The Committee reported that the National Presbyterian Health and Welfare Association will hold its biennial meeting in Detroit, February 14-17, at the Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel. The Moderator of General Assembly will speak at a special banquet meeting on February 14. Information concerning the conference and banquet can be obtained from Mr. Kirbert at Presbyterian Village or from Mr. Bauer at Presbytery Headquarters.
  6. Mr. Robert Maynard, chairman of the Building Committee of St. John's Church, announced that dedication of the new building will be held on January 15, 1967.
- Upon motion, the report as a whole was received and approved.

The Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal reported through the chairman, The Rev. William F. Whitlege. (see Paper J)

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the report and directed that the text of the report be sent to General Assembly's Special Committee on Regional Synods and Church Administration.

Upon motion, Presbytery discharged the Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal.

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Upon motion, Presbytery extended for ten minutes the time docketed for the report on the Committee on Religion and Race.

2. Upon motion, Presbytery went on record as being in support of the objectives of the forthcoming Poor Peoples' Campaign of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which is designed to motivate Congress to solve the problems of unemployment and poverty in the United States.

The Rev. George D. Colman reported on the progress in the campaign for the Poor Peoples' March on Washington in the Detroit area. Father Clement Kern of the Holy Name Trinity Roman Catholic Church is chairman of the Detroit Committee. The March will reach Detroit on May 9.

The Committee on Session Records reported through the chairman, The Rev. Robert S. Williamson. (see Paper N)

1. Upon motion, Presbytery approved the following records:
  - a. Session minutes of Bethany, Calvin East, Church of the Covenant, Detroit First, Jefferson Avenue, Knox, St. James, St. John's, Winchester Village, Military Avenue;
  - b. Church registers of Church of the Covenant, Military Avenue.
2. The Committee reported that it had not received the minutes and register of the Eastminster and Gratiot Avenue churches due today.
3. The Committee reported that the following records and registers are overdue: Welsh, minutes and register due January 23, 1968; Northminster Church, minutes due February 27, 1968.

Upon motion, the report was approved.

Synod's Special Committee on Mission and Structure reported through The Rev. Ralph C. Stribe, Jr. (see Papers O, P, Q)

Mr. Stribe presented the draft proposal of the mission and structure of Synod and solicited questions and response from Presbytery. He reported that the final proposal will be presented to the Synod at its June, 1968 meeting.

Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through The Rev. Arthur K. Beumler, Jr. on nine overtures from the 179th General Assembly (1967). (see Paper R)

1. Upon motion, Presbytery answered Overtures A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I (1967) in the affirmative.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery concurred with the Presbytery of Pittsburgh in an Overture to the 180th General Assembly (1968) "on the provision of scholarship aid to pastors engaged in academic continuation of their education."
3. The Committee reported that General Council had referred to it a communication from the session of Westminster Church concerning a possible overture to the 180th General Assembly relative to a contemporary statement of the Apostles' Creed. The Committee presented its recommendation. (see Paper S) After several amending motions, Presbytery adopted the following:

#### AN OVERTURE

##### On Contemporary Statements of the Christian Faith

Whereas modern men have difficulty in understanding the word forms of prior ages;

Whereas new understanding often comes with fresh wording, illustrated by the variety of Bible versions in popular use;

Whereas it is desirable to use a meaningful and historic statement of faith in the worship of the church;

Whereas the Committee on the Book of Common Worship has recognized this by providing a current rendering of the Nicene Creed in The Book of Common Worship, Provisional Services;

Therefore the Presbytery of Detroit, meeting April 23, 1968 at Calvin East United Presbyterian Church respectfully overtures the 180th

General Assembly:

The Committee on National Missions reported through the chairman, The Rev. MacKay Taylor.

1. The Rev. George P. Jerome spoke to Presbytery concerning his ministry as an institutional chaplain at three Wayne County institutions, Mayberry TB Sanitorium, Northville State Hospital, and the Detroit House of Correction.
2. Presbytery adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:
  - a. That the Church of the Master be authorized to extend for an additional five years the Board of National Missions Post War Restoration Grant #26 for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and War Service Grant #59 for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
  - b. That the Committee on National Missions be authorized to transfer the title of the property used by the Dearborn Woods Church to the Corporation of that congregation, together with all assets and liabilities, and that any two officers of the Committee be authorized to sign the necessary papers.
  - c. That the Redeemer Presbyterian Church be authorized to transfer the title of the church facilities located at 2764 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, to the Committee on National Missions.
3. The Committee reported that it had discussed at length a moratorium on church building which was referred to the Committee at the May 28, 1968 meeting of Presbytery, and that it was still under study.
4. Upon motion, Presbytery expressed its intention to organize the Livonia portion of the membership of the Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church.
5. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized the Welsh Church to sell its property at 2504 Monterey Ave., Detroit, to St. Peter's Holiness Church of Jesus Christ for twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) cash.
6. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized First Church, Wayne, to increase its mortgage indebtedness by four thousand one hundred and thirty dollars (\$4,130) to a total of forty-four thousand one hundred and thirty dollars (\$44,130) by means of a seven percent (7%) first mortgage with the National Bank of Detroit for the purpose of completing its remodeling program.
7. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized First Church, Birmingham, to place on the open market, in accord with Presbytery policy, its manse located at 1017 Pilgrim Street, Birmingham; granted the Committee on National Missions the power to act in behalf of Presbytery to approve this sale, if necessary, prior to the September meeting of Presbytery; and directed that the final terms of the sale be reported to Presbytery at a subsequent meeting.
8. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized the Allen Park Church to purchase the house at 16206 May, Allen Park for twenty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$25,900) with eight thousand five hundred (\$8,500) down; and authorized the church to increase its mortgage indebtedness by assuming a conventional mortgage of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars (\$17,400) at six percent (6%) interest.
9. Upon motion, Presbytery granted the Committee on National Missions the power to act in approving the refinancing of the twenty-one thousand dollar (\$21,000) balance of the mortgage indebtedness of the St. Andrew's Church, if necessary, prior to the September meeting of Presbytery; and directed that the final terms be reported to Presbytery at a subsequent meeting.
10. Upon motion, Presbytery directed that a Task Force be appointed by the Executive and the chairman of the Committee on Planning of the General Council to explore the implications of the new **Synod Structure** for the Presbytery of Detroit.

It was moved and supported that the report as a whole be received and approved.

An amending motion prevailed that Presbytery refer the question of the name of the new church in Livonia to the General Council with the particular request that the policy of the Presbytery on similar names be given very serious consideration in its deliberation. An amending motion prevailed that Presbytery direct the Committee on National Missions to plan an appropriate recognition of the more than ten years of service of The Rev. George P. Jerome in his various institutional ministries.

Upon motion, the report of the National Missions as a whole was received and approved.

Presbytery recessed for five minutes and reconvened.

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SPECIAL MEETING

Date: November 29, 1966  
Place: Grace Church, Detroit

Moderator: Elder George P. Cobb  
Stated Clerk: The Rev. David B. Lowry

The Presbytery of Detroit met on Tuesday, November 29, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grace United Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The Moderator convened the meeting and offered the constituting prayer.

The Stated Clerk read the call for this special meeting of Presbytery. (see Paper A)

Upon motion, Presbytery found in order the call for this special meeting.

The roll was taken and the Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Ministers

Bailey	Dunkelberger	Jones (H.D.)	Miller	Swartzback
Beal	Dunn	Juterbock	Peterson	Sweet
Beery	Estes	Kesler	Rives	Tozer
Beumler	Flowers	Kirkman	Schneider	Teeuwissen
Brand	Garypie	Kuckuk	Ratcliffe	Van Winkle
Bury	Geissinger	Lambert	Remillard	Watkins
Byars	George	Lowry	Shafer	Whitledge
Caldwell	Gillette	MacInnes	Smith (I.G.)	Williamson
Crawford	Glandon	McAlpin	Smith (R.C.)	Wright (D.A.)
Dalzell	Huish	Mair	Stewart	
Dimond	Janssen	Mehaffey	Stribe	

Elders

Allen Park	Caruso, Tony	Garden City	Dines, Floyd
	Gettemy, Dean	Highland Park	Jonah, David
Berkley, Greenfield	Sylvester, Harold J.	Livonia, St. Paul's	Klerekoper, Bill
Brighton	Michaels, Francis		Manns, Elwood
Clarkston, Sashabaw	Dennis, P. J.		O'Neil, Walter
Center Line	Campbell, W. Fred	Mt. Clemens, Hope-	
Dearborn, Little-		Kingswood	Frobom, Aarne
field Blvd.	VanderWeele, Nell	Orchard Lake	Wright, Charles M.
Dearborn Heights,		Pontiac, Church of	
St. Mark's	Hughes, Frederick W.	the Atonement	Allen, Mrs. Herbert C.
Detroit, First	Mears, Victoria E.	Joslyn Avenue	Bohlman, Mrs. Fred
Calvary	Palmer, V. C.	Royal Oak, First	
Calvin East	Povlitz, Donald D.	United	Winship, Roy
Calvin (West)	Fleming, Mrs. Bruce R.	Southfield United	Seyb, Edgar
Grace	Cobb, George P.	Troy, First	Helser, David C.
Monteith Mem.	Galbraith, Joseph W.	Walled Lake, Cross-	
	Ladd, E. R.	roads	Lang, William H.
Palmer Park	Johnstone, C.	Wyandotte	Hopkins, Douglas
Village	Daniels, Leonard		Strauss, F. H.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused: Abram, Auchard, Bauer, DeWindt, Hutchison, Johnson, Lampe, Muench, Palmer, Rieker, Shirley, Winchester.

Upon motion, the docket was adopted. (see Paper B)

The worship service was conducted by the host pastor, The Rev. Roy L. Schneider.

The Special Committee on the Regional Synods Proposal reported. The chairman, The Rev. William F. Whitledge, summarized the history of the development of the regional synods proposal. He referred to the printed report, "Special Report of the Special Committee on Regional Synods and Church Administration," copies of which had been distributed to members of Presbytery. (see Paper C)

Mr. Whitledge then introduced the following members of the Special Committee who spoke to this report: The Rev. Albert R. Juterbock, The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson, The Rev. Thomas W. Kirkman, Jr., Elder Gordon H. Robertson (Kirk in the Hills).

Presbytery recessed for one hour. During the recess, members of Presbytery met in four discussion groups, each group having a convenor, a recorder, and a member of the Special Committee as a resource person.

Presbytery reconvened for a plenary session and heard summary reports from each of the discussion groups.

The chairman reported that the Special Committee would consider the reports of these discussion groups in preparing a final report for the December meeting of Presbytery.

Upon motion, Presbytery adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with prayer and benediction by The Rev. Robert H. Yolton.

*David B. Lowry*  
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Stated Clerk

STATED MEETING

Date: December 28, 1966 Moderator: Elder George P. Cobb  
Place: Fort Street Church, Detroit Stated Clerk: The Rev. David B. Lowry

The Presbytery of Detroit met on Wednesday, December 28, 1966 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The Moderator convened the meeting. The Rev. Thomas A. Bailey offered the constituting prayer.

The roll was taken and the Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Ministers

Abram	Clippinger	Hoyt	Miller	Sutton
Allardice	Colman (D.B.)	Ireland	Mitcham	Swartzback
Atwood	Colman (G.D.)	Janssen	Mitchell (R.W.)	Sweet
Auchard	Crawford	Johnson	Muench	Tabor
Bailey	Dickson	Jones (H.D.)	Nagy	Taylor
Bauer	Didier	Juterbock	Peterson	Teeuwissen
Beal	Dimond	Kilgore	Rassi	Thomas
Beery	Dunkelberger	Kirkman	Rieker	Totten
Benton	Dunn	Kuckuk	Sanford	Tozer
Beumler	Estes	Lampe	Scott	Walls
Brasure	Flowers	Lovick	Shafer	Watkins
Brunelle	Garypie	Lowry	Shirley	Weir
Bury	Geard	Lumley	Small	Whitehead
Byars	Geissinger	Lundell	Smith (I.G.)	Whitledge
Caldwell	George	MacDonald	Smith (R.C.)	Williamson
Candy	Gillette	McConnell	Stribe	Winchester
Christensen	Glenn	Mehaffey	Stryker	Zaun
Christman				

(Roll of Elders listed on Page 259)

Upon motion, the following were seated as corresponding members: The Rev. Richard L. Stephan, Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse; The Rev. James E. Griffes, Presbytery of South-west Iowa; The Rev. Alvin Lusty, American Baptist Convention, Washington.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused: Allebach, Brake, Brown, Campbell, Clark, Dalzell, DeLawrence, DeWindt, Fogal, Glandon, Gundersen, Hueftle, Jeffrey, Jerome, Kent, Kerr, Kesler, Kilgore, Lawrence, MacInnes, Mair, McAlpin, Milford, Pickera, Riedesel, Vernon.

Upon motion, the minutes of the stated meeting of November 22, 1966 and the special meeting of November 29, 1966 were approved.

The Stated Clerk presented the docket. (see Paper A)

Upon motion, the proposed docket was amended by the addition of a brief report from The Rev. Robert H. Yolton immediately before the recess and report from the Committee on Interpretation and Stewardship immediately after the recess.

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2. The Committee presented a short motion picture, "Happy Birthday Felisa." The Rev. William A. McGaughey made several comments on the film and then spoke briefly about the new curriculum for pre-school children to be introduced this fall and referred members of Presbytery to the bibliography of "Resources for Early Childhood Education."

Upon motion, the report was received.

THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND RACE reported through the chairman, Elder Stephen E. Hack. Upon motion, Presbytery adopted the following recommendation of the Committee: "that Presbytery support the Fund for Freedom to the fullest extent possible and approve the use of 50% of the monies toward establishing a bi-lingual congregation at Immanuel Church and the employment of a Director of Black Affairs for Metropolitan Detroit."

Upon motion, the report was received.

THE COMMITTEE ON INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP reported through The Rev. Crea M. Clark.

1. Elder Gusta Hoyes (Highland Park) demonstrated Minute for Mission.
2. The Rev. Roy F. Lambert presented a sheet of "Interpretation Resources".
3. The Rev. John B. Quick announced that May 25, 1969 has been set for the special offering, "The Fund for Everybody's Freedom." Mr. Quick spoke of the need for the employment of a Director of Black Affairs for Metropolitan Detroit, which will be supported in part by the Fund for Freedom.
4. Mr. Quick introduced Thomas Chavez who spoke of the need for a ministry to Spanish-speaking people in the area of Immanuel Church.

Upon motion, the report was received.

#### REPORT ON THE REORGANIZATION OF SYNOD

The Executive, The Rev. Robert H. Yolton, and the Associate Executive, The Rev. Richard W. Bauer reported on the new structure of Synod which was adopted last June and implemented last October.

THE COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES reported through the chairman, The Rev. Lloyd G. Brasure.

1. The Committee reported that it had approved the middler year appearance before the Committee of candidate Lydia Sarandan.

Upon motion, the report was approved.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. The Rev. Sven E. Anderson presented a resolution of the session of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, adopted on April 20, 1969, supporting Richard Marks, Director of the Commission on Community Relations in the City of Detroit. (Mr. Marks is a ruling elder in the Calvary Church and a member of Presbytery's Committee on Ministerial Relations.)

Upon motion, Presbytery gave its approval to the resolution previously adopted by the session of the Calvary Church as follows:

WHEREAS: Richard V. Marks has been a member and ruling elder of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Detroit for the past twelve years;

AND WHEREAS: During the past twelve years, Richard V. Marks has been a true and faithful servant and witness to the teachings and truths of our Lord Jesus Christ and has given unselfishly of his previous time and energy in service to his Church, his Presbytery and his community;

AND WHEREAS: In his dual roles and capacities as a practicing Christian, and as Director of said Commission, on Wednesday, April 16, 1969, in a memorandum directed to the Commission, said Richard V. Marks condemned the action of the Detroit Police Officers Association of placing an advertisement in the Detroit News in a blatant attempt to reduce our city to a police state not dissimilar to

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Elder Members of General Council

Adams, Mary Grace  
 Bushnell, George E., Jr.  
 Frobom, Aarne

Magnuson, R.B.  
 Robertson, Gordon

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused: Ministers - Auchard, Crawford, Duggan, Frew, Huish, Kent, Kesler, Kirkman, Kyser, Malzard, McCall, Miller, Nagy, Palmer, Quick, Ratcliffe, Scribner, Stenner, Stephan, Thomas, Williamson; Elders - Seyb.

Upon motion, Presbytery seated The Rev. William Baker, Presbytery of Southern Michigan, as a corresponding member, and granted the privilege of the floor to Elders John Kimball and Guile Graham, from the First Church, Alma, representing Alma College.

Upon motion, the minutes of the meeting of March 31, 1970 were approved with a correction to the report of the Committee on Church and Society.

Upon motion, the docket was approved, with the deletion of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures and the time reallocated for presentation of overtures by The Rev. LeRoy Peterson and The Rev. William Colwell, and with the deletion of the program report of the Committee on National Missions.

LEGAL ACTIONS

The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson presented an overture regarding **regional synods** and church administration, which was recommended by the Administrative Committee of the General Council of Synod.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the following overture to the 182nd General Assembly (1970):

Whereas, the 181st (1969) General Assembly did adopt the Overture H on Regional Synods and Church Administration; and

Whereas, it is reported that a majority of the Presbyteries has concurred with this action; and

Whereas, the transition between current Synod structures and new Regional Synods can provide creative opportunities for new directions;

Whereas, the functions and effective programming and staffing of a Synod is related to the geographical and numerical size of a Synod;

Be it resolved that:

1. Provisional boundary lines for Regional Synods be drawn as quickly as possible according to the procedures outlined for "The Special Committee on Synod Boundaries." (Page 522 Part I Journal, Minutes of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 1969)
2. When these provisional boundaries have been established, and prior to formal organization of the new Regional Synods; an Organization- as Commission be established in each provisional Regional Synod with fair representation chosen by each of the existing Synods to:
  - a. develop recommendations concerning policy, strategy, program and staff for the new Regional Synod and its Presbyteries and propose a Plan for Organizing the new Regional Synod;

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- b. consult with appropriate General Assembly agencies and committees;
  - c. refer the Plan for Organizing to the existing Synods for implementation;
  - d. recommend to the new Regional Synod its proposals concerning policy, strategy, program and staff for the Synod and its Presbyteries.
3. New Regional Synods are to be constituted no sooner than one (1) year or later than two (2) years after establishment of provisional Regional Synod boundaries, thus providing organization of the new Regional Synods after the planning for policy, strategy, program, and staff is well established.

The Rev. William N. Colwell presented an overture regarding the power of review given to the General Council of the General Assembly by Overture H. The motion to approve failed.

THE COMMITTEE ON SESSION RECORDS reported through the chairman, The Rev. Hugh V. Stewart.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the following report:

1. The Session Records Committee recommends the approval of the following records with the exceptions noted in the report to the Clerk of Session.
  - a. Session Minutes of Celtic Cross; Covenant, E. Detroit; Erin; Faith; Grosse Pointe Memorial; Grosse Pointe Woods; Lake Shore, Mt. Clemens, First; St. Luke; Utica; Warren, First; Fort Street.
  - b. Church Registers of Grosse Pointe Memorial; Grosse Pointe Woods; Lake Shore, Mt. Clemens, First; Utica; Warren, First.
2. The Committee excused the following records to be presented at the meeting of June 2, 1970:
  - a. Session Minutes of Peace and Outer Drive.
  - b. Church Registers of Peace and Outer Drive.
3. The Committee requests for the third time the following records and asks that they be presented at the June 2, 1970 meeting:
  - a. Session Minutes of Scovel Memorial.

THE COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES reported through the chairman, The Rev. Raymond W. Lumley, who presented Frank N. Gready, III and Lydia Sarandan as candidates for ordination. Each candidate made a statement of personal faith and was questioned by Presbytery.

Upon motion, Presbytery arrested and sustained the ordination examination of Frank N. Gready, III, subject to his graduation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the receipt of a call.

Upon motion, Presbytery arrested and sustained the ordination examination of Lydia Sarandan.

The Moderator reported the action of Presbytery to the candidates and offered prayer.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELATIONS reported through the chairman, The Rev. Harry L. Geissinger.

1. Upon motion, Presbytery approved the request from The Rev. George D. Colman and the **Synod of Michigan** for termination of the contractual agreement existing between them effective April 30, 1970, pending action by Synod General Council on May 5, 1970 so that Mr. Colman may be free to accept a contract as Associate Director of Detroit Industrial Mission effective May 1, 1970. The Rev. Robert H. Yolton, Executive, spoke in appreciation of Mr. Colman's work.

2. Upon motion, Presbytery recommended to the Synod of Michigan that the Hebrew language requirement for Craig Dykstra be waived for the following reasons:

Craig Dykstra, a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and under the care of this Presbytery since June of 1969, is now a middler at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has completed the requirements for proficiency in the Greek language. Mr. Dykstra requests the waiver of the Hebrew language requirement due to the fact that he must work full-time this summer, in order to support his wife and two children. Until the birth of their second son, Mr. Dykstra had thought his wife would be able to work and that he could work part-time and also study Hebrew this summer.

The Hebrew language will also be offered next fall. However, if he were to take the language at that time it would not allow him to complete the required Greek sequence or to complete the necessary senior thesis.

Upon motion, the report as a whole was approved.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL reported through the Stated Clerk, The Rev. Robert L. Moreland.

1. The General Council reported for information the following actions:
  - a. The General Council received a communication from the General Council of the General Assembly, calling the attention of Presbytery to the special responsibilities of presbyteries and sessions in "The Design for Mission" as set forth in the Form of Government 41.06 and 42.07:
 

"The session is to lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the Church in the world. It may consult the presbytery through the appropriate committees or the presbytery through its committees may consult with the session."

"The presbytery shall assist and guide particular churches in their ministries and shall itself be a basic unit of mission with responsibilities for particular ministries."
  - b. The General Council referred to the Special Nominating Committee a communication from the chairman of the Organizing Commission of the **Synod of the Covenant**, asking Presbytery to appoint one elder to serve on the Special Committee to Nominate the Synod Executive, as provided in the Book of Order 69.12.
  - c. The General Council referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures overtures to the 184th General Assembly (1972) from the Presbytery of Columbus, concerning a committee to study the Holy Spirit in the World Today, and from the Presbytery of New York City, concerning a national study of salary standards and benefits of the non-ordained staff of local congregations in order to recommend salary and benefit policies for those non-ordained staff members, particularly directors of religious education, secretaries, sextons and church musicians.
  - d. The General Council referred to the Presbytery's Validating Committee a communication from the session of the Plymouth Church stating that its self-development fund would be sent to the General Assembly program because of the unavailability of information relative to Presbytery programs for 1972.
  - e. The General Council accepted The Rev. Arthur Baumler's offer to carry greetings from the Presbytery of the church and its mission in Korea.
  - f. The General Council accepted the resignation of Roy Phillips from the Committee on Ministerial Relations and referred the vacancy to the Committee on Nominations.

- g. The General Council received for report to Presbytery the Treasurer's financial reports for the Benevolence Fund and the Per Capita Administrative Fund for the quarter ending March 31, 1972, which are appended.
  - h. The General Council requested the Secretary to write to all churches with per capita apportionments due for the years 1969-71, asking them to advise the General Council whether their intention is to make payment or to request exemption.
  - i. The General Council received the 1971 audits of the Per Capita Administrative Fund and the Benevolence Fund made by Touche Ross and Co.
  - j. The General Council moved its regular May meeting to May 2, 1972, 12:00 noon, with major time to be given to consideration of reports and consultations relative to the **Synod of the Covenant**.
  - k. The General Council heard a report that the Committee on Church and Society is unable to draw up a position paper against pornographic activities as requested by the General Council (3/7/72). Two motions concerning support of Detroit ordinance 659-G, chapter 39, article 1 and of the Detroit News' policy for X-rated movie advertising were defeated.
    1. The General Council did not approve a proposed overture from the Committee on Church and Society concerning an Indian Day of Prayer by a vote of 8 to 9.
  - m. The General Council heard a report that the Committee on Candidates plans to contact those churches which have reported they have funds available to assist candidates under care, in order to supplement its Financial Aid Program (cf. Presbytery minutes 9/23/69) in the 1972-73 school year.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery discharged the following administrative commissions:
    - a. Installation of The Rev. Philip Magee at Plymouth Church, March 12, 1972;
    - b. Ordination of James Williams at Royal Oak First United Church, April 9, 1972.
  3. The Rev. William Whitlege, <sup>vice</sup> chairman of the Special Nominating Committee, placed in nomination Elder George Bushnell, Jr. (Grosse Pointe Memorial) as Presbytery's representative on the **Regional Synod's** Special Committee to Nominate the Synod Executive.  
Upon motion, there being no nominations from the floor, Mr. Bushnell was elected.

The report of the General Council was arrested until later in the docket.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. A motion was defeated to limit remarks concerning departing and retiring ministers to those persons not representing local churches affected.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery commended the Detroit News for their stand on refusing to advertise X-rated movies.

#### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The report of the General Council continued.

4. The Rev. Richard Dempsey, chairman of the Special Committee to Study COCU, presented the recommendations of the Committee.  
The Presbytery became confused in parliamentary procedures. The Moderator resolved the issues by consent ruling that motions and actions related to the recommendations would be dropped and actions on the recommendations would be renewed. No appeal of her ruling was made.  
Upon motion, Presbytery heard the report of the Special Committee to Study COCU, approved the report and forwarded it to the General Assembly's Committee on COCU, and discharged the Special Committee with thanks.  
Upon motion, the report of the General Council as a whole was approved.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL reported through the Stated Clerk, The Rev. Robert L. Moreland.

1. The General Council reported for information the following:
  - a. The General Council heard, read and received a communication from the session of the First United Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak, expressing deep concern relative to the action of the General **Council of Synod** in responding to the Kalamazoo Gay Liberation Movement.
  - b. The General Council received a communication from The Rev. Robert L. Kincheloe, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches, reporting that the Council of Churches has asked The Rev. Carl Howie and George Bushnell, Jr. to serve on a representative planning committee to explore the formation of a more inclusive ecumenical organization than now exists.
  - c. The General Council referred to the Committee on National Missions a communication from Focus Hope, asking for financial support.
  - d. The General Council referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Committee on National Missions an overture to the 184th General Assembly from the Presbytery of San Fernando, on the subject of increased emphasis on new congregation development and congregation re-development.
  - e. The General Council referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Committee on Ministerial Relations an overture to the 184th General Assembly from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, on recommending that a high priority for the Vocation Agency of the General Assembly be the creation on a regional basis of therapeutic Christian communities.
  - f. The General Council heard reports on the development of the **Synod of the Covenant**, on progress which its Committee on Planning is making toward a recommendation for the reorganization of the presbytery, and on the current plan for possible realignment of presbytery boundaries within the Synod of the Covenant. The Rev. Allan Zaun, one of Presbytery's representatives on the Presbytery Boundaries Task Force of the Synod of the Covenant reported the basic assumptions and factors being applied to the boundaries of presbyteries and reported that the Task Force may recommend the enlargement of the Presbytery of Detroit to include churches in the Port Huron, Howell and Ann Arbor and Monroe areas. The General Council approved the report of the Presbytery Boundaries Task Force as presently proposed.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery discharged the following administrative commission:
  - a. Installation of The Rev. James Anderson at Kirk in the Hills, April 30, 1972.
3. For the Special Nominating Committee, The Rev. William Whitledge presented the following Guidelines for the Selection of Nominees for General Assembly Commissioners:

The General Council adopts the following procedures and guidelines in the selection of its nominees for General Assembly commissioners. Consideration will be given to a wide spectrum of type of church (e.g., urban-suburban), theology, age, sex and race in order to achieve a representative "mix" of commissioners. The Presbytery of Detroit has no strict seniority or "point" system for determining nominees, feeling that it is better to maintain some flexibility in this matter. Certain guidelines, however, will be employed to identify potential nominees.

Guidelines for Ministers: Consideration will be given--

1. Ministers who are engaged in an active ministry, who are serving as an interim or stated supply, or who are serving on Presbytery committees.
2. Ministers who have served in the Presbytery at least one year.

The number of elders representing the various churches is appended.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the following requests to be excused:

Ministers - Brunelle, Campbell, Cobleigh, Dempsey, Flowers, Geissinger, Gillis, Goldsmith, Gundersen, Hansen, Hershey, Hughes, Janssen, Kennedy, Kerr, Kesler, Kuckuk, Lambert, MacInnes, Magee, Mair, Mitchell, R. Smith, Stewart, G. Stone, J. Stone, Stribe, Stryker, Sutton, Sweet, Swinehart, F. Williams, R. Williams, Wood, Wright, Zaun.  
Elders - Belleville, Pontiac, First (2), Wyandotte (2).

Upon motion, the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1972 were approved.

Upon motion, the docket was approved as amended to include the program report of the Committee on National Missions during the time for legal actions.

The service of worship was led by the host pastor, The Rev. Ray H. Kiely.

### LEGAL ACTIONS

THE COMMITTEE ON RECORDS AND REPORTS reported through The Rev. G. John Richards.

1. Upon motion, Presbytery approved the following report:

- a. The Committee on Records and Reports recommends approval of the following records with the exceptions noted in the report to the Clerk of Session:
- (1) Session Minutes of Celtic Cross, Covenant, East Detroit, Erin, Faith, Grosse Pointe Memorial, Lake Shore, Mt. Clemens, First, Peace, St. Luke, Utica, Warren, First, Dearborn Woods.
  - (2) Church Registers of Covenant, E. Detroit, Grosse Pointe Memorial, Lake Shore, St. Luke and Dearborn Woods.

THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS reported through The Rev. Robert Sawyer.

1. The following persons were recommended by the Committee for nomination to the positions indicated in the **Synod of the Covenant**:

#### SYNOD MISSION COUNCIL

The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson  
The Rev. Paul H. Sutton  
Elder Arthur Maus  
Elder Jean Perkins

Redford  
Birmingham, First

#### DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Rev. Philip Ferguson  
Elder Eleanor Leigh

Littlefield Boulevard

#### DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. Harry L. Geissinger  
Elder Charles Kleber

Church of Our Saviour

#### DIVISION OF PLANNING

The Rev. John Olert  
Elder Gordon Robertson

Kirk in the Hills

#### DEPARTMENT OF PRESBYTERY DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. William F. Whitledge  
Mrs. Katherine Vernon

Trumbull Avenue

#### DIVISION OF STAFF SERVICES

The Rev. John Quick  
Elder Harry Kirk

Northbrook

#### DEPARTMENT OF **SYNOD MINISTRIES**

The Rev. James Cannon  
Elder Helen Morrison

Grosse Ile

Upon motion, there being no nominations from the floor, Presbytery nominated to the Synod of the Covenant those named.

Upon motion, the report was approved as a whole.

1. Elder George Bushnell, Jr., chairman, reported for the Special Nominating Committee concerning commissioners to the Synod of the Covenant.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the recommendation of the Committee that Presbytery hold an election for commissioners to the Synod of the Covenant, after the same manner the General Assembly commissioners are elected, and that the commissioners so elected be divided into two classes (1973 and 1974) by lot to be drawn by the Moderator and that the following be nominated as commissioners to the Synod of the Covenant: Ministers - Sven E. Anderson, Arthur K. Beumler, Mark H. Caldwell, Alfred T. Davies, Harry L. Geissinger, George Gillette, Lawrence T. Glenn, Bartlett L. Hess, Carl G. Howie, Chase S. Hunt, Paul E. Johnson, Virgil Jones, William H. Lawrence, James A. Mitcham, Lekoy J. Peterson, George W. Ramsey, Margaret A. Scabich, Hugh V. Stewart, William F. Whitley, Allan A. Zaun;

Elders - Mary Grace Adams, H. Franklin Brown, George E. Bushnell, Jr., John A. Dobb, Arne H. Froben, Robert M. Guymer, Harry T. Kirk, Holden LeRoy, James Lockerby, Alfred A. McConnell, Adelaide Merrill, Helen Morrison, Jean Perkins, Gordon H. Robertson, Glenwood Ross, Thomas F. Stewart, Eva Tatar, Ruby Welch, Andre Blay.

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The General Council report was arrested while the ballot was prepared.

THE COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES reported through The Rev. Robert Kyser.

1. Philip Bell appeared for his ordination examination, spoke concerning his personal faith, and was questioned by Presbytery.

The Committee presented the following statement concerning Mr. Bell's examination by the Committee:

Mr. Bell has satisfactorily completed the Standard Examinations in Bible Exegesis and in Theology. He has written the Standard Examinations in Polity and in Worship, but has not written them satisfactorily.

The Committee on Candidates has followed the "Suggested Guidelines for Presbyteries and Synods on Evaluation of Reasons for Exceptions" for waiving particular Standard Examinations as approved by the 182nd General Assembly (cf. pp. 377-380, Minutes, 1970). The following paragraph is applicable in this case:

- "6. d. An exception is reponsible if the presbytery, through examination or evaluation of its own choosing, satisfies itself that the candidate is capable of making practical application of his knowledge in the area(s) of his failure in the Cooperative Examinations. Presbyteries should note in the referral the content and extent of presbytery's re-examination." (Minutes, 1970, p.379)

Your committee has spent many hours in consultation with Mr. Bell regarding failures in the above two examinations. We have arranged special tutoring in these areas. And finally we have re-examined Mr. Bell in these areas during a meeting of the committee. We are sorry that Mr. Bell has been unable to complete these exams satisfactorily. However, we are satisfied that his problem is with the written presentation of material on examinations, and not with his "practical knowledge" of the areas involved. We feel, as a committee, that Mr. Bell has adequate practical knowledge of the areas of Presbyterian Polity and Worship, as evidenced by oral examination by the committee.

Upon motion, Presbytery arrested and sustained the examination and requested the appropriate committee of the Synod of Michigan to waive the requirement of the Standard Examinations in the areas of "Worship" and "Polity and Program" for Mr. Bell so that the Presbytery may proceed with his ordination at the earliest possible date.

4. Upon motion, Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

- Whereas the **Synod of the Covenant** is in the early stages of reorganization, and it is not known how and to what extent services may be provided the Presbytery;
- Whereas staff services during the coming months may be uncertain and so make the initiation of any reorganization difficult;
- Whereas ten per cent of the churches of Presbytery are new and should have opportunity to participate further in the development of any reorganization;
- Therefore, consideration of the Proposed Plan of Reorganization shall be postponed thus providing for participation by new members and staff of Presbytery and allowing adequate time for revision and adoption by mid-1974.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the report as a whole and confirmed the following appointments by the Moderator:

- a. Elder Richard Fernstrum and The Rev. James A. Cannon to represent Presbytery at the meeting on Staffing Negotiations, June 16, 1973.
- b. Elder Jack Callam and The Rev. Carl G. Howie to represent Presbytery at the Budget Consultation, June 15, 1973.

Upon motion, from the floor, and by counted vote Presbytery instructed the General Council to devise adequate methods to protest the irresponsible and profligate dissipation of the financial reserves of the **Synod** and General Assembly and to report back to the Presbytery.

THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT, reported through the chairman, Elder Richard F. Park, who announced that copies of the audits are available for inspection in the Presbytery Office.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the audit of the Detroit Presbytery Benevolence Fund and the Detroit Presbytery Per Capita Administration Fund for the year ending December 31, 1972.

THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL MISSIONS reported through the chairman, Elder Jack Callam. (Paper G)

1. The committee reported that it has received and approved the audit of its accounts for 1972 by Touche Ross & Co., that the audit is on file in the Presbytery Office and is available for inspection by any member of Presbytery.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery voted to organize St. Thomas Community United Presbyterian Church of Shelby Township, Michigan on Sunday, June 10, 1973, at 5:30 p.m. by the following Organizing Commission: The Rev. William F. Whitlege, Moderator, The Rev. James Cannon, The Rev. Francis Nagy, The Rev. Alfred Davies, The Rev. Robert Kyser, Elder Jack Callam (Dearborn First), Elder George Mack (University), Elder Gerald Hansen (Utica) and Elder Jocelyn Glass (Birmingham First), with The Rev. Richard Bauer, The Rev. Robert H. Yolton, and The Rev. Lawrence W. McMaster, Jr., being invited to participate in the service of organization.

Upon motion, the report as a whole was approved.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELATIONS reported through the chairman, The Rev. Richard J. Milford. (Paper H)

1. Upon motion, Presbytery heard Elder Richard Newberg speak on behalf of the congregation of the Cherry Hill Church; approved the call of the church to The Rev. Frank C. Marvin to become pastor, effective June 1, 1973, with the following terms: salary \$16,500, manse allowance \$3,000, car allowance \$1,500, 15% pension, Synod hospitalization, one month vacation two weeks study leave and annual review; and placed the call in his hands.

1. The General Council directed the Special Committee on Reorganization to present its plan of reorganization to the General Council for study and approval before presenting it to Presbytery.
  - m. The General Council discharged the Special Committee to Gather Information on Expenditure of General Assembly and **Synod Reserves.**
  - n. The General Council voted to include time on its docket each month to hear reports from Presbytery representatives on Synod Mission Council and/or cabinets, divisions and departments of Synod.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery discharge the following Special Administrative Commission:  
Installation of Edward Craxton at First Church, Birmingham, March 24, 1974
3. Upon motion, Presbytery endorsed the following recommendations of the Michigan Area Extended Experience Education (E<sup>3</sup>) Task Force regarding **campsites now owned by the Synod of the Covenant and located within the boundaries of the State of Michigan:**
- (1) That the ownership of the property known as Howell Center be transferred from the Synod of the Covenant to the Presbytery of Detroit;
  - (2) That the ownership of the property known as Bear Lake be transferred from the Synod of the Covenant to the Presbytery of Lake Huron;
  - (3) That the ownership of the property known as Camp Greenwood be transferred from the Synod of the Covenant to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan;
- and affirmed that such transfers should be without restriction.
- Lost, was a motion to delete the words "without restriction" and to substitute the words "made in negotiation with the Synod of the Covenant."
4. Upon motion, Presbytery filled vacancies of minister and elder commissioners to the **Synod of the Covenant** for one year terms and elected for two-year terms as follows, there being no nominations from the floor:

Ministers - 1 year

William P. Findlay  
 Harry L. Giessinger  
 George F. Gillette  
 Chase S. Hunt  
 Kenneth V. Kettlewell  
 George W. Ramsey  
 Margaret Scabich  
 Hugh V. Stewart

Ministers - 2 years

Gareth Baker  
 William Baker  
 Arthur Beumler  
 Gerald R. Cobleigh  
 Lawrence T. Glenn  
 Carl G. Howie  
 Virgil L. Jones  
 Bryce McGowan

Elders - 1 year

H. Franklin Brown (St. John's)  
 John Dobb (Crossroads)  
 Marian Grimm (Royal Oak, First)  
 Christine Hastie (St. James)  
 Walter Mitchell (Redford)  
 James Lockerby (Southwest)  
 Alfred McConnell (Kirk of Our Sav.)  
 Gordon Robertson (Kirk in the Hls.)

Elders - 2 years

Aarne Frobom (Peace)  
 Holden LeRoy (Bethany)  
 Keith Littell (Monteith)  
 Helen Morrison (Grosse Ile)  
 Jean Perkins (Birmingham, First)  
 Lillian Rutledge (Fort Street)  
 Eva Tatar (Allen Park)  
 Ruby Welch (Orchard Lake)

5. The Committee on Planning reported through The Rev. Frank Marvin, who reviewed the immediate and long range work of the committee and who presented Concerns for 1975. (Papers G, I)
- Upon motion, Presbytery adopted the attached Concerns for 1975, as amended to add the word "Synod" to item 11., Goal:, so, that the phrase reads, "to the specific concerns of the Synod, Presbytery and its sessions".
- Upon motion, the report of the General Council was approved as a whole.

- e. Presbytery Council heard a report that the Department of Local Church Development has named a Cabinet as follows: The Rev. James A. Cannon, Vice-Chairman; The Rev. Alfred T. Davies, Secretary; Mary Brown, Area I; Elder Ralph MacKenzie, Area II; The Rev. Michael Dunkelberger, Area III; The Rev. Theodore Taylor, Area IV; Elder Wilma Dellinger, Area V.
- f. Presbytery Council heard and approved the report of the Special Committee to Evaluate a Hotel Property that the committee, after making physical examination of the Detroit Camelot Hotel property and discussion with one of the owners, unanimously agreed to reject the offer with thanks for the following reasons: the inappropriate location, the large funds needed to rehabilitate the facility (between two and three hundred thousand dollars), the unsuitability of the building for senior citizens, and the lack of specialized management. The owner has been advised of the decision.
- g. Presbytery Council referred to the Department on Presbytery Ministries the problem of low-cost housing for senior citizens and urged the department to define and explore the options for meeting this need.
- h. Presbytery Council approved expenditure from the 1975 Unified Budget, Item 1101, General Council Expenses, of up to a total of \$100 for worship services at meetings of Presbytery.
- i. Presbytery Council requested the Department on Local Church Development to coordinate all information gathering from local churches for the various divisions, departments and sub-units.
- j. Presbytery Council heard and approved a report from the Division of Staff Services that it has adopted the following procedures in filling the position of Associate for Business Affairs for the Presbytery of Detroit:
- (1) The committee will advertise the position within the Presbytery in the January issue of REJOICE, with a February 3rd cut-off date for applicants.
  - (2) The committee will meet again on February 3rd to review applicants and to select those to be in the pre-interview stage.
  - (3) The committee will begin interviews the second or third week of February, depending on the progress of pre-interview investigations.
  - (4) The committee requested the Executive Presbyter to prepare a working job description, based on internal operational experience, in contrast to the Rationale for Staffing adopted by Presbytery, as an informal document to use as a guide for the committee in the interview process.
- k. Presbytery Council referred to the Division of Business Affairs those matters relating to negotiation of Equipment Reserve with Synod and sale of the office property at 10600 Puritan, Detroit; authorized the Division to constitute a negotiating team; and dismissed the previous committees handling those matters with thanks.
- l. Presbytery Council heard the Executive Presbyter report Elder Eleanor Leigh to be in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn; and The Rev. James A. Crawford in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia.
- m. Presbytery Council approved the action of the Executive Presbyter in mailing General Mission pledge forms to local churches and referred follow-up to the Department on Presbytery Ministries.
- n. Presbytery Council referred to the Department on Personnel the matter of developing a plan to effectively inform Presbytery and to seek and endorse nominees to vacancies in General Assembly agencies and offices.
- o. Presbytery Council referred to the Administrative Commission on Reorganization the chairperson vacancy on the Division of Budget and Finance.
- p. Presbytery Council approved the Treasurer's Preliminary Statement of Financial Condition and 1974 Unified Budget for the period ending December 31, 1974.
- q. Presbytery Council authorized payment of one-sixth (1/6) of Detroit Presbytery Extended Experience Education (EEE) apportionment (1418) and referred review and recommendation regarding further payments to the Division on Business and Finance.
- r. Presbytery Council authorized the Executive Presbyter to service all Areas as requested by the Areas regarding mailings for the January meetings; and referred the matter of future servicing through the office to the next meeting of Area Chairpersons for discussion and recommendation.

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2. Upon motion, Presbytery confirmed the action of the Presbytery Council approving the sale of the Church of the Open Door property, Detroit, to St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church for \$185,000 with a cash down of \$25,000, the balance to be carried in a land contract by the Presbytery of Detroit, payable at \$1,100 per month for 36 months, then \$1,500 or more per month for the next 12 years, with the unpaid balance all due and payable by May 1, 1990; payments shall include interest at 7½%; the St. Stephen's Church permitted to occupy the building before Easter; the monies from the sale to be under the direction of the Department of Local Church Development in conjunction with the Division of Business Affairs and to be used to retire present indebtedness on the property.
3. Upon motion, Presbytery granted permission to the five Area Assemblies to serve Communion up to two times each year, using ministers and ruling elders from the areas.
4. Upon motion, Presbytery amended the 1975 Unified Budget \$20,000 on the expenditure side, for the moving and equipping of Presbytery's Office at Westminster Church, Detroit, and increased the income side \$20,000 from unspent monies of the 1974 Budget.  
The Executive Presbyter, The Rev. Donald G. Lester, reported that the Presbytery Office Building has been sold by the Synod of the Covenant who held title to the building.
5. Upon motion, Presbytery granted the Orchard Lake Church permission to increase its mortgage for its new sanctuary from \$250,000 to \$300,000 during the construction phase.
6. Upon motion, Presbytery elected an Ecclesiastical Commission to the Westminster Church, Port Huron, consisting of: The Rev. Thomas W. Kirkman, The Rev. Carl G. Howie, The Rev. Larry L. Lewis, The Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell, Elder Donald White (Park Church) and Elder John Hamilton (Ward Memorial Church) to confer with said church regarding its disaffection and to report back to Presbytery, with the understanding that this commission is appointed on friendly terms.

Upon motion, the report as a whole was approved.

#### POLICY APPROVALS

THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT reported through Vice Chairman, The Rev. James A. Cannon, on the need of funds for the successful development of new churches. Specifically, \$50,000 is needed for Geneva and also \$50,000 for Saint Thomas Church. Both churches have conducted Building Fund campaigns. Geneva Church has pledges of \$43,000 and Saint Thomas has pledges of \$55,000. (Paper Q)

Upon motion, Presbytery granted to Geneva Church and Saint Thomas Church \$50,000 each, from Presbytery resources as an advance against Presbytery Capital Fund Drive. Elder Christopher Washington reported on the Summer Service Project to be held in 12 churches. (Paper R)

#### PROGRAM REPORTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF PRESBYTERY MINISTRIES reported through the Chairman, The Rev. Paul R. Dotson, on the pre-Presbytery meeting on Hunger. He called attention to the papers distributed on this subject. (Papers S 1, 2, 3, 4)  
The Rev. Warren Day of the Presbytery of Grand River presented an audio-visual report on Hunger in Bangladesh.

THE TASK FORCE ON EXTENDED EXPERIENCE EDUCATION reported through the Chairman, The Rev. Edward E. Craxton, calling attention to the mailing to all churches describing the curriculums to be used at Camp Grindley and Bear Lake. Pictures of the Directors Jeff Doane, Camp Grindley, and Steve and Connie Phail, Bear Lake, were included in the mailing. Mr. Craxton called attention to the registrations received for camp and conference activities and asked the churches to promote the activities. (Paper T)

Upon motion, the report as a whole was received.

- aa. Presbytery Council approved the request that a questionnaire regarding the first six months' operation of the new Presbytery structure be included in the pre-Presbytery mailing to commissioners to the June 24th meeting of Presbytery.
- bb. Presbytery Council discharged the Special Administrative Commission to ordain Mr. Charles Holm at Evergreen Village Church.
- cc. Presbytery Council instructed the Moderator of Presbytery to appoint a special committee to study the possibility of a Validated Special Opportunity Project on a faculty position at the University of Michigan in "Studies in Christianity from a Protestant Perspective."
- dd. Presbytery Council authorized the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk to convene the Special Task Force on Planning a Committee on Capital Funds Campaign.
- ee. Presbytery Council, in light of the reported schedule for the General Assembly's Major Mission Funding Campaign, authorized the Special Committee on Capital Funds to proceed immediately to raise \$100,000 from the Presbytery of Detroit to underwrite the capital needs of the Geneva and Saint Thomas new church developments.
- ✓ ff. Presbytery Council interpreted the standing rules of Presbytery regarding the salary of the Assistant Recording Clerk that he be paid at the rate of \$25.00 per meeting, plus expenses, retroactive to January 1, 1975, and authorized the Moderator and the Executive Presbyter to review the salary of the Recording Clerk in the light of the hours of work required and the changed Presbytery meeting schedule.
- ✓ gg. Presbytery Council interpreted the role of the Stated Clerk in relation to Presbytery's special committees and commission that the Stated Clerk shall normally resource ecclesiastical and administrative commissions, but may, when need arises, employ the aid of the Recording Clerk for such assignments.
- hh. Presbytery Council granted the Committee on Aging permission to hold a pre-Presbytery workshop on "Care of the Aging" at the September meeting of Presbytery.
- ii. Presbytery Council approved a revised docket for the Presbytery meeting of June 24, as presented by the Stated Clerk.
- jj. Presbytery Council authorized the Division of Budget and Finance to present the Proposed 1976 Unified Budget to the Presbytery of Detroit on June 24, for information only, with the understanding that the report will come before the Presbytery at its September meeting for approval.
- kk. Presbytery Council granted permission to the Department of Presbytery Ministries to hold a pre-Presbytery meeting at 4:30 p.m. on June 24th.
- ll. (Action in following motion)
- mm. Presbytery Council authorized the Stated Clerk to negotiate a change in meeting place of the December, 1975, meeting of Presbytery to Westminster Church of Detroit, the home church of the retiring Moderator, Walter Greene.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted permission to Detroit Presbyterial to hold Communion at its annual fall retreat, October 11, 1975, at Mercy Center and Presbytery invited The Rev. Carol Allen of Cincinnati Presbytery to preside at the Service of Communion.  
Upon motion, Presbytery approved the report as a whole.

THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE reported through its Chairman, The Rev. Charles E. McCloskey, who presented a Proposed 1976 Budget as information for the Presbytery to act upon at its September meeting. (Paper F) The paper included the 1976 projected income of \$549,030.00, a description of each item for the Proposed Budget, a sheet showing the fixed items set by negotiation, and a list of Validated Special Opportunities. Upon motion, Presbytery confirmed the agreements reached in the Synodwide Budget Consultation/Negotiation of March 14-15, 1975, which included the percentage division of the General Mission dollar for 1976 which was proposed by Presbytery in the amounts of 41 per cent for General Assembly, 26 per cent for Synod and 33 per cent for Presbytery. (Paper G)

THE DIVISION OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS reported through its Chairman, The Rev. Thomas W. Kirkman, as follows: (Paper H)

- a. Division representatives are in negotiation with the Synod for a division of the "equipment reserve funds" formerly held jointly by the Synod of Michigan and the Presbytery of Detroit.

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- b. The Presbytery of Detroit, as successor to the Welsh Presbyterian Church of Detroit, is beneficiary of the estate of Mary Jones, deceased.
- c. The Division, with the consent of the chairperson of the Special Committee on Apportionments Due, authorized that a letter be sent to each of the churches having per capita apportionments due, requesting cooperation with Presbytery, that churches indicate their intentions regarding payment, and that a schedule of such payments be listed with the Presbytery.
- d. The Division is negotiating with the Synod and General Assembly in behalf of the Church of the Covenant, Detroit, for the forgiveness of its loan of \$5,500 from the Fifty Million Fund.
- e. The Presbytery Office relocation is now complete; the lease for space in Westminster Church has been signed, remodeling is nearing completion, with total expenditures to date at \$25,724.58.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved \$7,000 additional expenditures for Presbytery Office relocation over and above the amount (\$20,000) allocated by Presbytery for this purpose.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the Drayton Plains Community Church permission to deed 10 feet of its parking lot to Mr. John Hazlett in fulfillment of a 1947 agreement.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the Clarkston, Sashabaw Church permission to sell back to the Cemetery Association a lot formerly purchased by the church from the Cemetery Association.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the granting of a utility easement on the Drake House property of Presbytery to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in consideration of \$575.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the request of the Auburn Heights Church for permission to purchase a lot for \$4,000 cash, for future use as a parking lot.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted Garden City Church a moratorium on the repayment of its loan for a period of one year beginning July 1, 1975; and granted an additional short-term loan of \$5,000 for a period of 6 months for the repair or construction of a new roof on the church, conditioned upon the church providing to the Division by October 1, 1975, an effectual plan for repaying this loan by the due date December 31, 1975.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted permission to the Korean Church to purchase property on 9 Mile Road from the Trumbull Avenue Church for \$140,000. The Rev. T. Andrew Kim, Pastor of the Korean Church, spoke to the motion.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the financial plan of Saint Thomas Church for the financing of its building construction, and granted permission for the church to borrow as follows: \$117,000 from the General Assembly Office of Capital Resources, up to \$42,000 for up to 5 years at up to 11% interest from local commercial financial sources. (After granting \$50,000 each to Saint Thomas and Geneva Churches, available resources of Presbytery for such purposes will be reduced to \$24,000.)

Upon motion, Presbytery granted permission to the Milan Church to hire an architect and develop building plans and to make application for a mortgage loan in the amount of \$35,000 with the General Assembly Office of Capital Resources.

Upon motion, Presbytery granted the request of the Greater St. Stephens Baptist Church for deferment of its loan payments for six months until December 31, 1975.

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Upon motion, Presbytery granted permission to Knox Church to deed 20 feet of the north-east portion of its property adjacent to Crocker Boulevard to Macomb County for the considerations listed in a letter of June 4, 1975. (Paper I)

Upon motion, the report as a whole was approved.

THE TRUSTEES reported through its Chairman, Elder Thomas Turner, actions of the Trustees for the year 1974. (Paper J) The Trustees continued shifting their portfolio to bonds and other fixed income investments which now comprise 60% of their portfolio. Even though the total market value of the assets declined 20%, most of this represents a temporary "Paper" loss which will ultimately be restored to full face value. The James Joy Fund represents 75% of the total funds administered by the Trustees. In spite of

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16. Council received and remembered in prayer special concerns for ministers who are, or have been, ill, including The Rev. Ralph Hawley, Presbytery Staff, The Rev. James Mitcham, The Rev. John Sefcik, The Rev. Sven Anderson, and The Rev. Dickson Forsyth.
17. A report of the Validating Committee for Self-Development of People was received for information.
18. Invitations for meetings of Presbytery from the following churches were accepted: September 28, Drayton Avenue, Ferndale; October 26, St. Paul's, Livonia; December 28, Grosse Pointe Woods.
19. Authorized the Chairman of the Administrative Commission on Westminster Church, Port Huron, to appoint three to five members, or consultants, to serve as Presbytery's "Committee of Defense" in the per capita hearing before General Assembly's Permanent Judicial Commission in Chicago on January 30, 1976, at 8 p.m., and authorized expenses to be paid by Presbytery Council.

Upon motion, Presbytery received the above nineteen items as information.

b. Presbytery Council recommended actions disposed of as follows:

1. Upon motion, Presbytery authorized the Division of Business Affairs to make available up to \$1,000 from revolving capital funds for the purpose of bringing the Drake House Retreat Center up to code.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery approved the agreement negotiated with the Synod of the Covenant whereby the proceeds of the sale of the Puritan Avenue property would be divided 70% for the Presbytery of Detroit, 30% for the Synod of the Covenant, based primarily on equity interest at the time of the purchase of the property.
3. Upon motion, Presbytery approved an agreement negotiated with the Synod of the Covenant whereby the building repair reserve fund for the Puritan Avenue property in the amount of \$13,250.46 be divided equally between the Presbytery of Detroit and the Synod of the Covenant.
4. Upon motion, Presbytery established a position of Hunger Action Enabler to work in an agreed job description for the two Presbyteries of Detroit and Lake Michigan and to adopt a budget for 1976 as follows: \$6,000 salary (half-time), \$1,000 expenses, \$1,000 task force expenses. Action subject to agreement by Lake Michigan Presbytery.

Upon motion, Presbytery approved the report of the Presbytery Council as a whole.

THE BUDGET AND FINANCE DIVISION reported through The Rev. Charles E. McCloskey, Chairperson, who spoke in detail of the 1977 budget development process and timeline.

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE EAST FOUNDERS COMMITTEE reported through its chairperson, Mr. Gerald C. Schroeder. He told of progress of Phase I in its effort to raise one million dollars for this project. Although major emphasis is concentrated among churches of Area I, all others are invited to share in this endeavor. (Paper B2)

THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, The Rev. Donald G. Lester, shared good news of many advances in the life of churches and ministers of Detroit Presbytery.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELATIONS reported through the Chairperson, The Rev. William F. Whitley, as follows: (Paper C1)

1. Upon motion, Presbytery heard Elder Commissioners Ms. Pat Arner and George Mack and dissolved the pastoral relation between The Rev. Alfred T. Davies and the University Church, Rochester; approved the call of the Mt. Washington Church, Cincinnati, Ohio to The Rev. Alfred T. Davies; placed the call in Mr. Davies' hands; dismissed Mr. Davies to the Presbytery of Cincinnati, effective February 16, 1976; and authorized the session to fill the pulpit during the pastoral vacancy.
2. Upon motion, Presbytery heard Dr. John Aldrich, a representative of the church, and approved the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn,