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Rev. E.R. Pearsons

Mr. F.M. Bradshaw

Rev. C.A. Harrison

Mr. S. Hayden

Rev. Prof. Dr. R Swanton

Mr. F. Newall

Rev. R Traill

Mr. E.K. Stone

Ballarat

Rev. D.W. Elliott

Mr. P.G. Nash

Rev. I. Johnstone

Mrs. H. Forte

Benalla

Rev. K. Martin

Mr. H. Evans

Rev. R. Betts

Mr. D. McLean

Bendigo

Rev. Dr. J.H. Muller

Mr. J. Cunning

Flinders

Rev. D. Carruthers

Mr. A.J. Bray

Rev. R.J. Oakes

Mr. H.A.C. Falconer

Geelong

Rev. G. Hamill

Mrs. A. Tilson

Rev. W.M. Constable

Mr. D.F. Wallace

Kilnoorat

Rev. I. Barker

Mr. D.L. Fleming

Latrobe Valley

Rev. G.J. Spedding

Mr. J. Pettigrew

Melbourne East

Rev. N.M. Pritchard

Mr. R.G. Hanna

Rev. J.W. Beecher

Mr. G.R. Hay

Melbourne North

Rev. R. Humphreys

Mr. P. Barton

Rev. Prof. A. Harman

Mr. C. Junor

Melbourne West

Rev. J.S. Bain

Mr. E.J. Guy

Rev. M.O. Hanse

Mr. W.N. Gilmour

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA**

The Thirty-Ninth General Assembly

FIRST SEDERUNT

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street,
on Tuesday 10th September, 1985 at 10.00 a.m.*

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia convened. Public Worship was conducted by the Right Reverend the Moderator-General, the Rev. Norman Monsen, assisted by his Chaplains the Rev. RA. Caldwell and M.J.K. Ramage. Thereafter the Assembly was constituted with prayer. Constitution
2. The Deputy Clerk laid on the table the Roll of Assembly, intimated changes since the printing of the White Book and moved that it be given interim authority and presented for final confirmation at the third sederunt. Roll of Assembly
The Motion was seconded and approved.
3. The Deputy Clerk submitted an apology for non-attendance from Rev. A.S. Bartholomew, and moved that it be sustained. Apologies
The motion was seconded and approved.
4. The Deputy Clerk intimated that the Board of Nominators has unanimously agreed to nominate to the House the Reverend Edward Ross Pearsons as Moderator of this Assembly. Moderator Nominate
5. The Deputy Clerk moved that the Assembly accept the nomination and elect the Rev. Edward Ross Pearsons, minister of Gardenvale East as Moderator of this Assembly.
The motion was seconded.
According to Notice (N.M. 29) Rev. K.T. Martin moved:—
That the Assembly.
Set aside the nomination made by the Committee to nominate the Moderator and call for fresh nominations.
The competency of the motion was questioned. Competency
The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent
The Rev. F. Avent moved:—
That the Assembly:
Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.
The motion was seconded and approved and the Moderator's ruling disagreed with.
The Rev. J.F. Boyall raised a question of privilege. Privilege
It was moved, seconded and disapproved that the House sit in Private. In Private
6. The competency of the motion moved by the Deputy Clerk was questioned (Min. Competency
- 5).
The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent in terms of Standing Orders.
7. Rev. J.F. Boyall raised a question of privilege Rev. P.G. Logan moved as a procedural motion:— Privilege
That the Assembly
Defer the election of Moderator and make this matter an Order of the Day for the commencement of the Second Sederunt.
The Moderator declared the motion to have arisen out of the debate.
Leave was not granted.
Rev. C.R Thomas asked the Moderator to rule whether the motion of Rev. K. Martin was a substantive motion.
The Moderator ruled the motion of Rev. K. Martin was not a substantive motion but an amendment
Rev. C.R Thomas moved:—
The the Assembly:
Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.
The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands and the Moderator's ruling disagreed with.
The motion of Rev. K.T. Martin:—
The the Assembly:
Set aside the nomination made by the Committee to nominate the Moderator and call for fresh nominations
was considered by the Assembly.

Competency **8.** The competency of the motion was questioned.
The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent
Rev. C.R Thomas moved:—
That the Assembly:
Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.
The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands and the Moderator's ruling disagreed with.

Debate
Adjourned **9.** It was moved and seconded that the Debate be adjourned to be taken up as an Order of the Day at the commencement of the Second Sederunt
The motion was disapproved.

Standing
Orders
Suspended **10.** Rev. A.C. Stubs moved:—
That the Assembly:
Suspend so much of Standing Orders as would permit the nomination of the Moderator's Nominating Committee to be received by the House.
The motion was seconded and disapproved.
Rev. M. Hume moved an amendment to the motion of Rev. K. Martin:—
That the Assembly:
Delete the words "Set aside the nomination made by the committee to nominate the Moderator and" and "fresh" — and include the words "for the position of Moderator" so that the motion reads:—
"Call for nominations for the position of Moderator".
The Moderator ruled that the motion arose out of the debate but it did not alter the substance of the motion.

Leave of House was granted.
The amendment to the Amendment was approved.
The amendment was approved.
The motion as amended was approved as follows:—
That the Assembly:
Call for nominations for the office of Moderator.
The Debate was adjourned.
The Rev. W.M. Constable by leave of the House moved:—
That the Assembly:

Expresses sincere regret to the nominee of the Moderator's Nomination Committee and his family and guests for any hurt caused by the Assembly in the legitimate pursuit of its business.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Loyal
Address **11.** The Deputy Clerk moved, it was seconded and approved:—

That the Assembly:
Request the Right Reverend, the Moderator to transmit through the Governor General of Australia the following address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth:—
To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your loyal subjects, ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, convened in General Assembly at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on the 10th day of September, 1985, take leave to assure Your Majesty of our devotion to your Person and to the Throne. We pray that God, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, may in His Grace continue to grant to Your Majesty, to His Royal Highness Prince Philip and to all the members of your family His providential care, protection and provision, and to Your Majesty personally all gifts needful for the discharge of the exacting duties of your royal office. We have the honour to be Your Majesty's faithful servants, ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Signed in our name and in our presence and at our appointing.

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MODERATOR

Thereafter the Assembly sang Hymn 631 "God Save Our Gracious Queen".

Business **12.** The Report of the Business Committee was laid on the Table and received.

Clauses 1 to 4 were approved.

Consideration of

Notice of Motion 32 was deferred until a later Sederunt

Clauses 5-12 were moved and seconded.

Clauses 5-12 were taken Clause by Clause.

Clause 10 was approved.

The Debate was adjourned (Min. 16).

Procedure
Election of
Moderator **13.** The Deputy Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) (a) Proceed to elect the Moderator by Ballot forthwith;

(b) If there be two (2) nominations the Ballot will be conducted on basis of equal value;

(c) If there be more than (2) two nominations the ballot will be a preferential ballot.

- (2) Determine to receive the report of the Ballot Committee Anent the election of the Moderator at an Order of the Day at 3.00p.m. today.
- (3) The Moderator so elected shall be inducted to Office at an Order of the Day at 7.00p.m. tonight at the commencement of the Second Sederunt

The Motion was seconded.

The Motion was taken Clause by Clause.

Deliverance as a whole was approved.

14. Nominations were called for and the following were nominated — Rev. H.J. Gallagher, E.R Pearsons; C.R. Thomas; H.L. Dunn.

Nominations were called for

15. The Ballot was taken.

Ballot

16. The Debate anent the Business Committee was resumed. (Minute 12).

Business Committee Resumed

Clauses 5 and 6 were approved.

Clause 7 was approved.

Clause 8 was approved.

Clause 9 was approved.

Clause 11 as amended was approved.

Clause 12 was approved.

The Debate was adjourned. (Minute 23).

17. The Report of the Finance Committee together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 st December 1984 was laid on the Table and received.

Report Finance Committee

The Debate was adjourned. (Minute 19).

18. The Moderator declared the result of the Ballot as follows:—

Report

Primary Vote

Ballot Committee Anent Election of Moderator

Rev. E.R. Pearsons

68

Rev. H.J. Gallagher

43

Rev. H.L. Dunn

34

Rev. C.R Thomas

30

Total: 175

Final Preference Vote

Rev. E.R Pearsons

90 Votes

Rev. H.J. Gallagher

85 Votes

175

The Convenor of Ballot Committee moved it was seconded and approved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Receive the Report;
- (2) Declare the Rev. E.R Pearsons minister of Gardenvale East to be elected as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The motion was approved with acclamation.

(3) Authorise the Clerk to destroy the Ballot papers.

19. The Debate anent the report of the Finance Committee was resumed. (Minute 17).

Finance Debate Resumed

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was approved.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clause 4 was approved.

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

Clause 7 was approved.

Clause 8 was approved.

Clause 9 as amended was approved.

Clause 10 was approved.

Clause 11 was approved with acclamation.

20. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

Finance Deliverance

That the Assembly:

- (1) Approve the following addition to the Powers and Functions of the Finance Committee:—

In ordinary circumstances, any proposals to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia for financial appeals in connection with national needs and disasters must be approved by the said General Assembly of Australia before implementation. In urgent or emergency circumstances such proposals must be approved by the Finance Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia before implementation. In each case the merits, purpose, timing, etc., of the appeal must be detailed in the submission.

- (2) Receive and note the Balance Sheets as at 31 December 1984 and associated statements.

- (3) Authorise the Finance Committee to express disappointment to the appropriate authorities within The Uniting Church in Australia and to the G.A.A. Property

Commission that the work of division of assets and liabilities between the Uniting and Presbyterian Churches following church union has not yet been completed and to request that all necessary steps be taken to complete the work before 31 December 1985.

- (4) Confirm the continued reimbursement of the actual expenses incurred for travel and accommodation by commissioners not resident in the city in which the General Assembly is held on the following basis:—
 Commissioners having to travel more than 750km by rail — Return economy class air fares
 Commissioners from Tasmania — Return economy class air fares
 Commissioners having to travel 750km or less by rail — Second class concession return rail fares (where not available — ordinary rail fares)
 — Where a train does not run — ordinary coach fares
 Overnight accommodation and breakfast.
- (5) (a) Until such time as the General Assembly of Australia determines otherwise, approve payment of Honoraria as follows:—
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| Moderator | \$850 p.a. |
| Clerk of Assembly | \$520 for each General Assembly |
| Deputy Clerk | \$260 for each General Assembly |
| Assistants to Clerks | \$260 for each General Assembly |
| Business Convener | \$260 for each General Assembly |
- (b) Authorise the Finance Committee to pay appropriate honoraria to one or more persons acting in positions listed in (a).
- (6) (a) Approve the following provisions for the Moderator assuming office in September 1985, and for succeeding Moderators until such time as the General Assembly determines otherwise:
- (i) An allowance up to \$4400 per annum to cover the costs of travel, accommodation, telephone, postage, stationery, secretarial expenses for the period of office... such amount not expendable for each year of office but available for the total period of office;
 - (ii) An allowance sufficient to cover the cost of moderatorial court dress;
 - (iii) Costs of pulpit supply during the Moderator's absence on moderatorial duty;
 - (iv) An honorarium of \$850 per annum as approved in clause 5(a) above.
- (b) Declare that when the Moderator is invited to special congregational and institutional functions the parties concerned should, as a general rule, meet all relevant moderatorial expenses.
- (c) Authorise the Finance Committee to approve any necessary additional expenditure in respect of the Moderator.
- (7) Request State Assemblies, when called upon to do so, to reimburse the Finance Committee without delay, expenditure in connection with the holding of the 1985 General Assembly of Australia in the proportions approved by the Thirty-seventh General Assembly in 1979 (Minute 95.6).
- (8) In view of losses incurred in the production of Australian Presbyterian Life, authorise payment of the maximum allocation of \$6,000 to the National Journal Committee for the period 1983/85 and request State Finance Committees to reimburse the Finance Committee when called upon to do so.
- (9) (a) Approve the following amounts as maximum allocations to the committees listed for the period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1988 in order to take up deficiencies that cannot be financed from within their own resources.

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Beneficiary	Nil
Bicentennial— 1988	1,000
Business	Nil
Christian Education	3,000
Church and Nation	3,000
Code	6,600
College	7,000
Defence Forces	1,500
Finance	1,500
National Journal	Nil
Public Worship and Aids to Devotion	3,000
Reception of Ministers	900
Relations with Other Presbyterian Churches	500
Stewardship and Promotion	300
	\$28,300

- (i) Approve a contribution of \$4,000 to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches for the period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1988.
 - (ii) Authorise the Finance Committee to approve a contribution to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod if the General Assembly resolves to join that organisation.
 - (c) Authorise the Finance Committee to approve additional expenditure that may arise after consultation with any committee reporting details to State Finance or equivalent committees.
 - (d) Authorise payment of audit fees and office service charges from the General Account and include such costs with Committee expenses to be recovered from State Assemblies.
 - (e) Request State Assemblies to make any necessary arrangements for reimbursement to the Finance Committee without delay of relevant proportions of the expenditure of committees of the General Assembly of Australia as and when such expenses are incurred and recorded in the minutes of the Finance Committee.
 - (f) Request the Trustees to finance expenditure authorised by the Finance Committee pending reimbursement by State Finance or equivalent committees.
- (10) Appoint the Finance Committee as follows:—
 The Very Reverend Norman Monsen, The Reverend Frank A vent, Messrs: D.R. Brierley and RE. Thorpe (nominated from New South Wales);
 Messrs: D.L. McCullough and R.W. Pilkington (nominated from Queensland);
 Mr. A.G. Matheson (nominated from South Australia);
 Mr. P. McViety (nominated from Tasmania);
 The Right Reverend E.R. Pearsons and Mr. R.G. Hanna (nominated from Victoria);
 Mr. W. Mitchell (nominated from Western Australia);
 and Messrs: K.C. Auld, J. A. Godfrey, W.M. McGilvray and J.E. Sticpewich, with Mr. D.R. Brierley as Convener.
- () Convey its appreciation and thanks to Mr. Hector MacFarlane AM, for his contribution to the work of the Finance Committee over 23 years, the last eleven as Convener, and pray for God's richest blessings on him in the days ahead.

21. The Report of the Trustees was laid on the Table and received.

Trustees

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was approved.

The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

Deliverance

That the Assembly:

- (1) Approve the addition of words after "Appoint" in Minute 90.1 of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly which met in Melbourne in September 1979 "the members for the time being of The" and after "as" the words "Trustees to be called the Trustees" so that the resolution reads:—
 Appoint the members for the time being of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust as Trustees to be called the Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- (2) Approve the Draft Declaration of Trust as follows:—

*TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
 TRUST DEED
 SEPTEMBER 1985*

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME we, Kenneth Charles Auld, Derrick Rae Brierley, Paul David Kahl, Wilfred Malcolm McGilvray, James Edmund Sticpewich, and Jack Hayward Watson, and the Rev: Peter Edwin Boase, Robert Anderson Caldwell, William Greenwood Camden, Harold Gilbert Durbin, Angus Robertson Ewin and Douglas Fraser Murray, all of 44 Margaret Street Sydney in the State of New South Wales, send greetings *WHEREAS* the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia has by resolution declared that in order to ensure the effective ownership of and management and control by the Presbyterian Church of Australia of the property and funds of the said Church and of the agencies, activities, services, committees, institutions, schemes and interests thereof, it is expedient that trustees be appointed for the holding of the property and funds held or to be held in trust for or belonging to the said Presbyterian Church of Australia as such, or of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereof (except so far as it may not be competent for the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia so to appoint in reference to the trusts applicable to any particular property or funds or so far as the said General Assembly may in its absolute discretion elect or decide not so to appoint), and that provision be made by or under the direction of the said General Assembly for the appointment from time to time of such trustees, the filling of vacancies in the office of such trustees, the holding and disposal of such

property and funds, the investment thereof, the conduct of the business and proceedings of the said trustees, the keeping and audit of their accounts, the performance of the trusts committed to them and all other matters incidental to the proper performance of the purposes aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS we are the persons who for the time being hold office as the trustees of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust being the body corporate of that name established by The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust Act 1936 of the State of New South Wales *AND WHEREAS* we have been appointed by the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to act whilst we continue to hold office as trustees of the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust as Trustees aforesaid of the property and funds of the said General Assembly

and of all other the property and funds now or hereafter belonging to the said Presbyterian Church of Australia and of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereof, except so far as it may not be competent for the said General Assembly of Australia to appoint trustees thereof, or so far as the said General Assembly of Australia may specifically except or decide not to appoint us or our successors in office as Trustees hereunder, Trustees of any particular property or funds. And whereas this trust deed and the contents thereof have been approved of, ratified and endorsed by resolution of the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Now therefore know ye and these present witness as follows:

- (1) The official name of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and of our successors from time to time in office is the "Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of Australia".
- (2) In this Deed unless inconsistent with the context, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and the masculine the feminine, and words importing persons shall include bodies corporate, and the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively unless there is something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:

"the church" means the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

"the church Assembly" means the General Assembly of the Church.

"Moderator" means the Moderator of the General Assembly and includes the interim or acting Moderator thereof.

"committee" means committee (including Standing Committee) of the General Assembly, whether consisting exclusively of members of the General Assembly or not and includes any commission or committee appointed by the General Assembly.

"instrument creating the trust" includes Act of Parliament, ordinance, deed, will, testamentary disposition, settlement, agreement for a settlement or other agreement or instrument

"property" means real and personal property, and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments, houses, buildings, chattels real, money or securities for money, bonds, stocks, funds, debentures, and investments and property of every description.

"transfer" includes convey or conveyance.

"the Trustees" means the persons from time to time holding office as Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

"auxiliary service" when used herein in conjunction with or in reference to the said the Presbyterian Church of Australia shall include any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest of the Church.

- (3) The purposes for which the Trustees are constituted and their principal powers are as follows:

- (a) To acquire, take over and hold, any property in trust for the Presbyterian Church of Australia or any auxiliary service of the Church and to receive any money which has been or shall be given, contributed, or bequeathed, by any person or persons to be applied to any of the purposes or enterprises of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church and to take over any securities for money or investments held by any person or persons on behalf of the Church or of any auxiliary service thereof and to take in the name or under the control of the Trustees any securities for money belonging to the Church or any such auxiliary service of the Church, which shall be lent or advanced on account thereof. All property, moneys, securities for money, and investments hereinbefore referred to shall be held and dealt with by the Trustees for the uses and purposes, and effect given to the trusts to which they shall be specially subject where expressed or defined, and failing such expression or definition as the General Assembly shall from time to time direct and

subject thereto as this Deed defines.

- (b) To invest any money acquired, taken and held, or lent or advanced by the Trustees as aforesaid (and also any moneys of the Trustees not immediately required for any of their purposes or in the exercise of any of their powers) as follows namely:
 - (i) Upon or in investments on which Trustees are, or shall be authorised to invest trust funds according to the law of the Commonwealth of Australia or any of the States thereof, or any of the Territories or Mandated Territories or Dependencies of the said Commonwealth.
 - (ii) On deposit with any incorporated bank or banks carrying on business in the said Commonwealth or any of the Territories or Mandated Territories or Dependencies thereof or under special circumstances approved by the Trustees, in the United Kingdom, the Dominion of New Zealand, or in any other country.
 - (iii) Upon or in any investment or security of any kind whatever not included in the foregoing list, provided always that the General Assembly shall have approved or shall approve thereof by resolution, rule or regulation, either generally or specially in the matter.
 - (iv) Provided always that save so far as the General Assembly shall otherwise resolve or direct the Trustees may retain and hold any property, investment or security, which has been, or may hereafter be, transferred to or vested in the Trustees or otherwise placed under the control of the Trustees in the same form as the same exists at the time of such transfer to or vesting in Trustees, even though such form be not included in the foregoing list Any such property, investment or security shall be included in the next succeeding report of the Trustees to the General Assembly and shall be held by the Trustees subject to the trusts thereof and the lawful directions of the General Assembly.
 - (v) Provided also that where the direction regarding the modes of investment applicable to any particular trust are not identical with, or shall be wider or narrower as regards authorisation than those hereinbefore specified, the trust premises affected thereby shall be held in accordance with the directions applicable thereto. Any such case shall be included in the next report of the Trustees to the General Assembly, and the trust premises shall be held by the Trustees subject to such directions and to further lawful directions of the General Assembly, or shall be disclaimed by the Trustees if the General Assembly shall so resolve.
- (c) To manage all and every part of the property, funds, moneys, securities and investments vested in or under the control of the Trustees.
- (d) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust, and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to sell, let, mortgage, exchange, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any of the property transferred to or vested in the Trustees.

And without restricting the generality of the foregoing the Trustees:

- (i) may grant leases or sub-leases or any land or premises held by them for such period, at such rents and subject to such terms and conditions as they think fit;
- (ii) may act in relation to all cases of exchange, surrender, dedication and compulsory acquisition of any property vested in the Trustees including the power to make claims for compensation, and to agree to and settle upon such terms and conditions as they think fit any such claims.
- (iii) may from time to time mortgage to any person any land vested in the Trustees in pursuance of this Deed for the purposes of securing the repayment of such sum or sums of money with or without interest as the Trustees consider necessary for the purposes of the Church generally or any auxiliary service of the Church: and the Trustees may guarantee advances with or without security made for any of the purposes herein set out.
- (iv) may from time to time sell any property vested in them by public auction or private contract as they think fit at such price as can be reasonable obtained for that property.
- (v) may guarantee or undertake to indemnify any person for any loss

arising out of the performance of any obligation undertaken by persons administering property used for any purpose, activity or institution of the Church or its auxiliary service and whether solely so used or not

- (e) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust, and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire any property which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Church or any auxiliary services thereof, and to surrender, and accept surrenders of leases and tenancies.
 - (f) In taking over the property, held by any trustees or other persons pursuant to the provisions of this Deed on behalf of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, the Trustees may lawfully do so out of the property or funds under their control indemnify such trustees or persons against all or any actions, suits, claims, and demands in respect of all debts, liabilities, or other obligations they may have properly incurred in connection with such property.
 - (g) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to manage, construct, maintain and alter any houses, buildings, improvements, or works, necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof or of any trust administered by the Trustees.
 - (h) To take any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not for the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, or for any purpose which the Trustees are authorised to perform, and to give full receipts, releases and discharges in respect thereof.
 - (i) As such Trustees to sue and be sued on behalf of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, as regards any matter within the scope of this Deed, or otherwise authorised by the Assembly or any committee thereof, with power to act on its behalf.
 - (j) To procure the Trustees to be registered or recognised in any State or Territory or Mandated Territory of the Commonwealth, or elsewhere.
 - (k) To do all such other things which may be lawfully done by the Trustees, as are incidental to the proper performance of the purposes and powers aforesaid.
- (4) Provided always that notwithstanding anything contained in clause (3), hereof, property and funds of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof are excepted from the operation of that clause in particular cases where it is not competent for the General Assembly to appoint Trustees in reference thereto, or where for any reason in its absolute discretion, the General Assembly by Rule Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice, elects or decides not to place any particular property or funds under the control of the Trustees.
Provided further that the Trustees shall take over the administration of such trusts and the control of such property or funds as the General Assembly or some commission, committee, officers or officers of the General Assembly empowered so to do either generally or specially in the matters by Rule, Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice of the General Assembly, may lawfully direct or appoint
- (5) The Trustees shall be bound by such Model Trust Deeds as the General Assembly may by Rule, Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice prescribe under which any property or class of property is to be held by the Trustees.
 - (6) The Trustees shall consist of persons who for the time being hold office as the Trustees of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust being a body corporate of that name established by The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust Act 1936 of the State of New South Wales.
 - (7) Until the General Assembly shall by Rule or Regulation otherwise provide each Trustee shall hold office as Trustee so long as he shall remain a trustee of the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust and any casual vacancy occurring at any time in the office of Trustee shall be filled by the person appointed to fill the corresponding vacancy in the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust
 - (8) (a) There shall be a chairman of Trustees who shall be elected by the Trustees from among their own number.
(b) The chairman shall hold office for a period of twelve months but is eligible for re-election.

- (c) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees at which he is present
 - (d) In the absence of the chairman from a meeting of the Trustees, the Trustees present shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.
 - (e) At a meeting of the Trustees four of the Trustees constitute a quorum.
 - (f) The Trustees shall meet at least once every year and shall keep or cause to be kept minutes of their proceedings and a record of their resolutions.
 - (g) The minutes of proceedings of the Trustees and the record of their resolutions shall be made available for inspection when required by the official auditor of the Church, being the person appointed to that office by the General Assembly.
 - (h) The method of calling meetings of the Trustees, the places at which those meetings are held and the procedure to be followed at those meetings shall be as determined from time to time by the Trustees.
- (9) Reports shall be made to each meeting of the General Assembly by the Trustees on matters pertaining to the work of the Trustees occurring since the last preceding General Assembly.
 - (10) A certificate under the hand of the person for the time being holding the office, or performing the duties, of Clerk of the General Assembly certifying:
 - (a) That the Trustees consist of the persons specified in the certificate.
 - (b) That, on a day specified in the certificate, the Trustees consisted of the persons specified in the certificate; or
 - (c) That any declarations, determinations, resolutions or rules specified in the certificate have been made or passed by the General Assembly; is evidence of the matters so certified.
 - (11) Every person becoming a Trustee shall signify in writing by an endorsement on or in an annexure to this Deed his acceptance of office as such, and his agreement to be bound by and subject to the provisions of this Deed with such alterations and amendments therein as the General Assembly may make from time to time.
 - (12) The titles, certificates and all other documents of title to all lands and investments transferred to, or which may hereafter be transferred to, or which may be acquired or held by, the Trustees under this Deed as well as the titles, certificates and all other documents of title to all property and investments in which the Trustees may lawfully invest the funds, shall be taken in the name of the Trustees unless in cases where in the opinion of the Trustees it is expedient or where it shall be necessary in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth or any of the States thereof, or any Territory, Mandated Territory, or Dependency thereof, or of any of the laws of any other country having lawful authority in the matter, to take such titles, certificates or documents in another form.
 - (13) Any deed or instrument executed or signed by and any other act, matter or thing done by a majority of the Trustees, and in pursuance of a resolution of Trustees shall be as effectual as if the same had been executed, signed or done by all the Trustees.
 - (14) No Trustee shall be under any obligation to execute a mortgage or accept a transfer of property subject to a mortgage, in either of which cases he would be under any responsibility to be personally liable for the payment of any moneys out of his own estate.
 - (15) Every Trustee shall be answerable only for losses arising from his own defaults and not for involuntary acts, nor for the acts or defaults of his co-Trustees or co-Trustee, and in particular any Trustee who shall pay over any money to his co-Trustees or co-Trustee or do any act or make any omission enabling him or them to receive any money for the purposes of any of the trusts under this Deed, shall not be bound to see to the due application thereof, nor be subsequently rendered liable by any express notice of the misapplication of such moneys, nor shall any Trustee be liable for the neglect or default of any officer of the Church, or of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereon, or of any banker, broker, contractor, solicitor, valuer, factor or agent of any description reasonably employed by the Trustees.
 - (16) Save where the instrument creating the trust otherwise provides the General Assembly or any such Commission, committee or officer duly authorized by it may, from time to time, remove any trusts from under the control or authority of the Trustees.
 - (17) Where, under this Deed or the Rules, Regulations or decisions (if any) of the General Assembly applicable to the matter, the consent of the General

Assembly or of any Commission, committee or officer thereof, or the Moderator or other person, is expressed to be required in connection with the performance of any act, deed, matter or thing by the Trustees or any officer thereof, all persons (including any Registrar-General, Registrar of Titles or other public authority) dealing in good faith with the Trustees or any officer or officers thereof, shall not be concerned to inquire whether any such consent has been obtained.

- (18) Any defect in the appointment of a Trustee or in any resolution or decision of the Trustees, or in any matter of procedure under this Deed, may be absolutely cured by the authority of the General Assembly or by the Trustees.
- (19) (a) The Secretary of the Trustees shall be the person who for the time being holds office as Secretary of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust;
- (b) The Treasurer or Treasurers of the Trustees shall be such person or persons as the General Assembly shall, from time to time, appoint (or authorize the appointment of) to the office or offices concerned. The tenure, remuneration and duties attached to the said offices shall be subject to the Rules, Regulations and resolutions, pursuant to notice of the General Assembly applicable thereto.
- AMENDMENT OF TRUST DEED**
- (c) Until the General Assembly shall otherwise provide by Rule, Regulation or resolution, pursuant to notice, the Law Agent or Acting Law Agent of the Church shall be the solicitor of the Trustees, but provision may be made by the Trustees, in consultation with the solicitor of the Trustees, to arrange for the representation of the Trustees in different States or parts of the Commonwealth, or in any other country where the interests of the Trustees so require, or where, for any other sufficient reason it is in the opinion of the Trustees expedient so to do.
- (20) It is admitted and acknowledged that the General Assembly has full power and authority by any resolution or resolutions at any time hereafter passed, pursuant to notice, to alter or amend the trusts, power or provisions of this Deed in any particular, with the approval of a majority of State Assemblies and, in the event of a corporate body of Trustees being created by or under any statute or statutes or otherwise, to exercise all or any of the functions of the Trustees the General Assembly may require all or such parts as it thinks fit of the property or funds of the Church, or any auxiliary service thereof, held by the Trustees, to be transferred to or vested in such corporate body, subject to the trusts affecting the property or funds concerned, and in such case the Trustees shall join in executing and signing all documents necessary to give full force and effect to such transfer and vesting in such corporate body as aforesaid. And these presents, further witness that we do, and each of us doth, hereby declare that we and the survivors and survivor or us and our successors in office as such Trustees, shall hold and stand possessed of all the property and funds of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church upon the trusts and for the purposes of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church and shall also stand possessed of all other property or funds which may, at any time or times hereafter, be transferred to or vested in the Trustees for the time being under the provisions of this Deed or any amendment thereof lawfully made upon the trusts affecting the same.

IN WITNESS whereof the several parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their respective hands and seals the..... day of.....
One thousand nine hundred and eighty five.

Business
Resumed
Clerk

23. The Debate anent the report of the Business Committee was resumed. (Min 16)

24. According to Notice (N.M. 32) Mr. P.J. Graham moved:—

That the Assembly:

Appoint the present Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly as Clerk until the meeting of the fortieth General Assembly,
and renumber the following clauses.

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

Mr. R.P.W. Jell made the declaration “de Fideli”.

De Fideli
Business
Deliverance

25. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

1. Determine the hours of meeting to be:

Morning Sederunt 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with lunch interval from 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m., Evening Sederunt 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

2. Declare speeches to be limited as follows:

Convener moving the deliverance	15 minutes
Seconder	10minutes
Speaking to each clause	5minutes
All other speakers	5minutes
Overturists	10minutes
Petitioners	at the discretion of the House

Speeches extendible on a motion moved, seconded and agreed.
3. Appoint the Business Committee as follows:
 The Business Committee of the State in which the G.A. A. is appointed to meet, the Clerks of the G.A. A., the Business Convener of the G.A. A. (to be Convener of the Committee).
 The Executive to act during the Assembly to be the Business Convener (Chairman), the Clerks, members of the Committee who are members of the G.A. A.
4. Appoint the present Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly as Clerk until the meeting of the fortieth General Assembly.
5. Appoint the Rev. C.A. Harrison to assist the Clerks.
6. Appoint Mr. P.J. Graham as Assembly Officer.
7. Declare that Notices of Motion must be in duplicate.
8. Declare the appointment of members of Committees to be a Clause in each Committee's deliverance for the approval of the Assembly.
9. Appoint the Committee to scrutinise the Minutes:
 - Rt Rev. A.G. Ingram
 - Rt Rev. H.A. Stamp
 - Rev. G.C. Lake
10. Appoint the Selection Committee as follows:

NSW	Rev. R.A. Caldwell (Convener)
QLD	Rev. H.J. Gallagher
SA	Mr. R.W. Arstall
VIC	Rev. W.M. Constable
TAS	Rev. M.J.K. Ramage
11. Appoint the Ballot Committee as follows:
 Rt. Rev. A.G. Ingram (Convener)
 Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner
 Rev. R.W. Traill
12. Approve the Order of Business as follows for Tuesday, 10 th September, 1985, after the Opening:

FIRST SEDERUNT — as from 2.00 p.m.

 - Finance
 - The Trustees
 - College
 - Notice of Motion

SECOND SEDERUNT as from 7.00 p.m.

 - Induction of Moderator
 - P.W.A. (Federal) Report
 - Church and Nation
 - National Journal
 - Notices of Motion
13. Approve generally the Order of Business as follows:—

THIRD SEDERUNT —Wednesday 11th September, 1985
 as from 10.00 a.m.

 - Holy Communion
 - Christian Education 11.30 a.m.
 - Stewardship and Promotion
 - Public Worship and Aids to Devotion
 - Notices of Motion

FOURTH SEDERUNT as from 7.00 p.m.

 - Deputations
 - Ad Hoc Committee Re. Badge
 - Ad Hoc Committee Bi Centennial
 - Overseas Missions
 - Defence Forces
 - Notices of Motion

FIFTH SEDERUNT Thursday 12th September, 1985 as from 10.00 a.m.

 - Reception of Ministers (in private)
 - Overtures and Petitions
 - Ballot Order of the Day 12 noon.
 - Beneficiary
 - Relation with other Churches
 - Notices of Motion

SIXTH SEDERUNT as from 7.00 p.m.

Presbyterian Inland Mission
Immigration
Declaratory Statement Committee
Maintenance of the Ministry
Remanets
Commission of Assembly appointment
CLOSE

college 26. The Report of the College Committee was laid on the Table and received.

Clause 1 was moved and seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 20) Rev. D. Smith moved:—

That the Assembly:

Add the words in Reg. 4(b)(i) after the words “has consulted with the Presbytery concerned” namely “and only after there has been consultation between the College Committee and the Presbytery concerned”.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was moved and seconded.

The Debate was adjourned anent Clause 2.

Clause 3 was moved and seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 5) Dr. P. Lush moved:—

That the Assembly:

Delete the word “satisfactory”.

The motion was seconded and disapproved on a show of hands.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clause 4 was approved with acclamation.

Debate Adjourned The Debate was adjourned. (Minute 54).

Notices of 27. Notices of Motion were read.

Motion Adjournment Moderator 28. The House adjourned to meet at 7.00 p.m. which having been duly intimated by the Moderator j e se derunt was closed with the Benediction.

R.P.W. JELL
Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street,
on Tuesday, 10th September, 1985 at 7.00 p.m.*

Constitution 29. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Inducting of 30. The Rev. Edward Ross Pearsons was conducted to the Chair, welcomed and

Moderator j ducted with prayer by the retiring Moderator. Thereafter he delivered a suitable address.

Delegation 31. The Business Convener laid on the table Assembly Paper No 11 a communication
pw . a . from p e Presbyterian Womens Association of Australia Federal Executive and moved that
it be received.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The President of the Presbyterian Womens Association of Australia Federal Executive Mrs. W.W. Meadows the Secretary Mrs. H. West and the Treasurer Mrs. K.K. Wilson were presented to the Moderator who welcomed them and expressed the hopes and prayers of the Assembly for the work and witness of the Association for the next three years. Thereafter Mrs. Meadows addressed the Assembly.

Church and Nation 32. The Report of the Church and Nation Committee was laid on the Table and received.

Thereafter at the request of the Moderator Mr. N. Tonti-Filippini a philosopher, addressed the Assembly on the topic “The Ethical Implications of Experimentation and New Techniques in the Field of Human Reproduction.”

Mr. K. J. Swan moved the deliverance

Clauses 1 and 2 were disapproved.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clauses 4 and 5 were fallen from.

According to Notice (N.M. 43) Mr K.J. Swan moved:—

That the Assembly

4. Approve the following Regulations anent the Committee:

(a) NAME: Committee on Church and Nation.

(b) COMPOSITION:

(i) those persons appointed by the New South Wales General Assembly from time to time to be the Executive of its Church and Nation Committee;

- (ii) the person appointed by the New South Wales General Assembly from time to time to be the Convener of its Church and Nation Committee; and
 - (iii) as corresponding members, the persons elected from time to time by other State Assemblies as conveners of public questions committees, however styled.
- (c) *FUNCTIONS:*
- (i) to consider all matters referred by the General Assembly and to take appropriate action;
 - (ii) to report regularly to the Assembly on matters of public interest and Christian concern in respect of the welfare of the Church, community or nation;
 - (iii) to foster research into matters of public interest as bear upon the mission and message of the Church, and to disseminate the results of such research; and
 - (iv) to advise and assist the Moderator-General in composing and issuing pastoral letters and public statements other than those authorised by the Assembly.

and add as Clause 5 the following:

5. Record its appreciation of the work of the Rev. Campbell Egan as Convener of the Church and Nation Committee for ten years.

33. The competency of the clause 4(c)(iv) was questioned.

Competency

The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent.

Notice of Motion 32 was taken sub clause by sub clause.

Clause 4 (a) and

- 4 (b) (i) (ii) and (iii) were approved.
- 4 (c) (i) (ii) and (iii) were approved.
- 4 (c) (iv) was moved and seconded.

34. The competency of clause 4(c)(iv) was questioned.

Competency

The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent

Mr. K.J. Swan moved:—

That the Assembly:

Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.

The motion was seconded and disapproved and the Moderator's ruling upheld.

35. According to Notice (N.M. 7) Rev. R.C. Clark moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Thoroughly opposes any attempt to remove the Union Jack from our Flag, reflecting as it does, in the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew and St Patrick, our Christian Heritage and traditions.
- (2) Urges all our people in Australia to become involved in the campaign to protect the Australian National Flag in its present form.

The motion was seconded.

The competency of the motion was questioned.

Competency

The Moderator ruled the motion to be competent

36. The Previous Question was moved and disapproved.

Previous Question

N.M. 7 was approved on a show of hands.

According to Notice (N.M. 46) Rev. W.G. Camden moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) declare its abhorrence of all forms of political discrimination based on race tribe or culture, viewing all such discrimination as in violation of the Christian doctrine of man, which recognises all human beings to have been created in the image of God.

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

- (2) inform the South African government that the Presbyterian Church of Australia views the political system of apartheid as a brutal system of racial repression which denies black South Africans their dignity as fellow human beings, brothers and sisters for whom Christ died.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

- (3) Urge the Australian government to join with France, the USA and the other governments which have already acted, in imposing suitable economic sanctions against South Africa as an appropriate means endorsed by an overwhelming majority of black Africans, to convey to the government of South Africa, the total rejection by the Australian people of the system of Apartheid.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

37. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—

Church & Nation Deliverance

That the Assembly:

- (1) Send down the statements on Human Artificial Insemination and related techniques to Presbyteries and Sessions for study, and comment to the Convener by June 1987.

- (2) Approve the following Regulations anent the Committee:
- (a) *NAME*: Committee on Church and Nation.
 - (b) *COMPOSITION*:
 - (i) those persons appointed by the New South Wales General Assembly from time to time to be the Executive of its Church and Nation Committee;
 - (ii) the person appointed by the New South Wales General Assembly from time to time to be the Convener of its Church and Nation Committee; and
 - (iii) as corresponding members, the persons elected from time to time by other State Assemblies as conveners of public questions committees, however styled.
 - (c) *FUNCTIONS*:
 - (i) to consider all matters referred by the General Assembly and to take appropriate action;
 - (ii) to report regularly to the Assembly on matters of public interest and Christian concern in respect of the welfare of the Church, community or nation;
 - (iii) to foster research into matters of public interest as bear upon the mission and message of the Church, and to disseminate the results of such research; and
- (3) Record its appreciation of the work of the Rev. Campbell Egan as Convener of the Church and Nation Committee for ten years.
- (4) Thoroughly opposes any attempt to remove the Union Jack from our Flag, reflecting as it does, in the crosses, of St George, St. Andrew and St Patrick, our Christian Heritage and traditions.
- (5) Urges all our people in Australia to become involved in the campaign to protect the Australian National Flag in its present form.
- (6) Declare its abhorrence of all forms of political discrimination based on race, tribe or future, viewing all such discrimination as in violation of the Christian doctrine of man, which recognises all human beings to have been created in the image of God.

Business **38.** The Report of the Business Committee was received.

Adjournment **39.** The House adjourned to meet on Wednesday, 11 th September, 1985 at 10.00a.m. in the Scots Church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper which having been duly intimated the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

R.P.W. JELL
Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT

At Melbourne and within the Scots Church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Wednesday, 11th September, 1985 at 10.00 a.m.

Constitution **40.** Thereafter the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer in the Assembly Hall at 11.30 a.m.

Roll of Assembly **41.** The Clerk moved:—
That the Assembly:
Declare the amended roll the Roll of this General Assembly.
The motion was seconded and approved.

Christian Education **42.** The Report of the Christian Education Committee and Assembly Paper No 10 were laid on the Table and received.

Christian Education Deliverance Rev C.R Thomas moved the deliverance:—
Clauses 1 to 6 were approved.
The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—
That the Assembly:

1. Note with satisfaction the continuing publication programme of the Christian Education Committee, commending the same for use throughout the church.
2. Note with satisfaction the growth of Christian Education activity in the several states and recognises the need for co-operation and assistance between the state Christian Education instrumentalities fostered by this Assembly's Christian Education Committee.
3. Appoint the Committee as follows:
N.S.W. Rev. C.R. Thomas (Convener) D.A. Cook, N. Sandon, Mr. J. Jones.
VIC Rev. R. Humphreys. Mr. R Sievers
QLD Rev. R. Clark, Mr. J.R. Mansfield
TAS Rev. C. Letcher

S.A. Rev. T. Fishwick; together with the Convener of the Christian Education Committee or its equivalent of each State Assembly or his deputy, and the Convener of the Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery of Western Australia or his deputy.

4. Authorise State Christian Education Committees to appoint alternative members if necessary.
5. Authorise the executive to appoint a substitute convener if necessary.
6. Authorise The Christian Education Committee, in consultation with the relevant State committees, to proceed towards publication of an All-Age Sunday School Curriculum for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

43. The Report of the Stewardship and Promotion Committee together with Assembly paper No. 6 was laid on the Table and received.

The Debate was adjourned.

The Debate was resumed.

The Rev. D.F. Murray moved the deliverance:

Clauses 1 and 2 were approved.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clause 4 was approved.

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

44. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

1. Request all Presbyteries to draw the attention of the report to all Sessions and Committees of Management within their jurisdiction.
2. Note the evidence of growth in communicant membership throughout the Church in Australia, and encourage all Assemblies, Presbyteries and Sessions to continue their work of evangelism and extension.
3. Instruct the Committee to continue its contacts with State Stewardship Committees regarding stewardship education and practice and report to the next Assembly.
4. Approve the following regulations:

Name: The name of the Committee shall be 'The Committee on Stewardship and Promotion'.

Membership: The Committee shall be elected by the Assembly by means of a clause in the Deliverance.

The Committee shall consist of six members from New South Wales (including the Convener) and one each from the other States.

Executive: The New South Wales members shall act as the executive, with members of other States as corresponding members.

Duties: It shall be the function of the Committee to:

- (a) monitor stewardship trends and principles within and outside Australia and report on these from time to time;
- (b) provide guidance as required on stewardship principles and practice;
- (c) promote Christian stewardship concepts throughout the Church;
- (d) inform the Assembly of trends in Church growth throughout the Church and make appropriate recommendations from time to time.

5. Thank The Rev. D.F. Murray for his work as convener from 1977 to 1985.

6. Appoint the Committee as follows:

Rev. D.L. Ferrington (Convener)

Rev. D.F. Murray

Messrs J. Wearne, J.E. Sticpewich, J. Mackillop, with the corresponding members;

Rt Rev. B.E.G. Napper (Queensland), Rev. R. Humphreys (Victoria), Rev. A.C. Stubs (South Australia), Rev. J. Britton (Tasmania), Mr. R.K. Kent (Western Australia).

45. The Report of the Public Worship and Aids to Devotion Committee was laid on the Table and received.

Rev. D.F. Murray moved the Deliverance:—

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was seconded.

Clause 2 was taken sub clause by sub clause.

The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 49)

46. The Petition No. 1 from the Presbytery of Geelong anent Production of a new hymnal was laid on the Table and received.

The Petitioners were called to the Bar.

Petitioners Rev. K.G. Hamill and Rev. W.M. Constable stated the Petition.

Stewardship
and
Promotion
Debate
Adjourned
Debate
Resumed

Stewardship
and
Promotion
Deliverance

Public
Worship

Debate
Adjourned
Petition
No. 1

- Competency **47.** The competency of the Petition was questioned.
The Moderator ruled the motion to be competent
Questions were asked
The Clerk moved—
That the Assembly:
Grant the prayer of the Petition.
The motion was seconded and disapproved on a show of hands.
- Dissent **48.** Mr. W.N. Gilmour recorded dissent
The Clerk moved—
That the Assembly.
Dismiss the Petition.
The motion was seconded and approved.
- Public Worship
and Aids to
Devotion
Debate
Resumed **49.** The debate anent the report of the Public Worship and Aids to Devotion Committee was resumed. (Min. 45).
Clause 2(a) was approved.
Clause 2(b) was approved.
Clause 3, 4 and 5 were approved.
According to Notice (N.M. 11) Rev. D.F. Murray moved:—
That the Assembly
Appoint the Convener as the Presbyterian Representative on the Australia Consultation on Liturgy.
The motion was seconded and approved.
- Public Worship
and Aids to
Devotion
Deliverance **50.** The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—
That the Assembly
1. Request the Committee —
(a) to continue its work on preparation of the Book of Common Order,
(b) to provide from time to time provisional services for use and study within the Church;
(c) to endeavour to finalize the production of the Book of Common Order for presentation to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
2. Authorise the Committee —
(a) to proceed with the task of producing a Presbyterian Hymn Book for the Presbyterian Church of Australia;
(b) to finalize and publish the Hymn Book as soon as possible, to confer with the Finance Committee regarding any guarantees required in the financing of the Hymn Book.
3. Approve the Regulations for the Committee as follows —
Name: The name of the Committee shall be 'The Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion'.
Membership: The Committee shall consist of a convener and members elected by the Assembly.
Executive: The New South Wales members shall act as the executive, with members of other States as corresponding members.
Duties: It shall be the function of the Committee to —
(a) advise the Assembly on trends in worship within and outside Australia;
(b) prepare and publish orders of service as guidelines for use in public worship (always under the authority of the Assembly);
(c) bring recommendations to the Assembly regarding all aspects of worship (both public and private) and implement such as are approved by the Assembly from time to time.
4. Confirm the appointment of the Convener, Rev. D.F. Murray to membership of the Australian Hymn Book Editorial Committee as a representative of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
5. Appoint the Committee:
Rev. D.F. Murray (Convener), C.R. Thomas, M. Hume, Very Rev. J. Mullan, J. Bruce, Messrs. D.R. Brierley, A. Ramsey, R. Smart and Dr. R. McKenzie, with corresponding members:
Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner, Rev. M.J.K. Ramage, A.C. Stubs, P.A. Davidson and R. Humphreys.
6. Appoint the Convener as the Presbyterian Representative on the Australia Consultation on Liturgy.
- Dissent **51.** The following recorded dissent to Clause 2 (b) —
Ministers: Rev. Prof. Dr. F.N. Lee, E.G. Bout, J.W. Langbridge, S.A. Andrews.
Elders: RP.W. Jell, W.N. Gilmour, D. Brierley, K. Wilson, J.E. Gill, Lt Col. D.J. Topping, K.D. Green J.P., E.J. Guy, F.M. Bradshaw.

Rev. Prof. F. N. Lee gave in the following reasons for dissent.
REASONS: (1) because the new hymn book proposals currently reduce all of the 150 Psalms singable in the existing old hymn book, to only portions of only some of these Psalms.

(2) because the current new hymn book proposals drastically reduce the number of Paraphrases of God’s Word in the existing hymn book, and
(3) because the infallible Word of God requires the singing of the Biblical book of Psalms, (cp. 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph.5:19; Col.3:16; Jas.5T3).

52. The Report of the Code Committee was laid on the Table and received.

Code

The Rt Rev. E.R. Pearsons moved the deliverance.

Clause 1 was seconded amended in accordance with Notice of Motion 24 and approved.

- Clause 2 was approved.
- Clause 3 was disapproved.
- Clause 4 was approved.
- Clause 5 was approved.
- Clause 6 was seconded.

The Debate was adjourned (Min. 95)

53. The Very Rev. Norman Monsen, presented the statement of the immediate Past Moderator.

Retiring
Moderator's
Statement

The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (a) Record their appreciation of the three years of devoted service to the Church by the immediate past Moderator, the Very Rev. Norman Monsen.
- (b) Express our thanks to Mrs. Alison Monsen for the loyal support to her husband during his term as Moderator.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with acclamation.

54. The Debate anent the College Committee was resumed on Clause 2 (Min. 26).

College
Committee
Resumed

According to Notice (N.M. 31) Rev. Prof. R Swanton moved:—

That the Assembly:

- 2. (a) Delete the heading before clause 6 and insert a new heading “Preparatory Course”;
- (b) Delete clauses 6, 7 and 8 and insert a new clause 6 as follows:
 - (6) For the Preparatory Course each candidate —
 - (a) (i) shall be encouraged to complete a tertiary degree as the normal requirement;
 - (ii) shall be required to complete 2 years of tertiary degree level studies if under 3 5 orl year of tertiary degree levelstudies if 35 or over,
 - (iii) who have previously completed non-directed tertiary degree level studies may be required to complete up to 1 year’s directed study appropriate to the needs of the candidate in preparation for the Theological Hall Course;
 - (b) shall complete requirements in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism as set by the College Committee and assessed by the Faculty.

And an additional Clause following Clause 5 in the deliverance:

“ authorise the College Committee to fill casual vacancies and appoint alternate members on nomination by the appropriate State Theological Education Committee”.

The motion was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 59) Rev. J. Boyall moved:—

That the Assembly:

Add a new sub-clause (c) to clause 2 of the College Committee Deliverance as follows:

- (c) shall be granted exemption when evidence is provided that such candidate possesses qualifications of an equivalent nature and standard.

The amendment was seconded and approved.

Notices of Motion 4 and 21 were fallen from.

Clause 2 as amended was approved.

The debate was adjourned (Min. 104).

Debate
Adjournment
Adjournment

55. The House adjourned to meet at 7.00 p.m. which having been duly intimated the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

RP.W. JELL
Clerk

FOURTH SEDERUNT

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street
on Wednesday, 11th September, 1985 at 7.00p.m.*

- Constitution **56.** The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.
- Church **57.** The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Church Crest was laid on the Table
Crest and received.
Dr. Helen Clements moved the Deliverance.
Clauses 1 and 2 were approved.
Clause 3 was seconded.
According to Notice (N.M. 52) Rev. J.F. Boyall moved:—
That the Assembly:
(a) Defer to the next Assembly Clauses 3, 4 and 5
(b) Request the Committee to consider and report on a modern format Church crest
The Notice of Motion was taken Clause by Clause.
Clause (a) of Notice of Motion 52 was disapproved on a show of hands.
Clause (b) of Notice of Motion 52 was approved.
According to Notice (N.M. 8) Rev. K.G. Hamill moved:—
That the Assembly.
Omit the words in Clause 3 “alone” and insert after “burning bush” of “superimposed on a solid white Roman Cross”, and after “Southern Cross” insertion of “with the Thistle, Rose and Shamrock at the base of the shield”, and in Clause 4 omission of “6” and insertion therefor of “4”.
The motion was seconded and disapproved on a show of hands.
Clause 3 was approved.
Clause 4 was disapproved on a show of hands.
Clause 5 was approved on a show of hands.
Clause 6 was approved.
- Church Crest **58.** The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—
Deliverance That the Assembly
(1) Note that the 1901 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia agreed to ‘Instruct the Clerks to use, meantime on all official paper and publications an emblematic device, the same as that now used by the State Assemblies of N.S.W. and Queensland, but bearing the legend “Presbyterian Church of Australia’. (Minute 145).
(2) Note that, in fact, various designs were being used in 1901 and have been used since, and there is still a variety of designs in use.
(3) Request the Committee to consider and report on a modern format Church Crest
(4) Approve a design which has on the central shield a Burning Bush and the five stars of the Southern Cross alone.
(5) Request the Committee to have drawn up both black and white and full colour representations of the device with accompanying formal description.
(6) Re-appoint the Committee, namely Dr. H. Clements (Convener), Rev. J.J.T. Campbell, Dr. P. Lush and Rt Rev. E.R. Pearsons.
- Dissent **59.** The following recorded dissent to Clause 4 of the Deliverance as a whole —
Rev. A. de Graaf
Rev. W.G. Camden
- Reasons For **59.** W.G. Camden recorded reasons for dissent as follows:—
Dissent On the grounds that the approved design does not include the clearest symbol of the Christian Church, The Cross of Christ.
- Tellers **60.** The Clerk moved:—
Appointed That the Assembly
Appoint the members of the Ballot Committee as tellers for this Assembly.
The motion was seconded and approved.
- Bi-Centennial **61.** The Report of the Bi-Centennial Committee was laid on the Table and
received.
Mr. K.J. Swan moved the Deliverance.
Clause 1 was approved.
Clause 2 was disapproved.
Clause 3 was amended by leave of the House and approved on a show of hands.
Clause 4 was approved.
Clause 5 was approved.
Clause 6 was approved.
Clause 7 was approved.
The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—
That the Assembly

- (1) Note the Bi-Centennial Authority's National Programme for Religion.
- (2) Encourage Presbyterians to have a weekend of prayer during the Bi-Centennial celebrations.
- (3) Authorise the Committee to publish a Presbyterian Bi-Centennial Statement of a descriptive and historical nature.
- (4) Authorise the Committee to investigate the re-publishing of valuable Presbyterian historical documents.
- (5) Authorise the Committee to approach the Finance Committee for possible assistance to its plans to publish documents.
- (6) Appoint the Committee as follows:—
The Rev. P.E. Boase (Convener), S.J. Clements, P.G. Logan, I.G. Stewart, Mesdames P. Hearfield, T. Hobbs, Mr. K. Swan, together with one corresponding member appointed by each of the State Assembly Bi-Centennial Committees.

62. The Rev. W.G. Camden recorded dissent to approval of Deliverance as a whole of the Ad Hoc committee on the Bi-Centennial Celebrations. Dissent

He recorded reasons for dissent as follows:—

Reasons for
Dissent

I wish to record my dissent against the whole Deliverance of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Bi-Centennial on the grounds that I regard participation by the Christian Church in the Australian "Bi-Centennial" celebrations as wrong while ever the conflict between Aboriginal Australians and other Australians over the rights of the Aboriginal people to their traditional land remains unsolved.

63. The Report of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee was laid on the Table and received. Australian
Presbyterian
World Mission

The Very Rev. Dr. K. J. Gardner moved the Deliverance.

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was approved.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clause 4 was approved.

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

Clause 7 was approved.

Clause 8 was approved.

The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

Deliverance

That the Assembly:

- (1) Convey to the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu our whole-hearted desire that their recognition of our Australian Church as a partner-church be continued and reaffirm that this Church be our main Category 1 involvement
- (2) Request the Moderator to convey the thanks of this Assembly to the Missionaries of the Church for the vital work they are doing on behalf of the whole church and to assure them of our prayers for the success of this work of which we are all a part
- (3) Note with appreciation the valuable support given to this committee through State Committees, other interested people and some generous bequests.
- (4) Note with pleasure the enthusiastic reception of our dual-membership policy by our member-missionaries serving with independent missionary agencies and national churches.
- (5) Request the Committee to pursue its negotiations whereby it seeks to establish fraternal links between our Church and other overseas churches of like convictions.
- (6) Note with praise and gratitude the publication of Volume 111 of the book entitled "Live" — "A History of Church Planting in the New Hebrides" by the Rev. Dr. Graham Miller.
- (7) Note with gratitude the generous giving of our people to the Vanuatu Hurricane Relief Appeal.
- (8) Appoint the Committee as follows:—
The Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner (Convener), the Rev. R.T. Missenden, F.W. White, Dr. M.M.Y. Kim, A.R. Wilson, Dr. E.J. Norton, Deaconess N.C. Smith, Mrs. K. J. Gardner and Miss M. Pigram and the Conveners of State Committees with the Queensland members as the Executive.

64. The Report of the Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee was laid on the Table and received. Defence Forces
Chaplaincy

Rev. A.C. Stubs moved the Deliverance as a whole which was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Request the Moderator to lead the House in prayer of Thanksgiving for the work of Rev. James Reid, Principal Chaplain. Air Commodore Rt
- (2) Commend its Chaplains in the Defence Forces and their families to the prayerful support and interest of the Presbyteries and Congregations.

(3) Appoint the Committee— K. J. Gibson (Convener), G.F. Lyman, P.L. Gordon, R. Betts, A.M. Harman, R.J. McCracken, J. Reid, A.C. Stubbs.

The Moderator led the House in prayer.

Adjournment **65.** The House adjourned to meet at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 12th September, 1985 which having been duly intimated the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

RP.W. JELL
Clerk

FIFTH SEDERUNT

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street
on Thursday, 12th September, 1985 at 10.00 a.m.*

- Constitution **66.** The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.
- Business **67.** The Business Convener submitted the Report of the Business Committee which was received, amended and approved.
- Minutes **68.** The Clerk laid on the Table the minutes of the first and second sederunts intimated their corrections and moved that they be confirmed.
The motion was seconded and approved.
- In Private **69.** The House sat in Private.
- Reception of Minister's **70.** The Report and Addendum of the Reception of Minister's Committee was laid on the Table and received.
The Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved the Deliverance —
Addendum Clause 1(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 1(b) was approved.
Addendum Clause 2(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 2(b) was approved.
Addendum Clause 3(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 3(b) was approved.
Addendum Clause 4(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 4(b) was approved.
It was moved and seconded:—
That the Assembly
Amend Clause 4(b) by the deletion of certain words and the insertion of other words so that Clause 4(b) as amended reads:—
4(b) Receive the Rev. N.G. Aubrey as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia subject to his undertaking a course of reading in Polity and Australian Presbyterian Church History.
The amendment was disapproved.
Addendum Clause 4(b) amended by leave of the House was approved.
Addendum Clause 5(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 5(b) was approved.
Addendum Clause 6(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 6(b) was approved.
Addendum Clause 7(a) was approved.
Addendum Clause 7(b) was approved.
The Debate was adjourned (Minute 100).
- Open Court **71.** The House resumed in Open Court
- Appeal **72.** The Appeal from six (6) members of the Queensland Assembly was laid on the Table and received.
- Competency **73.** The competency of the Appeal was questioned.
The Moderator ruled the Appeal to be incompetent
The Law Agent, Mr. L.J. Moore moved:—
That the Assembly
Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.
The motion was seconded and disapproved on a show of hands and the Moderator's ruling upheld.
- National Journal **74.** The Report of the National Journal Committee was laid on the Table and received.
- Debate **75.** The Report of the Relations with other Presbyterian Churches Committee was laid on the Table and received.
The Rev. Dr. Paul Schrottenboer representing the Reformed Ecumenical Synod being present in the House was welcomed by the Moderator who invited him to address the Assembly.
The Rev. Dr. Paul Schrottenboer addressed the House.
The Very Rev. K.J. Gardner moved the Deliverance.
Clause (1) was disapproved.

A communication from the Presbyterian Church of Korea was received and the Moderator requested to make a suitable reply.

According to Notice (N.M. 10) the Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Receive the cable from the Presbyterian Church of Korea dated 4th October 1983.
- (2) Note with appreciation the declaration of the 68th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea re the establishment of a 'partnership relationship' with the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- (3) Accept the proposal for a 'partnership relationship' with the Presbyterian Church of Korea as the basis for a continuing fraternal link between the respective denominations.
- (4) Request the Moderator to convey to the Presbyterian Church of Korea the Assembly's felicitations with the information in respect to Clause 3.

The motion was seconded and approved.

According to Notice (N.M. 28) the Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (5) Authorise the Committee, in consultation with the Moderator, to consider the proposal 'Joint Action by the Australian Churches' as referred to in the past Moderator's report.

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

- (6) Authorise the Committee, in consultation with the Moderator, to take such action therein as may be deemed appropriate for providing representation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the joint consultative process involved in the scheme as set forth in the past Moderator's report

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

- (7) Authorise the Finance Committee to consider the provision of funds on request from the Committee should the need arise in respect to the participation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the above joint proposal.

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

According to Notice (N.M. 37) the Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (8) Delete the word "Presbyterian" from the name of the Committee.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Clause (2) was approved.

76. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Receive the cable from the Presbyterian Church of Korea dated 4th October 1983.
- (2) Note with appreciation the declaration of the 68th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea re the establishment of a 'partnership relationship' with the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- (3) Accept the proposal for a 'partnership relationship' with the Presbyterian Church of Korea as the basis for a continuing fraternal link between the representative denominations.
- (4) Request the Moderator to convey to the Presbyterian Church of Korea the Assembly's felicitations with the information in respect to Clause 3.
- (5) Authorise the Committee, in consultation with the Moderator, to consider the proposal 'Joint Action by the Australian Churches' as referred to in the past Moderator's report
- (6) Authorise the Committee, in consultation with the Moderator, to take such action therein as may be deemed appropriate for providing representation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the joint consultative process involved in the scheme as set forth in the past Moderator's report
- (7) Authorise the Finance Committee to consider the provision of funds on request from the Committee should the need arise in respect to the participation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the above joint proposal.
- (8) Delete the word "Presbyterian" from the name of the Committee.
- (9) Appoint the Committee as follows:—

Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner (Convener), Rev. Prof. Dr. F.N. Lee, Rev. Prof. N.T. Barker, Rev. P.W. Playsted, and Messrs R.P.W. Jell, G.S. Rutherford, F.M. Bradshaw, and H.I.M. MacFarlane with the Rev. M. J.K. Ramage, B. Fraser and A.C. Stubs as corresponding members only.

77. The following recorded dissent to Clauses 5, 6 and 7:—

Rev. H.J. Gallagher, Mr. Des Gallagher, Rev. G. Kettmiss, Rev. G.J. Spedding, Rev. B.E.G. Napper, Rev. S.A. Andrews, Rev. R.S. Keith, Mr. S.D. Cartan, Rev. R.J. Oakes, Rev. J.W. Langbridge.

The following— Rev. Prof. Dr. F.N. Lee, Rev. D. Secomb, Mr. D.M. Wilson, Rev. J. Boyall recorded reasons for dissent as follows:—

Relations with
Other Churches
Deliverance

Dissent

The Presbyterian Church of Australia thereby weakens its commitment to its own Confession of Faith as expressed in the Westminster Confession Chapters 25:6 and 29:2-4 etc.

National Journal Debate Resumed 78. The Debate anent the National Journal Committee was resumed (Min. 74).
Clause 1 was approved.
Clause 2 was approved.
Clause 3 was approved.

National Journal Committee Deliverance 79. According to Notice (N.M. 41) Rev. B.M. Meller moved:—
That the Assembly:
Note with satisfaction the reception, by the “Australian Presbyterian Life”, of the Australian Religious Press Award for the most improved religious journal in 1983 and congratulate the Rev. C.R. Thomas on this achievement.
The motion was seconded and approved.

Debate Adjourned 80. A Communication from the Presbyterian Women’s Association Federal Executive was laid on the Table and received.

Assembly Paper No. 12 — Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia The Clerk moved, it was seconded and approved:—
That the Assembly:
(1) Repeal the Constitution of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia as approved by the 1970 General Assembly at Minute 46.
(2) Approve the Constitution of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia as follows:—

CONSTITUTION

Name 1. The name of the Association shall be the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia.

Aim 2. The aim of the Association shall be:
(a) To link the women of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in a friendly comradeship for mutual help and inspiration and for united service to Christ and His Church at home and abroad.
(b) To extend the range of Presbyterian women’s influence by co-operation and/or affiliation with other organisations of a religious, educational, social, national and international character working for the advancement of God’s kingdom upon such conditions and subject to such provisions as the Conference may approve.

Composition 3. The Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia shall comprise all members of the affiliated State units (hereinafter called “State units”).

State Units 4. The Constitutions of State units shall not be standardised but may vary in the different states according to the varied groupings of Presbyterian women within the states. Each State unit of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia shall be autonomous, but its Aim shall be approved by the Conference as being in accord with the Aim of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia. It shall be known as the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia in.....
(name of State).

Governing Body 5. The Governing Body shall be the Federal Conference, which is a meeting representative of all the women of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia.
Voting Delegates of the Federal Conference shall be appointed by the State units as follows:—
New South Wales 5, Victoria 4, Queensland 4, South Australia 2, Tasmania 2, Western Australia 2.
All business of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia shall be presented, discussed, and decided upon at this Conference.
A quorum shall comprise three-fifths of the voting delegates representing four states.
The Governing Body is empowered to make By-Laws to implement this Constitution.
The time and place of meeting shall be determined from Conference to Conference.
Should a decision on any matter affecting the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia be necessary between meetings of the Governing Body the Executive shall consult with State units by letter and shall act on a decision reached by four (4) of the State units.

Office-bearers 6. The Office-bearers of the Presbyterian Women’s Association of Australia shall be:
Honorary President — the wife of the Moderator-General.
President,
Senior Vice-President,
Vice-Presidents — the President of each State unit.
Secretary,
Treasurer,

Other Office-bearers — appointed as the Governing Body determines.

The Office-bearers shall:

- (a) be elected from the members of State units in the following rotation: Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia;
 - (b) be elected from the one State and be resident within that State for their term of office;
 - (c) be elected by Postal Ballot;
 - (d) be declared elected by the Federal Executive prior to the meeting of the Federal Conference;
 - (e) hold office from Conference to Conference if still resident in that State.
- In the absence of the President the Senior Vice-President shall automatically take office as acting President
No one person shall hold the office of President for a second term.

7. The Executive shall consist of the President, Senior Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members who shall be appointed by the State unit where the Executive is situated and all members shall be resident within the State. The Executive

The Executive shall:

- (a) carry out the decisions of the Governing Body;
- (b) receive suggestions and recommendations from the State units, and, in consultation with all State units, prepare business for the Conference;
- (c) keep State units informed about significant new emphases in Christian life at home and abroad;
- (d) deal with routine affairs of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia;

Should any member of Executive, other than the President be unable to complete her term of office, the Federal Executive in consultation with the Executive of the State unit shall appoint another member resident in the same State.

8. All members of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall have the right to wear the Badge of the Association. The Badge

9. All matters of finance shall be determined by the Governing Body. Finance

10. Notice to amend this Constitution shall be given by one or more State units not less than six (6) calendar months before the meeting of the Federal Executive and shall require to be passed, after being remitted to all State units, by a three-fifths majority of the voting delegates present, representing not less than four (4) States and shall not come into operation until approved by the General Assembly of Australia. Amendment of Constitution

81. The House sat in private. In Private

82. The Petition No. 2 from Mr. E. C. Hayward anent Ordination was laid on the Table and received. Petition No. 2

The Petitioner was called to the Bar of the House.

Mr. Hayward stated the Petition.

Questions were called for.

The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Grant the prayer of the Petition.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (2) Authorise the Presbytery of Moree to take Mr. E.C. Hayward on Trials for License subject to his completion of the course of training to the satisfaction of the College Committee.

The motion was seconded and approved on a show of hands.

The Moderator advised the Petitioner of the decision of the Assembly.

The Petitioner was removed from the Bar of the House.

83. The House resumed in open court Open Court

84. The Debate anent the National Journal Committee was resumed (Min. 79). National Journal Debate Resumed

Clause 4 was approved.

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

Clause 7 was disapproved.

Clause 8 was disapproved.

Clause 9 was disapproved.

The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 92).

85. The House adjourned to meet at 7.00 p.m. which having been duly intimated the sederunt was closed with the Benediction. Debate Adjourned Adjournment

R.P.W. JELL
Clerk

SIXTH SEDERUNT

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street,
on Thursday 12th September, 1985 at 7.00p.m.*

Constitute
Business
Presbyterian
Inland Mission

- 86.** The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.
87. The report of the Business Committee was laid on the Table and approved.
88. The Report of the Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee was laid on the Table

and received.

The Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved the Deliverance —
Clause 1 was approved.

According to Notice (N.M. 9) the Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Receive the letter from the Northern Synod (NT) of the Uniting Church in Australia dated 30th July 1985 anent the establishment of the Darwin Presbyterian Church and the reply to the said letter by the then Moderator.
- (2) Express disappointment at the attitude of the Northern Synod (NT) of the Uniting Church in Australia to the establishment of the Darwin Presbyterian Church and concur with the contents of the reply to the said letter by the then Moderator.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Clause 2 was approved.

Clause 3 was approved.

Clause 4 was approved.

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

Clause 7 was approved.

Clause 8 was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 14) the Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (3) Add to Clause 8 the additional words:
“New South Wales Rev. D.J. Inglis.” and
“Convener Rev. J. J. Knapp”

The motion was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 42) Rev. B.M. Meller moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (4) Amend Notice of Motion 14 by deleting the name “D. J. Inglis” and inserting the name “Rev. C.R. Thomas”.

The motion was seconded and disapproved on a show of hands.

Notice of Motion 14 was approved.

According to Notice (N.M. 61) the Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (5) Add the following words to clause 8: “Victoria — Rev. R Scott” and “Northern Territory — Mrs. Margaret Andrews.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

Clause 8 as amended was approved.

According to Notice (N.M. 15) Rev. R.C. Clark moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (6) The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia records its deep appreciation of the leadership and guidance of the Very Rev. Norman Monsen since assuming Convenership of the Presbyterian Inland Mission on 22nd June 1977.

Mr. Monsen has unstintedly given of himself, taking over the Convenership of the Committee at a time when there were no financial assets available to the Committee. Norman Monsen by his inspiration, dedication and devotion had led the P.I.M. through the very difficult years of re-establishing the work of the Mission. That today the P.I.M. is financially sound with established Patrol work in operation is in no small measure due to his untiring efforts.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia gives thanks to Almighty God for the dedicated leadership, service, inspiration, and guidance of the Very Rev. Norman Monsen and places on record its sincere appreciation as he relinquishes the Convenership and his active involvement with the P.I.M. and wishes him God’s blessing on his future years in retirement.

The motion was seconded and approved with acclamation.

89. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Request Ministers and Elders of the Assembly to publicise the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission in their local and Presbytery areas as far as possible with emphasis upon the need for members of the Church to continue their prayerful interest and practical support

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- (2) Receive the letter from the Northern Synod (NT) of the Uniting Church in Australia dated 30th July 1985 anent the establishment of the Darwin Presbyterian Church and the reply to the said letter by the then Moderator.
- (3) Express disappointment at the attitude of the Northern Synod (NT) of the Uniting Church in Australia to the establishment of the Darwin Presbyterian Church and concur with the contents of the reply to the said letter by the then Moderator.
- (4) Concur in the decisions of the General Assembly of N.S.W. and the Presbytery of Sydney as stated in the P.I.M. report in the matter of jurisdiction in the Northern Territory with appreciation for the action taken.
- (5) (a) Approve a proposal for the Bi-Centennial Year 1988 whereby the Presbyterian Church of Australia may express thanksgiving for the commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - (b) Authorise the P.I.M. Committee to establish a fund to be known as "The Bi-Centennial Trust Fund" to finance the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the Northern Territory.
 - (c) Authorise the P.I.M. Committee to exercise its discretion in the use of "The P.I.M. Bi-Centennial Trust Fund" in providing ministry in the Northern Territory.
 - (d) Authorise the P.I.M. Committee to publicise "The P.I.M. Bi-Centennial Trust Fund" throughout the Church and to solicit contributions thereto.
- (6) Amend the P.I.M. Committee's Constitution in Clause 202(c) by deleting "twelve (12)" in the first line and inserting "thirteen (13)" thereto, by deleting "and" after Western Australia and inserting ";" thereto, by deleting the full stop after Tasmania and adding "and the Northern Territory plus the Executive Officer ex-officio." so that Clause 202(c) shall read:—
 - (c) The Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the General Assembly of Australia of whom six (6) shall come from N.S.W. (including the Convener appointed by the General Assembly of Australia), two (2) from Queensland, and one (1) each from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, plus the Executive Officer ex-officio. The Committee shall meet from time to time as determined by the Executive. The N.S.W. members shall constitute the Executive, and shall meet at least quarterly. The Executive shall have power to fill vacancies between Assembly meetings."
 - (d) The Executive shall administer the funds of the Presbyterian Inland Mission, the accounting of such shall be done in the General Office of the New South Wales Presbyterian Church, expenditures thereto shall be on the authority of the Convener, Executive Officer, or other person as authorized by the Executive, all funds (and Property) shall be held by the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust"
- (7) Commend the Executive Officer, Rev. A.B. Clark, to the prayers and interest of the people of the Presbyterian Church of Australia as he continues the onerous task of promoting the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission.
- (8) Commend Rev. J.C. Harris, Rev. I. McKendrick and Mr. R.E.J. Whiting to the prayers and interest of the people of the Presbyterian Church of Australia as they continue in the task of Patrol Padres in their respective areas.
- (9) Commend Mr. L.G. Fowler to the prayers and interest of the people of the Presbyterian Church of Australia as he embarks upon his new duties as Padre at Blackall (Queensland).
- (10) Appoint the Committee as follows:—

New South Wales: Rev. F.B. Bray, Rev. J.J. Knapp, Rev. J.S. Woodward, Rev. D.J. Inglis, Messrs. D. Macdonald, C.L. McGuirk, Executive Officer ex-officio.

Queensland: Rev. R.C. Clark, Rev. G.C. Lake.

Victoria: Rev. R. Scott.

Western Australia: Rev. D.B. Fraser.

South Australia: Rev. J.C. Harris.

Tasmania: Mr. J.A.B. Finlay.

Northern Territory: Mrs. Margaret Andrews.

Convener: Rev. J.J. Knapp.
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Immigration
Deliverance

90. The Report of the Immigration Committee was laid on the Table and received. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Appoint the N.S.W. Social Service Committee as the G.A. A. Immigration Committee, with the Rev. RO. Walder, Convener.

Order of
Business
Varied
National Journal
Debate Resumed

91. The order of business was varied.

92. The Debate anent the National Journal Committee was resumed (Min. 84).

Clause 10 was fallen from.

Clause 11 was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 55) Rev. D. Burke moved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Delete all words after "as follows" and insert

Convener: Dr. R Bums.

N.S.W.: Rev. R.P.F. Benn, N.J. Sandon, Mrs. A. Goodman, Mr. C.K. Johnston.

Vic.: Rev. P. Hastie, R. Humphreys.

Qld.: Rev. G. Kettmiss and Mr. S. Craig.

Ras.: Rev. M. Skalicky.

S.A.: Mr. A.G. Matheson.

W.A.: Mr. R. Kent.

The motion was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 63) Rev. RC. Clark moved:—

That the Assembly:

(2) Appoint the National Journal Committee by ballot.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Notice of Motion 55 was approved.

Clause 11 as amended was approved.

National
Journal
Deliverance

93. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Confirm the appointment of the Rev. RA. Caldwell to the Committee and as Acting Convener in place of the Rev. E.N. Paxton.

(2) Confirm that the Journal appear in its present format and that the policy and content reflect the concept of a family magazine committed to the development of a national outlook, the reporting of the Church activities on a State and National level, and the upholding of standards of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

(3) Urge all courts of the Church to commend "Australian Presbyterian Life" to all members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and to recommend to Committees of Management the bulk supply concept of distribution.

(4) Note with satisfaction the reception, by the "Australian Presbyterian Life", of the Australian Religious Press Award for the most improved religious journal in 1983 and congratulate the Rev. C.R. Thomas on this achievement.

(5) Re-appoint the Rev. C.R. Thomas as Editor from 1 January 1986 for a period of six (6) years on terms and conditions as set out in the Regulations.

(6) Express sincere appreciation to Rev. D.H. Robinson for his services as Business Manager of the National Journal.

(7) Express sincere appreciation to Rev. RA. Caldwell in accepting the Convenership of the Committee and guiding this enterprise of the Church's outreach over this period.

(8) Appoint the Committee as follows:—

Convener: Dr. R Bums.

N.S.W.: Rev. R.P.J. Benn, N.J. Sandon, Mrs. A. Goodman, Mr. C.K. Johnston.

Vic.: Rev. P. Hastie, R. Humphreys.

Qld.: Rev. G. Kettmiss, Mr. S. Craig.

Tas.: Rev. M. Skalicky.

S.A.: Mr. A.G. Matheson.

W.A.: Mr. R. Kent.

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94. The Report of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee was laid on the Table and received.

The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly

(1) Note the duties and responsibilities of the Committee as follows:

(a) To negotiate with the States to seek uniform stipend levels throughout Australia; to facilitate the transfer of Ministers from State to State in particular

- (e) To encourage at all levels of the church's life, especially at the level of the congregation, an enlightened and whole hearted personal commitment to the missionary task of the church;
 - (f) To negotiate on behalf of the Assembly with approved mission bodies and members of the Presbyterian Church working with them, to establish dual membership agreements and to encourage support for our members so involved.
- (5) Notwithstanding Rule 201 instruct the Moderator's Nominating Committee to seek nominations for the office of Moderator from Presbyteries and Assemblies before following the procedures contained in B.B. 1982 Min. 14(2).
- (6) Appoint the Code Committee as follows:—
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| Very Rev. James Mullan (N.S.W.) | Mr. L.J. Moore (N.S.W.) |
| Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner (Q) | Mr. H.I.M. MacFarlane (N.S.W.) |
| Rev. A.W. Laurie (Q) | Mr. S.H. Fraser (N.S.W.) |
| Rev. C.A. Harrison (Vic.) | Mr. R.P.W. Jell(Q) Convener |
| Rt. Rev. E.R Pe'drsons (Vic.) | Mr. F.M. Bradshaw (Vic.) |
| | Mr. B.D. Bayston (Vic.) |
- The Queensland members to form the executive.

Appreciation

97. The thanks and appreciation of the Assembly were expressed to the retiring Convener, Rt. Rev. E.R Pearsons and members of the retiring Victorian Executive of the Code Committee by the Clerk.

Moderator's Committee

98. The Report of the Moderator's Committee was laid on the Table and received. The Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved the deliverance as a whole which was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Appoint the Moderator's Committee as follows:

Rt Rev. E.R Pearsons (Convener); Rev. D. Carruthers; Mr. F. M. Bradshaw; Rev. C.A. Harrison; Rev. R.W. Traill.

In Private

99. The House sat in Private.

Reception of Minister's Debate Resumed

100. The Debate anent the Reception of Minister's Report was resumed (Min. 70). Petitioner. Rev. P.W. Swinn was called to the Bar of the House and stated his petition.

Questions were asked.

The Very Rev. Norman Monsen moved:—

That the Assembly:

Grant the prayer of the Petition.

The motion was seconded.

It was moved and seconded:—

That the Assembly:

Receive Rev. P. W. Swinn as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Melbourne North.

The Petitioner was removed from the Bar of the House.

It was approved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Grant the prayer of the Petition.

(2) Receive Rev. P.W. Swinn as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Melbourne North,

The Petitioner was recalled and advised by the Moderator of the decision of the Assembly.

Open Court

101. The House resumed in Open Court.

Clause 9 was approved.

Clause 10 was approved.

Reception of Minister's Deliverance

102. Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

(1) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. W.R Hopkins;

(b) Receive Rev. W.R Hopkins as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Melbourne North.

(2) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. T.H. Kim;

(b) Receive Rev. T.H. Kim as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Sydney.

(3) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. P.G. Logan;

(b) Receive Rev. P.G. Logan as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia subject to the completion of one (1) year's full-time study (or its equivalent) to the satisfaction of the N.S.W. Faculty and the College Committee.

(4) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. N.G. Aubrey;

(b) Receive Rev. N.G. Aubrey as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia subject to the completion of one (1) year's study to the satisfaction of the N.S.W. Faculty and the College Committee.

- (5) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. D. Brooks;
 (b) Receive Rev. D. Brooks as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia subject to the completion of work in Presbyterian Polity and Doctrine and History by external studies to the satisfaction of the Victorian Faculty and College Committee; such study to be undertaken in the one (1) year and under the guidance of the relevant Committee of the General Assembly of South Australia.
- (6) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. A.H. Dekker,
 (b) Dismiss the Petition of Rev. A.H. Dekker.
- (7) (a) Receive the Report;
 (b) Dismiss the Petition of Rev. H.G. Weir.
- (8) (a) Grant the prayer of the Petition of Rev. P.W. Swinn;
 (b) Receive Rev. P.W. Swinn as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Melbourne North.
- (9) Thank the Very Rev. Norman Monsen for his valued service to the Church as a member of the Committee over a period of 21 years, especially as Convener since June 1977.
- (10) Appoint the Committee as follows:—
 Rev. H.G. Durbin, RA. Caldwell, G.R. Fullerton, R.J. Taggart, Messrs. D.R. Brierley and J.C. Mackillop (N.S.W.); Right Rev. E.R. Pearsons and Mr. F.M. Bradshaw (Vic); Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner (Qld); Convener Rev. R.A. Caldwell.

103. The Report of the Beneficiary Fund was laid on the Table and received.

The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Accept the principle that a national scheme is not possible at this stage.
- (2) Request various State Committees to ensure portability exists within their State Beneficiary scheme and if possible grant to congregations the option of contributing to an interstate scheme when calling a minister from interstate to ensure members are not disadvantaged on transfer.
- (3) Thank and discharge the Committee.

104. The Debate anent the College Committee's Report was resumed (Min. 54).

Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was approved.

Clause 7 was approved.

According to Notice (N.M. 26) Dr. P. Lush moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Instruct the College Committee to revise Article (viii), including paragraphs 1-11, of the Scheme of Union so as to set forth the responsibilities and the relationship between the General Assembly, the College Committee, and the Theological Education Committees, avoiding unnecessary particularities (as in existing paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article (viii), and omitting any sections which are no longer relevant (as in existing paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article (viii)); and to present the revision to the next General Assembly of Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

105. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Delete all words in Regulation 4 and insert the following:
 - 4(a) The Faculty of each Theological Hall shall be responsible for assessing the progress of students in both Preparatory and Theological Hall Courses, and shall make annual reports to the College Committee on the progress of the student;
 - (b) The College Committee
 - (i) may, on academic grounds, remove a candidate from the Course of Training, on the advice of the State Committee responsible for theological education after the State Committee has consulted with the Presbytery concerned;
 - (ii) shall, on other than academic grounds, remove a candidate from the Course of Training on the advice of the Presbytery that that Presbytery has terminated the candidature of the person concerned.
- (2) (a) Delete the heading before clause 6 of the Regulations and insert a new heading "Preparatory Course";
 (b) Delete clauses 6, 7 and 8 and insert a new clause 6 as follows:
 - (6) For the Preparatory Course each candidate —
 - (a) (i) shall be encouraged to complete a tertiary degree as the normal requirement;
 - (ii) shall be required to complete 2 years of tertiary degree level studies if under 35 or 1 year of tertiary degree level studies if 35 or over.

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- (iii) who has previously completed non-directed tertiary degree level studies may be required to complete up to 1 year's directed study appropriate to the needs of the candidate in preparation for the Theological Hall Course;
 - (b) complete requirements in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism as set out by the College Committee and assessed by the Faculty;
 - (c) shall be granted exemption when evidence is provided that such candidate possesses qualifications of an equivalent nature and standard.
- (3) Delete all words in the fourth sentence of clause 10 after the words "after the" and insert the following words:
"satisfactory completion of one year's study, reporting such exemption to the College Committee, but shall require such candidates to complete Old Testament Exegesis as an alternative to Old Testament Exegesis from the Hebrew".
 - (4) Express its deep appreciation to Emeritus Professor Dr. Robert Swanton for his contribution to the work of training Candidates for the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
 - (5) Appoint the Executive members of the Committee as follows:
Rev. Prof. N.T. Barker. J.F. Boyall (Secretary), W.G. Camden, Prof. A.M. Harman (Convener), D.J. Innes. G.K. Kettmiss, Emeritus Prof. R. Swanton, Mr. F.M. Bradshaw.
 - (6) Authorise the College Committee to fill casual vacancies and appoint alternate members on nomination by the appropriate State Theological Education Committee".
 - (7) Appoint the full Committee as follows:
The Executive and full-time Professors and Teachers not on the Executive.
 - (8) Appoint the following as corresponding members:
The Conveners of the Theological Education Committees of the Assemblies of South Australia and Tasmania.
 - (9) Instruct the College Committee to revise Article (viii). including paragraphs 1-11, of the Scheme of Union so as to set forth the responsibilities and the relationship between the General Assembly, the College Committee, and the Theological Education Committees, avoiding unnecessary particularities (as in existing paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article (viii)), and omitting any sections which are no longer relevant (as in existing paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article (viii)); and to present the revision to the next General Assembly of Australia.

Overture No. 1 **106.** The Overture No. 1 from the Code Committee anent Article III was laid on the Table and received.

The Right Rev. E.R Pearsons stated the Overture.

Questions were asked.

According to Notice (N.M. 16) Rt. Rev. E.R Pearsons moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Sustain the Overture.
- (2) Remit Article III in the following form to State Assemblies and Presbyteries under Barrier Act Procedure for approval or disapproval.

The motion was seconded.

According to Notice (N.M. 17(a)) Rev. J. Irvin moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (3) Amend the proposed new Article III of the Scheme of Union by the deletion of the paragraph commencing " Notwithstanding the above provisions", and the insertion of a new paragraph as follows:
"Notwithstanding the above provisions, a State Assembly with less than sixteen Sanctioned Charges within its bounds shall elect one Minister and one Elder".

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Suspension of Standing Orders 107. Rev. C. A. Harrison moved the suspension of Standing Orders in order to conclude the business of the Assembly at this sederunt.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture No. 1 **108.** The Assembly approved:

- (1) Sustain the Overture No. 1.
- (2) Remit Article III in the following form to Assemblies and Presbyteries under Barrier Act Procedure for approval or disapproval:—
 - (a) The General Assembly shall be representative, and shall consist of an equal number of Ministers and Elders; elected as hereinafter provided. Each State Assembly shall elect one Minister and one Elder for every sixteen Sanctioned Charges within its bounds. A State Assembly may elect an alternate or alternates to take the place of a member or members who may be unable to attend, provided that any such change is certified by the Clerk of the State Assembly to the Clerk of the General Assembly prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Each Presbytery shall elect one Minister and one Elder for every five Sanctioned Charges within its bounds. Where there is less than five Sanctioned Charges within its bounds, a Presbytery shall elect one Minister and one Elder. A Presbytery may accept the resignation of a member or members who may be unable to attend, and elect another member or members, or may appoint alternates as in the case of State Assemblies, provided that any such change is certified by the Clerk of Presbytery to the Clerk of the General Assembly prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the State Assemblies of South Australia, Western Australia (provided such an Assembly be constituted) and Tasmania shall elect at least one Minister and one Elder.

Conveners of committees of the General Assembly in presenting their reports, shall have all the rights of members of the General Assembly while the Assembly is discussing the reports of their respective committees.

- (b) Instruct all Returns to this Remit to be in the hands of the Clerk of Assembly by 31 st December 1987.

109. Overture No. 2 from the Queensland State Assembly was fallen from.

Overture No. 2

110. The Overture No. 4 from the Presbytery of New England anent Amendment to the Scheme of Union was laid on the Table and received.

Overture No. 4

Rev. C. Abel and Dr. P. Lush stated the Overture.

Questions were asked.

Dr. P. Lush moved, and it was seconded:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Sustain the Overture.

111. The Moderator was asked to rule whether or not the Overture required to be remitted to inferior courts under Barrier Act Procedure.

Moderator's Ruling

The Moderator ruled that the Overture required to be so remitted.

Dr. P. Lush moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.

The motion was seconded and disapproved and the Moderator's ruling upheld.

112. Dr. P. Lush moved:—

Overture No. 4 Continued

That the Assembly:

- (1) Remit the Overture to State Assemblies and Presbyteries under the Barrier Act Procedure for approval or disapproval.

- (2) Instruct all Returns to this Remit to be in the hands of the Clerk of Assembly by 31 st December 1986.

The motion was seconded.

113. According to Notice (N.M. 47 and 62 A) Rev. J.F. Boyall moved, it was seconded and approved:—

Ad Hoc Committee: Office in the Church (Overtures 3 and 4)

That the Assembly:

- (1) Appoint a Committee on Office in the Church.
- (2) Refer to such Committee the issues raised Overtures 3 and 4.
- (3) Refer to such Committee all aspects relating to the implementation of majority and minority viewpoints, with particular reference to the Basis of Union.
- (4) Direct such committee to prepare position papers examining the Biblical, Theological, Historical and Legal issues involved and representing the divergent views represented in the Church throughout Australia for completion before December 1986.
- (5) Direct such Committee to circulate to all Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions by 31 st March 1987 for study and comment with replies to be returned to the Committee by 31 st January 1988.
- (6) Direct such Committee to report to the next Assembly ensuring that minority viewpoints are included, and to bring recommendations as to appropriate action to be taken by the Assembly.
- (7) Appoint a Committee on Office in the Church as follows:

Members:

Rev. D. A. Burke

Mr. D. Cartan

Rev. W.G. Camden

Mr. L.J. Moore (N.S.W.)

Rev. B. Christian (Convener)

Dr. H. Clements

Rev. J.A. Davies

Very Rev. J. Mullan

Corresponding Members:

Rev. Prof. N.T. Barker (Q)

Rev. Prof. F.N. Lee(Q)

Mr. R. W. Arstall (S. A.)

Rev. A.R. Harvey (S.A.)

Rev. M.J.K. Ramage (Tas.)

Rev. M.V. Skalicky (Tas.)

Rev. Prof. A. Harman (Vic.)

Dr. R. Swanton (Vic.)

Rev. D. B. Fraser (W.A.)

Rev. I. Robinson (W.A.)

(8) Authorise the Committee to fill casual vacancies on nomination by the appropriate Assembly.

Overture No. 3

114. Overture No. 3 from the Presbytery of New England anent Moderators of General Assembly or Presbytery Conducting the Sacraments, was fallen from.

Overture No. 5

115. The Overture No. 5 from the South Australia General Assembly anent the Reformed Churches of Australia was laid on the Table and received.

Rev. A.C. Stubs and Mr. A.G. Matheson stated the Overture.

Questions were called for.

Rev. A.C. Stubs moved, it was seconded and approved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Sustain the Overture

It was moved and seconded:—

That the Assembly:

(2) Declare that it is at present unable to enter into official negotiations with the Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia.

The motion was disapproved.

According to Notice (N.M. 19) Rev. A.C. Stubs moved and it was seconded:—

That the Assembly:

Establish official contact with the Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to mutual recognition of membership and ministry.

Encourage the lower Courts of the Church to establish contact with the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to meaningful sharing of our common task of proclaiming the Gospel.

Competency

116. The competency of the Notice of Motion No. 19 was questioned.

The Moderator ruled the motion to be incompetent.

The Rev. C.R Thomas moved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Disagree with the Moderator's ruling.

The motion was seconded and approved and the Moderator's ruling disagreed with.

Notice of Motion
No. 19

117. Notice of Motion No. 19 was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

(1) Establish official contact with the Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to mutual recognition of membership and ministry.

(2) Encourage the lower Courts of the Church to establish contact with the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to meaningful sharing of our common task of proclaiming the Gospel.

Overture No. 6

118. The Overture No. 6 from the Queensland Assembly anent a Doctrinal Commission was laid on the Table and received.

Rev. R.C. Clark and Mr. D.T. Gallagher stated the Overture.

Questions were asked.

Rev. R.C. Clark moved, it was seconded and approved:—

That the Assembly:

(1) Sustain the Overture.

It was moved and seconded:—

That the Assembly:

(2) Declare that the Doctrinal Commission referred to in Overture 6 be appointed in the following manner—

The General Assembly meeting in Melbourne in its present Session should appoint four members, two of whom shall represent the viewpoint in favour of women ministers and elders and two of which shall represent the viewpoint not in favour of women ministers and elders; such members of the Commission shall be elected from two separate lists of nominations, each list representing one of the viewpoints referred to above.

After the ballot is declared for the four members of the Doctrinal Commission referred to in the previous clause, shall immediately appoint one of the elected members as Convener.

(3) Declare that the Convener and the three other members of the Doctrinal Commission appointed under previous clauses are hereby authorised to begin preliminary work.

(4) Declare that each State Assembly shall appoint one member to the Doctrinal Commission at its next session, such member to be a corresponding member, but with authority to attend meetings of the Commission from time to time, provided funds are available.

(5) Declare that the Theological faculties of the Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, shall each appoint one member to the Doctrinal Commission; such appointees each to be corresponding members, but with authority to attend meetings of the Commission from time to time, provided funds are available.

(6) Resolve to request all Presbyteries to appoint two persons, one male and one female, to serve on a reference panel in relation to the work of the Doctrinal

Commission referred to above; and that the Assembly instruct the Commission referred to, to ensure that all provisional position papers be circulated to the reference panel for comment before they are sent out in final form to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions.

According to Notice (N.M. 49) Rev. J.F. Boyall moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (7) Refer to the Committee on Office in the Church appointed pursuant to Min. 113(7) the issues raised in Overture 6.

The motion was seconded and approved.

119. The Overture No. 7 from the Presbytery of New England anent Training for the Ministry was laid on the Table and received. Overture No. 7

Dr. P. Lush and Rev. J. Irwin stated the Overture.

Questions were asked.

Dr. P. Lush moved, it was seconded:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Sustain the Overture.

The motion was disapproved.

120. It was moved, seconded and approved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Dismiss the Overture.

121. According to Notice (N.M. 38) Rev. C.R. Thomas moved:—

That the Assembly:

Congratulate the General Assembly of Western Australia on its formation on 30 July 1985 and give thanks to God for His evident blessing upon the Presbyterian Church of Western Australia, and assure the General Assembly of Western Australia of the continuing prayerful interest of this General Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

122. Notice of Motion 58 was fallen from.

123. According to Notice (N.M. 67) Mr. K.J. Swan moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Advise Senator Brian Harradine that it supports his Private Member's Bill before the Senate entitled the "Human Embryo Experimentation Bill".
- (2) Inform the government and opposition parties in the Federal Parliament of this decision.
- (3) Inform the Federal and all State Governments of this decision.

The motion was seconded and approved.

124. According to Notice (N.M. 61 A) Rev. G.K. Abbas moved:—

That the Assembly

Does not view with favour any official Presbyterian involvement in civic and religious functions for the proposed visit to Australia of the Pope.

The motion was seconded and approved.

125. Assembly Paper No. 9 — a communication from the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, Federal Executive was laid on the Table and received. Communication from P.W.A. of Australia

According to Notice (N.M. 64) Rev. R.C. Clark moved:—

That the Assembly:

- (1) Thank the P.W.A. for its communication of 6th September 1985.
- (2) Assure the women of the Church of its thankfulness to God for the participation of women in the life of the Church.
- (3) Assure the women of the Church of its desire to see a continuation of co-operation between women and men in our Church in a rich biblical ministry to the Glory of God.

The motion was seconded and approved.

126. The Rev. A.C. Stubs moved:—

That the Assembly:

Express its thanks to the Business Convener, the Clerks, the Assembly Officer, Mr. P.J. Graham, the Finance Committee, Mr. Doug Steer. Mrs. Linda King. Mrs. Diane Burrows, and Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman for the work they have done in preparation for this Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

127. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Appoint to the membership of the Judicial Commission as follows:

New South Wales

Rev. C.D. Balzer

Rev. F.J. Burke

Rev. H.G. Durbin

Rev. A.R. Ewin

Mr. D. Cartan

Mr. A. Duff

Mr. R.P. Dunlop

Mr. R.W. Hooke

Victoria

Rt. Rev. HA. Stamp

Rev. Prof. A. Harman

Rev. C.A. Harrison

Rev. D.V. Morey

Rt. Rev. E. R. Pearsons

Rev. F.G. Lyman

Mr.B.D. Bayston

Mr. F.M. Bradshaw

Overture dismissed

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Queensland

Very Rev. Dr. K.J. Gardner
Rev. A.W. Laurie
Rev. H.L. Dunn
Mr. R.P.W. Jell

South Australia

Mr. R.W. Arstall
Mr. A.G. Matheson
Tasmania
Rev. M.J.R. Ramage

General Assembly Representatives

Rev. Prof. N.T. Barker (Q)
Rev. G.C. Lake (Q)
Mr. P.A. Smith (Q)
Mr. S. Hayden(V)
Mr. F. Newall (V)
Mr. I. Nixon (V)

Very Rev. J. Mullan (N.S.W.)
Mr. L.J. Moore (N.S.W.)
Rev. P. Boase (N. S.W.)
Mr. H.I.M. MacFarlane (N.S.W.)
Rev. A.C. Stubs(S.A.)
Mr. R.J. Kent (W.A.)

The motion was seconded and approved.

128. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly

Thank and discharge the Committee to scrutinize the minutes, the Ballot Committee and the Selection Committee.

The motion was seconded and approved.

129. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Thank —

- (1) The Hospitality Committee, members of the P.W.M.U. for fine hospitality extended to members and their wives in the luncheons.
- (2) The staff of the Assembly Office for their assistance.
- (3) Mr. Peter Graham, the Assembly Officer, who gave unobtrusive but invaluable service to the House by distributing the Assembly papers day by day.
- (4) The Rev. C.A. Harrison for his invaluable assistance to the Clerk.
- (5) The Assembly Organist the Rev. Dr. J.H. Muller.

130. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Record its sincere appreciation to the Right Reverend E.R. Pearsons for his devoted, efficient and brotherly service as Clerk to this General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia over a rather difficult period in the life and witness of this denomination since 1974.

The motion was approved with acclamation.

131. The Clerk expressed the best wishes of the Assembly to its Moderator, the Right Reverend E.R. Pearsons and Mrs. Pearsons and prayed God's blessing on them both.

132. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Appoint the Moderator, Clerk and Rev. C.A. Harrison a Commission to correct and confirm the minutes of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sederunts.

The motion was seconded and approved.

133. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Appoint a Commission of the General Assembly which it hereby does appoint, consisting of the Moderator(chairman), Past Moderators, Clerks, Business Convener, Procurator and Law Agent of the General Assembly, together with members from the states in the following proportions, viz.: six from New South Wales, six from Victoria, four from Queensland, and two each from South Australia, Western Australia (if applicable) and Tasmania (any vacancy occurring to be filled by the General Assembly of the state affected), sixteen of whom representing at least two of the states shall forma quorum whereof eight shall be Ministers, and such Commission of Assembly —

- (a) shall be empowered to enter into and determine as they shall cause every matter referred to them by or in virtue of any decision or order of the General Assembly, and to do everything contained in the instructions given to the Commission of the General Assembly.
- (b) is charged to advert to the interest of the Church on every occasion, that the Church does not suffer or sustain any prejudice which it can prevent, as it will be answerable, and to this end the General Assembly empowers the Commission to consider and determine such emergent matters as are deemed urgent and in need of executive or judicial action.
- (c) is strictly enjoined in all its actings to proceed according to the rules and constitution of the Church and to do nothing contrary thereto or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that in and for all its actings it shall be accountable to and censurable by the Assembly as they shall see cause.

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- (d) is further restrained from enacting, amending or repealing any rules or regulations of the General Assembly or from entering into the consideration of any overture or motion proposing legislation or from meddling with any matter which has not been referred to the Commission by the General Assembly or which is not of the nature set out in Clause (b) of this appointment
- (e) is directed to submit its minutes duly confirmed, and relevant papers to the next General Assembly through the Clerk.

The motion was seconded and approved.

134. The Clerk moved:—

That the Assembly:

Resolve to convene in St Paul's Church, Brisbane on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September, 1988, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon and appoint a Commission consisting of the Moderator, Clerks, Business Convener, Procurator and Law Agent, with the Moderator as Chairman, or whom three members shall be a quorum, to appoint another time, place or date of meeting should it become impracticable for the Assembly to discharge its function at the time or place or on the date appointed.

The motion was seconded and approved.

135. Standing Orders were resumed.

136. The Business of the Assembly having been completed the Moderator, after briefly addressing the House, intimated that the Assembly would next convene in terms of Minute 134 and dissolved the Assembly with praise, prayer and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

Appointment of
Next Assembly

Standing Order^s,
Resumed
Dissolution

RP.W. JELL
Clerk.

CERTIFICATE

The minutes of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sederunts having been carefully corrected are confirmed as authorized in terms of Minute 1 32 thereof.

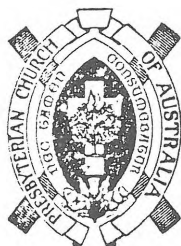
E.R. PEARSONS
Moderator.

Reports of Committees

AND OTHER PAPERS

presented to

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF AUSTRALIA



MELBOURNE, SEPTEMBER, 1985

Australian Presbyterian World Mission

Since the last meeting of the General Assembly of Australia the Executive of the Committee has met fifteen times and full committee has met once.

Nevertheless the ongoing drama of World Mission is not committee meetings, important as they may be, but rather the gripping fact that over one hundred members of our church, including ministers, doctors, nurses, teachers, tradesmen, aircraft pilots, accountants, translators, hostel managers and other ministries equally important, are serving Christ and His church on every continent in the world and in dozens of countries. The whole church should be encouraged by the lives and services of this wonderful group of people and we want to make note of some significant points.

Vanuatu

While we continually praise God for the vital and dedicated service of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. W. Camden to the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu it is a matter of regret that our contribution in manpower has declined in numbers. This does not mean that our interest and vision for Vanuatu has declined. We continue to give solid financial support while mutual visits plus the excellent books by Dr. Graham Miller keep the vision very much alive. The book "Live 1 II" is now in the hands of the printers. Also, the honouring of Mr. Camden by inducting him to serve as Moderator of the N.S.W. Assembly during the 1984-1985 assembly-year was appreciation by this committee and the church generally.

State Committees

Following the division of our church in 1977 this Federal Committee accepted a lot of responsibility in the area of itineraries for missionaries on furlough plus matters relating to Category 11 and Category 111 finance distribution. The gathering strength of World Mission Committees in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland puts some thoughtful organisers in other States has removed the work completely from our agenda. We note with appreciation the meticulous and dedicated work done by State Committees.

Directory

Three editions of the "Missionary Directory" have appeared in the triennium and another is planned in the near future. Many members value the Directory highly but, like other publications, it's value lies in it's being used and it's contents being shared.

Finance

Comparison of income for the past three years is as follows:—

	1982	1983	1984
Category 1	54,423.42	56,785.19	60,112.89
Category 11	7,956.76	2,851.00	1,695.67
Category 111	1,390.00	175.00	7,399.00
Unallocated	15,525.91	1,507.37	7,080.49
Bank Interest	228.22	331.02	253.51
	79,524.31	61,649.58	76,541.56

The response to the Vanuatu Hurricane Appeal has been most encouraging. As at the 20th June, 1985 an amount of \$49,612.96 has been received and forwarded to Vanuatu. This assistance has been invaluable to the people there and we thank God and our members for this fine response.

We have no way of knowing the final amounts given in Category 11 and Category 111 but we have every reason to believe them to be considerable.

Full Time Secretary

Occasionally the committee is reminded of it's shortcomings, most of which are associated with the fact that committee members generally and the Convener in particular have many other responsibilities in the Church. The answer usually suggested is that a full-time secretary should be employed. If the Assembly sees the position of a full-time secretary as important it should also take careful note that the cost would be in the vicinity of \$40,000.00 a year, more than half our present income. Included in this \$40,000.00 would be costs relating to stipend, housing, car allowance, other travelling, part-time secretarial help, office rent, long-service leave and superannuation.

Our present mandate is to hold our operating costs at 10% or less and we have achieved this so while a full-time federal secretary should lift interest and income a little we do not think the results would justify the expenditure.

Policy

We believe that our Church has shown great faith and vision in adopting our present World Mission policy. This policy means, along with other undertakings, that we stand

alongside members of our Church and attempt to guide, encourage and prayerfully support them as they try to fulfill their missionary call. This oversight is sometimes shared with a mission agency in Australia but more often now, with a national church in another country.

It is a policy that is becoming increasingly meaningful in missionary and fraternal church-worker situations as we approach the end of this twentieth century. There are some in our congregations who want to return to other methods that were good methods in other days but are no longer acceptable in almost all overseas countries. Our church has reason to be proud to be the denomination breaking new ground in Australia, in fact in most parts of the world, with our new, World Mission Policy.

Future

We may not be responsible for the spiritual destiny of past or future generations but we are most definitely responsible under God for doing something about the spiritual destiny of this present one. World mission starts in our own street and our own church. In spite of all the depressing news, it is a great time to be able to prove that God is able to do more than we could possibly ask or think and to bring many sons and daughter, to glory. Let us then be willing as a church to hazard more and more for the Gospel of our Blessed God in the vital work of World Mission.

K.J. GARDNER
Convener.

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PRESBYTER
SYDNEY

ATTN THE RIGHT REVD NORMAN MON SEN MODERATOR GENERAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
SIXTY EIGHT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KOREA OFFICIALLY APPROVED ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIP
RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA STOP
ABOVE ACTION WAS TAKEN BASED ON THE LETTER OF REQUEST MADE
BY YOUR FORMER MODERATOR GENERAL JAMES MULLAN. EUI HO LEE
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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31st October, 1983.

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Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your message in respect to the resolution of the 68 th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea whereby the General Assembly gave approval to "establishing partnership relationship" with the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Australia I accept with heartfelt gratification this generous outreach of the Presbyterian Church of Korea in Christian love and fellowship towards us with the reciprocal hope that our futures will be mutually helpful in encouraging understanding in our common concern for Christ's sake.

The message received from you will be publicised throughout Australia by means of the church magazine for the information of our people and will be formally received by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church when next it meets in September 1985 in Melbourne.

Meanwhile, I have informed the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Relations with other Presbyterian Churches of the matters referred to in this letter, the Convener is the Very Revd K.J. Gardner.

Please be assured of our prayers and support in matters of Christian witness. It may be noted that Korean Christians are making a valuable contribution to the Church of our Lord here in Australia and not the least in enriching the congregational life of the Presbyterian Church of Australia!

In Christian Service.

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MONSEN.

Telegram Received — Church Offices, Sydney

ADDRESSED TO: MR. MONSEN - MODERATOR GENERAL

FROM: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOREA

MESSAGE READS:

"WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO THE ASSEMBLY WARM FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOREA. THE ASSEMBLY LOOKS FORWARD TO EVER CLOSER BONDS OF CO-OPERATION FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE BETWEEN OUR TWO CHURCHES AS PARTNERS IN MISSION AND PRAY GODS BLESSING ON YOUR DELIBERATIONS, YOUR WORSHIP AND YOUR FELLOWSHIP WHILE YOUR 39TH ASSEMBLY IS MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 10-12TH.

YOURS IN CHRIST,

CHONG YUL PARK
MODERATOR
KE MYUNG CHU
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOREA.

Beneficiary Fund

Following the appointment of the Queensland Beneficiary Fund Committee as the national co-ordinator for the Presbyterian Church of Australia, contact was made with the various State Committees to attempt to bring some rationalisation in the area of super-annuation benefits and to attempt to resolve the vexed questions and problems which arise from interstate movements.

The Queensland scheme was revamped a few years ago and was designed deliberately to permit expansion to a national level if other States saw fit to join. Although South Australia has elected to join, other States wish to maintain their own schemes. Correspondence would suggest that there is little likelihood of any realisation of national unity in this area, especially as individual States have reappraised their own schemes in the light of perceived local needs for their State.

Therefore, all that can be reported is that nationally all schemes have been reviewed by State Committees but there is no evidence of any national scheme likely to emerge. Hence, the problems which ministers face when they transfer interstate, persist.

In the light of this evidence, it would appear our charter has been fulfilled and there is little advantage in pursuing the vision of a national scheme further at this stage. We therefore suggest the Committee be disbanded.

R.W. PILKINGTON
Convener.

Bi Centennial

The Bi-Centennial Authority is a government instrumentality set up to develop a Programme of National Projects and Events for the Bicentenary in 1988. The Convener of the Assembly's Committee has represented the Presbyterian Church on the National Advisory Committee on Religion to the Authority. This Advisory Committee has representatives from the following groups:— Anglican, Baptist, Church of Christ, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Uniting, Russian Orthodox, Salvation Army, Islamic and Jewish.

The Convener's report on the work and plans of the Authority as far as the "religious" component is concerned is summed up as follows:—

- (a) The following programme is in a developing stage:—
 - (i) Inter-faith dialogue
 - (ii) Weekend of prayer
 - (iii) Bi-Centennial Song
 - (iv) Publication. "A Practical guide to major faiths"
 - (v) Religious Art Exhibition
 - (vi) Musical Festival
- (b) Concerning the Inter-faith dialogue the Authority writes, "The National Advisory Committee on Religion has developed the view that its most important role for the Bicentenary is to facilitate dialogue through establishing a forum for communication between the major Faiths and Denominations. The Committee has therefore agreed unanimously that the main religious focus of the Bicentenary should be dialogue between Faiths..... to each of the Faiths represented (we seek) formal support for the concept and a representative for the working group".
- (c) Concerning participation of Aboriginal people, the Authority writes, "Since the Authority's inception it has taken all measures available to invite the participation of Aboriginal people, both across the wider spectrum of the National Programme which it is hoped will involve all Australians, and in regard to their own special activities. There has been contact with a range of Aboriginal organisations, in particular with the National Aboriginal Conference. The National Aboriginal Conference has been requested to act as the prime source of advice to the Authority on Aboriginal involvement This is in keeping with the general approach of the authority whereby it looks to national organisations for advice in regard to their areas of interest".

National Presbyterian Projects

1. The Committee believes that a Presbyterian Bi-Centennial Statement of a historical and descriptive nature would be worthwhile.
The basis of such a Statement would be:—
 - (a) An expression of "the beginnings" and the development of an Australian Presbyterian ethos.
 - (b) The basic standard of policy and doctrine.
 - (c) The contribution of Presbyterians to the national life.
 - (d) The Church's recognition of the Judaeo/Christian ethic which is the nation's heritage.
2. The Committee is investigating the possibility of re-publishing valuable Presbyterian historical documents. This project may need some financial assistance.

3. The Committee has invited the P.I.M. Committee to bring a Bi-Centennial Project specifically relating to the Northern Territory, for endorsement by this Assembly, and is confident that the whole Church will give its support.
4. The Committee believes that a special Bicentenary Service should be held during the General Assembly if it meets in 1988.

General

The Committee encourages Presbyterians to be involved at local, regional and state levels in the planning for the celebrations in 1988, so that, with other Christians, a vital element of spirituality and Christian emphasis may be evident as the nation celebrates this major civic event in which there will be much reflection on the past, the present and the future.

The Committee is prepared to work in this area and seeks re-election.

PETER E. BOASE
Convener.

Christian Education

With thanks to the Sovereign Lord for His grace and guidance in our work, the Christian Education Committee has pleasure in reporting continual healthy growth in the work of Christian Education in our Church throughout Australia.

Annual Meetings

One of the most important functions of this Committee is its annual meeting, which always has a two-fold purpose: first to encourage and stir up one another in the Christian Education work of the respective states and secondly to provide Christian Education activities state by state which are additional to those already in operation.

Since the last Assembly, the Committee has met in Launceston (1983), Brisbane (1984) and just prior to this Assembly in Melbourne. In each instance, a busy and purposeful committee meeting sharing in Christian Education programmes in and around the centres named.

Publications

The number of publications produced by this Committee continues to grow. Since the last Assembly the following have been brought to print "Basic Documents on Presbyterian Polity", by Mr. F. Maxwell; "The Prophets", by the Rev. Graham Chipps; "Have a Good Sunday Morning", by the Rev. Robert Humphreys; "God's Own People", a study guide to 1 and 11 Peter by David Burke and Sue McKenzie; and a study guide to the Lord's Prayer by the Rev. David Innes. A series of cassettes on "The Substance of the Faith" by a group of N.S.W. ministers involved in Theological Education has also been produced. "The Communicants Work Book", "The Elders Roll Book and Hand Book", "Our Presbyterian Faith", and "Personal Daily Bible Study Pads" have each been through at least one reprint.

When the various state publications are added to this, our church can be clearly seen to be exercising an important ministry through the printed word.

The New Hymn Book

As directed by the last General Assembly, this Committee has co-operated with the Public Worship and Aids to Devotion Committee on the production of a new Hymn Book for our church, and this has taken up a great deal of time on the part of the Rev. Robert Humphreys, the convener, and several other ministers. A fuller report, together with the relevant deliverance is presented by the Public Worship and Aids to Devotion Committee, with the concurrence of this committee.

C.R. THOMAS
Convener.

Supplementary Report Christian Education

At its meeting on 9 th September 1985, The Christian Education Committee received and adopted a proposal from the Rev. RC. Clark, Director of Home Ministry of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland along the following lines:

- (1) That the Committee request The Christian Education Department, through the Committee and Outreach and Nurture Queensland, to explore the feasibility of producing a Christian Education curriculum for an All Age Church and Sunday School, and the practicability of producing such curriculum.

- (2) Authorise The General Assembly of Australias' Christian Education Committee Executive (upon the Queensland Committee being ready to produce materials as outlined in (1) above), to make available funds for such a project from the funds accruing from The Presbyterian allocation from the joint Board of Christian Education.

It has been evident for sometime that within the denomination there has been a growing desire for our own denominational Sunday School Curriculum. To date the Committee has not seen its way clear to accede to various requests for such a curriculum because:

- (a) other curriculum suitable for our use have been readily available, and
- (b) we have had neither the resources nor the experience to produce such a curriculum, which would be a major undertaking.

However, we have now accumulated a great deal of experience through our publication ministry and both the NSW and Queensland Committee have had experience in the preparation of a school scripture teaching curriculum ("PREP" and "Secondary PREP"), on the one hand and material for vacation Bible Schools on the other, so that a logical extension of such programmes is the development of a Sunday School Curriculum.

It has been proposed that initial funding for this project come from the share of assets allocated to this Committee from the assets of the Joint Board.

C.R. THOMAS
Convener.

Church Crest (Ad Hoc)

The 1982 General Assembly set up this Committee to report upon:

- (a) the present representations of the Crest and the legislation whereby it was adopted by the Church;
- (b) a definitive description of the Crest supported by a coloured drawing;
- (c) the desirability of having the official representation of the Crest registered with the College of Heralds, or some such body.

An examination of the N.S.W. Assembly records reveals that in 1883 the Publications Committee of that Assembly had, 'after mature consideration, chosen an emblematic device for the Church, which, they trust, will give universal satisfaction'. The General Assembly of N. S. W. in 1884 formally moved to "Approve the Emblematic Church device' (Minute 57). There was no formal description of the emblem but the design appeared on the Assembly papers in 1883 and 1884 and it was noted in the Publication Committee's Report in 1884 that the emblematic device 'has been cut in London and is now in use'.

Rev. George MacInnes was the Convener of the Publications Committee and he and his wife have been given credit for the design. Margaret MacInnes confirmed this in a letter to the *NS. W. Presbyterian* on 18 November 1926 when she sought to correct a previous article which had attributed the design to someone else. She quoted from the minutes of the Publication Committee to support her claim. At the Assembly in 1884 the same Committee was also authorised to print a Transference Certificate and the earliest one discovered, written out in 1892, has on it the same design as that on the 1884 Blue Book.

The Queensland Assembly adopted the same emblem in 1895 and the Blue Book of 1896 has on it substantially the same design although the floral arrangement at the base of the shield has a slight variation. The 1884 Blue Book design is reproduced below.



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The first General Assembly of Australia in 1901 agreed to:

Instruct the Clerks to use, in the meantime, on all official paper and publications an emblematic device, the same as that now used by the State Assemblies of N.S. W. and Queensland, but bearing the legend 'Presbyterian Church of Australia'. (Minute 145).

The word 'meantime' suggests that something else might be in process of being formulated but on examination this does not appear to have been the case.

The two official publications arising from that Assembly use slightly different devices from each other and these also differ from what we believe is the MacInnes design. From 1883 onwards there are many examples of emblems in use in New South Wales and Queensland which show variations particularly in regard to the floral arrangement at the base of the shield and whether or not a dotted Roman Cross was incorporated into the design to highlight the stars of the Southern Cross. It would seem that by 1901 there was no clear appreciation of what was the original emblem or perhaps support was being shown for alternative designs.



*GAA First Year
Book — 1902
Design 2.*



*GAA BB. 1901
Design 3.*



*NSW Trustees
in 1930's
Design 4.*



*Another in
current use
Design 5.*

Since 1901 the use of the emblem has shown the growth in use of a solid white Roman Cross which ceased to highlight the stars and which began to compete with the Southern Cross. (During this time the Southern Cross had a fifth star added to give a more authentic look.) The changes have had the effect of dwarfing the bush and in some devices has made for a cluttered look. The early dotted cross encompassed the outline of the stars, in effect to interpret them. The most often seen emblem in recent times has been the one shown in Design 4 although there is quite a lot of use made of Design 5 and always Design 3 has been popular.

As there are variations in the first G. A. A. use and some confusion as to what could be said to be the designs in use by New South Wales and Queensland in 1901 it remains for the General Assembly to decide which device it will make its official emblem which can be used on its publications and correspondence.



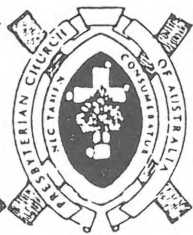
Design 6.



Design 7.



Design 8.



Design 9.

Designs 6-9 were put together from various models to show some of the possibilities after making basic assumptions about the desirability of having a slightly round design with simpler lettering. It can be seen that the bush has grown smaller in the more recent attempts at improvement and as the solid Roman Cross developed so did a darker bush become evident.

The Committee recommends for the consideration of the General Assembly Design 6 which is based on Designs 2 and 3 which were used on the 1901 publications. This suggestion indicates a preference for a simpler mode of expression for an emblem.

It should be remembered that the original design was drawn with the intention of use in black and white printing. If produced in full colour it is suggested that the colours be taken from the Pantone Matching System which is used throughout the printing industry. This guide numbers all shades of colour and gives exact proportions for colour mixing. It may be helpful in the future to give a guide to modifications for various printing techniques and for two or three colour printing.

The design called for in 1901 was meant to be used in the papers and publications emanating from the General Assembly and it has no greater status than this at present. There appears to be no benefit in registering it with an outside body at this time. The greatest need would appear to establish some particular design as being the one recognised by the General Assembly for its own purposes.

H. CLEMENTS
Convener.

Church and Nation

For several years the Church and Nation Committee elected by the New South Wales General Assembly, supported by corresponding members from other States, has acted for this General Assembly of Australia. We recommend that the Assembly continue this procedure, and to remove any doubts as to the composition, functions and operation of the Committee, we include appropriate clauses in the Deliverance.

Several committees appointed by State General Assemblies to report on moral and social issues have entered the crucial debate on *In Vitro Fertilization* in recent times, and this Committee presents for the information of Australian Presbyterians the statements adopted in 1983 by the General Assemblies of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. These statements give considered assessments of startling new techniques for human reproduction, assessments guided by principles derived from studies of the Scriptures. Presbyterian and other Christians must realise that the research which has led to the development of these new techniques has far outrun community knowledge, so that all of us need urgently to seek such information as provided in these statements.

This Committee acknowledges that advances in medical science may be part of God's plan for mankind, and that members of the medical profession have shown kindness to married couples to have children; but it does not believe that research necessarily involving experimentation on human beings should be allowed to proceed without community approval. We propose, therefore, that governments should appoint a standing committee(s) for community control over, and audit of, research and clinical programmes for human artificial insemination. Such standing committee(s) should be representative of interested parties, and care should be taken to prevent domination by the members of any one profession or group. The deliverance includes appropriate clauses to achieve this aim.

Finally, the Committee hopes that by regular liaison with its corresponding members it will be able to bring to Presbyterians throughout the nation some of the valuable papers on crucial moral and social issues prepared by State Committees. Such a hope is implicit in the functions proposed in the deliverance.

HUMAN ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION:— (This paper was received in May 1983 by the New South Wales General Assembly, and sent to the Advisory Committee on Human Artificial Insemination appointed by the NSW Government as a submission from the Presbyterian Church in NSW).

One of the main purposes of marriage is the procreation of children. In the words of the marriage service, marriage is '*for the continuation of family life, that children who are the heritage of the Lord should be duly nurtured and trained in godliness*'. Behind this statement lies the divine command to Adam and Eve representing Man and Woman '*to be fruitful and to multiply*'. (Genesis 1:28).

A serious personal and social problem in Australia today centres on infertile marriages. Medical opinions vary but it is conservatively estimated that about 15% of marriages in Australia in the 1980s are infertile, that is to say a pregnancy is not achieved within twelve months of marriage during which normal sexual activity is practised, and no form of contraception used.

There are many causes of this problem — physical, emotional and unknown. Medical practitioners have devised the following methods by which to treat this problem:—

AIH — artificial insemination by husband, which method is designed to overcome difficulties in achieving conception so far as the husband is concerned.

AID — artificial insemination by donor. This method is used to overcome various medical problems such as low sperm count in the husband, the prevention of genetic deformity and disease being transmitted to a child, and the *Rh* disease element

IVF— in vitro fertilization designed to overcome some problems preventing a conception, such as defective Fallopian tubes.

Variations of these procedures are possible such as, for example, ova from a donor may be fertilized by sperm of a husband of an infertile woman, and then deposited in that infertile woman; or a fertile woman unable for some reason to carry children, donating ova, fertilized in vitro by sperm from her husband, and the resulting embryo planted in the body of a surrogate mother and the resulting child returned to the donors of the ingredients of life. These are extreme cases and not the normal situation in *IVF* procedures.

Medical opinion estimates that perhaps 50,000 couples are eligible for IVF treatment in Australia today. In the past this problem of involuntary childless marriages was solved by adopting children. Today there is a very long wait for adoption — perhaps up to ten years. This option for many couples is very limited. The reason for the low availability of children for adoption is twofold — the rising use of abortion to solve the problem of unwanted pregnancy and the social welfare payment for unmarried mothers.

All these medical procedures are being used in many centres in Australia today. Two hundred and fifty in vitro fertilization babies have been born in Australia in recent years. The treatment applied is designed to overcome the problem of involuntary childless marriages. This is a real problem for the couples involved, and so an assessment of the issue and the treatment procedures presently used should be examined with sensitivity and compassion. The purpose of this paper is to examine some of the issues involved in the light of the Christian ethic.

Within the Biblical story infertility was seen as disfavour by God. For example, Rachel pleaded desperately to her husband Jacob, 'Give me children, or I'll die'. She was rebuked however by her husband, 'Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?' (Genesis 30:1-2). The same point is expressed in 1 Samuel 15 — 'The Lord has closed her womb'.

Childlessness was a serious matter and the people of the Old Testament, at least in the early days of their history, had a social mechanism by which the problem was overcome. A woman who married often took with her a slave maid. If the wife was unable to achieve pregnancy, then it was possible for the maid to be given to the husband so that the wife could have a family through the slave woman. Instances of that may be seen in the case of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16), and Rachel and Bildah and Leah and Zilpah (Genesis 30), both of which demonstrated the problems which arise when men and women go outside of God's plan and purpose.

Married couples without children should be received with understanding, tenderness and kindness. Infertility should not be automatically assessed as a judgement or punishment from God. Defective Fallopian tubes should not be equated with God's wrath.

Options Available for Childless Marriages

1. *The Vocation of Childlessness*: For some people an infertile marriage may be 'God's Will'. Infertility should not in this case produce despair or cause the people to grasp at any possible solution. Such people are in a sense 'free' to do other commendable work such as fostering children, or pursuing other socially desirable ends such as the care of the sick or the frail, or some professional vocation. This option should be considered by infertile couples especially those within 'the household of faith'. There are many outstanding stories of service in the name of Christ towards the less fortunate people of society by couples who have been 'free' of the responsibility of rearing children.
2. *In Vitro Fertilization*: The IVF programme introduces a high degree of artificiality into the process of reproduction. It is a procedure designed to overcome problems of reproduction caused by disease, deformity and defects of the human body. Usually in nature's way a child is conceived within the mother's body and in the context of body/love. In an IVF process fertilization takes place in a laboratory with neither parent present and with a third party playing a decisive role. That for some, is unnatural and undesirable and contrary to the ways of God as expressed through the processes of nature, for human life hitherto has always had its origin in the sexual union of man and woman. Laboratory production replaces human procreation, and that medical change causes unease in the minds of some people.

Artificial means of achieving a desirable end within the processes of nature are not in themselves immoral. A vast amount of surgery is artificial in the sense that a third party intervenes to correct, overcome or bypass defects of nature. Often the end of the process is a significant element in justifying the means adopted. There is a large pragmatic element in such situations. The end achieved in medical practice is the relief of pain, the prolongation of life or the removal of some potentially lethal growth — ends perfectly consistent with Christian morality. The means adopted however should be compatible with the Christian ethic.

Third 'third' party within an in vitro fertilization programme plays a crucial role because that person is handling the very chemistry of life and plays a decisive role in the process of conception. Often the third party, i.e. the doctor, in an IVF procedure is described as 'playing God'. Two senses of the concept 'playing God' should be carefully distinguished.

- (i) The term 'playing God' is infused with emotion, but it does convey an important concern. A medical practitioner can play a key role in a person's survival. With the use of knowledge and skill he can be of enormous help to a patient in overcoming defects in nature, in bringing about life in terms of prenatal care, and by the use of modern technology he is able to prolong life. The term 'playing God' in this sense is an overstatement of the situation, and a rather emotional expression. Providing he conforms to the ethics of his profession in normal circum-

stances, the doctor of 'good faith' is more a servant of the 'Great Physician' endeavouring to help suffering men and women along life's way.

- (ii) The term 'playing God' assumes a greater significance when, with the growth of knowledge, especially in an IVF programme the medical man can determine which ovum will be fertilized with which sperm, and the destiny of an embryo, i.e., to be implanted, to be frozen, to be maintained in the laboratory for experiment or to be discarded. These are serious matters. The ability to 'play God', especially when handling the elements of life, gives the doctor a degree of power over other people that many think undesirable and dangerous.

The fantastic world drawn by Aldous Huxley in *Brave New World* (1932) of artificial fertilization on a mass scale, the baby factory and cloning is not beyond the bounds of possibility within the foreseeable future. Artificial insemination, both 17H and AID, is practised extensively; sperm banks are common; ova are frozen; selective breeding of human beings takes place; for example, at the *Repository of Germinal Choice* in California; the conceited desire on the part of some people to produce the 'super kid' exists; experiments on embryos; the freezing of semen for use in a post-vasectomy situation, available for twenty-one years; are all part of the amazing new world of modern medical science. Serious moral and social issues are raised by such remarkable techniques.

There appear to be few moral difficulties in an in vitro fertilization programme, but many personal and emotional elements that must be handled with sensitivity. It is easy though to extend the process from fairly simple cases, such as a childless couple in a stable marriage relationship, to the more difficult and questionable areas such as the desire of a single woman, or a lesbian, to undergo an IVF programme, experimentation on embryos, superior breeding and surrogate mothers. Major moral and social issues arise in such cases. Society as a whole needs to develop clear and definite rules to limit the power medical practitioners should have in this area. Churches need to respond to these serious problems and suggest answers with sensitivity and compassion.

3. *Artificial Insemination — Husband*: This process is designed to overcome particular problems associated with conception. There appear to be no moral issues involved, although the Roman Catholic Church has condemned the process because of the 'unnaturalness of masturbation'.
4. *Artificial Insemination — Donor*: It is important to recognise the medical problems which give rise to an AID programme. They are:
 - low sperm count
 - a danger of the husband transmitting a serious genetically determined illness to the offspring
 - the Rh disease

AID procedures are fairly widespread in Australia today. Some have serious reservations about the practice even when performed in good faith and with strict rules of procedure regarding selection of donors and couples to whom the procedure is applied. The following elements in the debate on AID may be mentioned.

- (i) *Similarities with adoption procedures* — An AID procedure has some similarities with the process of adoption in seeking to overcome the problem of infertility in a marriage. The basic need is the same, i.e. to acquire children for the marriage. Consent of both parties in the marriage is required. The adopting process must be carried out within the context of love and commitment in marriage. In a real sense 'the adopted child becomes our child'. A third party is involved in the process, i.e. the natural mother, and a fourth party, i.e. the natural father. A degree of anonymity has been preserved concerning the natural parents, although there is a rising demand on the part of adopted children and natural mothers for this anonymity to be discarded. The welfare of the child should be of higher importance in both adoption and AID processes than the interests of the parents. In the case of adoption there is a joint decision by husband and wife, in an infertile marriage, to assume social and legal responsibilities for the child, as a means of coming to terms with a problem that both share within the marriage commitment.
In the case of an AID procedure the wife of the marriage is more involved in the process than the husband. She receives into her body semen from another person, and, while the husband may consent, there is always the possibility that there will be resentment, a sense of failure, even though the procedure has enabled the wife to achieve success in the mothering role. There remains always the possibility of the husband of a marriage that has achieved children by means of AID resorting to the line — 'It is not my child'. The same response is possible, of course, in any marriage the partners of which have children as a result of previous associations and in all cases of adoption.
- (ii) *A third party* — In an AID procedure a third party comes within the marriage relationship, and so in the minds of some the question of adultery arises. Many common features of an adulterous situation do not apply in the case of an AID

procedure. In a case of adultery there is a breach of love and fidelity, physical and emotional attachment, and secrecy. In an *AID* procedure consent of both husband and wife is required, and the whole process could be surrounded by love and fidelity, with full acceptance of responsibility for the child so produced, but there remains a lingering unease that a third party has in some sense entered the unity of the marriage relationship.

In many surgical procedures a third party enters the situation, for example, by means of a blood donation or an organ transplant, and these donations prolong life. In the case of *AID*, however, the donation of semen is different because it has to do with the elements of life and the creation of new life.

The Christian understanding of marriage means a life of long and total commitment of man and woman to each other. The phrase in the marriage service '*to the exclusion of all others*' captures the total, and exclusive, nature of the marriage relationship. This means in part that a partner in the marriage assumes a monopoly over the sexual and reproductive organs of the other. A third party in an *AID* process invades and threatens this fundamental unity even though it is an impersonal and clinical depositing of semen in the woman's body.

Concerning *ALD* there have been many condemnations of the process by Church bodies and moral theologians. In 1948 a Commission reported to the Archbishop of Canterbury and resolved: '*AID with donated semen involves a breach of the marriage. It violates the exclusive union between husband and wife. It defrauds the child begotten and deceives both the putative kinsmen and society at large. For both donor and recipient the sexual act loses its personal character and becomes a mere transaction. For the child there must always be the risk of disclosure, deliberately or unintended, of the circumstances of his conception. We therefore judge AID to be wrong in principle and contrary to Christian standards*'. W.R. Matthews dissented affirming that '*there was no objection to AID when used with the full approval of the husband*'. He concluded that *X/D* could contribute to the happiness of the marriage.

Helmet Thielicke condemns *AID* because the procedure violates the '*psycho-physical unit of the marriage*' and broaches the '*one flesh unity of husband and wife*'. (*Ethics of Sex*, pp 252-258).

On the other hand Joseph Fletcher reduces the objections to *AID* to three — it is '*stud breeding*', it violates the marriage union and so is adulterous, and it produces illegitimate children. Fletcher rejects such arguments, thus:

'We have asserted two things fundamentally:

- (1) *that the fidelity of the marriage is a personal bond between husband and wife, not primarily a legal contract, and*
 - (2) *that parenthood is a moral relationship with children not a material or merely physical relationship. The claim that AID is immoral rests upon the view that marriage is an absolute generative as well as a sexual monopoly, and that parenthood is essentially, if not solely, physiological partnership. Neither of these ideas is compatible with a morality that welcomes emancipation from natural necessity or with the Christian ethic which raises morality to the level of love (a personal bond), above the determinations of nature, and the rigidities of law as distinguished from love*'. (Fletcher, *Morals and Medicine*, p. 139).
- (iii) *Welfare of the child produced and a wider concept of parenting*: Paramount importance should be given to the happiness and welfare of the child produced by means of an *AID* procedure. The desire to know one's biological genesis is very strong. Sometimes it can become an obsession. Suzanne Rubin is one of the first children produced as a result of *AID*. She expresses a deep interest, a highly emotional demand to know the identity of her father. '*It's an obsession. I must find my father even if it's only to discover what kind of man sells his sperm and ultimately his own flesh and blood for \$25, then walks away without any thought of the life he may have created. How is a child produced this way supposed to feel about a father who sold the essence of his life so cheaply and is a total stranger?*' (*The Australian*, 24/25 July 1982). The demand to know biological identity is very strong in people. The concept of parenting is wider than merely a biological origin of children. That aspect of parenting is of great importance, and it is clouded and confused in an *ALD* procedure because of the anonymity of the donor. Parenting includes the social dimension of nurturing and caring for children within the context of marriage commitment and love. This is perhaps more important in the course of a child's development than the incident of biological conception.
- (iv) *Possibility of incest*: A fear is often expressed concerning *AID* programmes of '*innocent incest*'. This is a danger but proper selecting procedures with respect to donors and a limitation on the number of donations of semen, are likely to make this problem a statistical and practical improbability.

- (v) *A commercial element*: Care should be taken to control strictly a commercial element in the area of semen or ova donations. Perhaps a system similar to blood donations should be developed. And great care should be preserved as to the ownership of semen and ova. All forms of vested interest in such donations on the part of the donors should be exercised.

The question of ownership should also be clearly determined with respect to semen, ova and embryos.

- (vi) *Legal Safeguards*: Many legal problems arise in the case of children produced by *AID* — procedures concerning responsibility, maintenance, custody, access and inheritance. Laws should be devised to achieve a number of ends. The following principles should be enshrined in the laws of the land:

Consent by the man and the woman in the marriage concerning *AID* and *IVF* processes should be required with the total acceptance of an responsibility, in every sense, for the child so produced.

The donor of semen or ova should be totally free from any claims on or responsibility for the child produced as a result of such procedures.

The medical team involved in such procedures should be absolved from any claim with respect to any aspect of such procedures, although the normal standards of competence and responsibility that apply in other medical areas should apply in this area.

The status of the child should be defined to eliminate all suggestions of 'illegitimacy' and some definition of 'legal' or 'accepted' or 'social' fatherhood should be devised.

AID and *IVF* programmes are special cases arising from particular problems. Care should be taken both not to condemn the programmes out of hand, for that does not help a married couple come to terms with a distressing and deep problem, nor to carry out such programmes in a cavalier and irresponsible manner. A caring responsible approach is needed always bearing in mind the 'problem' that such procedures endeavour to solve.

5. *Ethical Decisions*: Usually three elements are involved in coming to ethical decision. Consideration is clearly given to (1) the principles and values of the perspective from which ethical decisions are determined; next (2) the situation must be understood — the problem being solved, the technology and the practical aspects of the situation; and finally (3) the consequences that follow from both the situation and ethical judgements relating to those situations.

Our perspective is determined by the teachings of the Bible. Accordingly, the following themes are of particular relevance in coming to conclusions relating to artificial insemination:

- (i) Human life is part of God's creation, and so each person is important.
- (ii) A man and woman find fulfilment in a permanent enduring one flesh commitment.
- (iii) The family context is the normal setting out of which new lives (*children*) emerge.
- (iv) The procreative feature of human love (*sexual activity*) is of the highest importance (*be fruitful and multiply*).
- (v) Pride is part of the sinful state of men and women and can be expressed in many ways. Within the context of *AID* and *IVF* procedures pride may emerge in
 - a couple's desire to have a 'super kid'.
 - the desire for fame, prestige and professional recognition and promotion on the part of medical men,
 - the desire of a couple to have a child by any means — *7 must have children*,
 - a woman's assertion *77/ do with my body as I please*'.
- (vi) The privacy of love, care and commitment to both God and people must be recognised.
- (vii) Respect for that which is human in relation to experimentation and manipulation.
- (viii) The call to help people in need with kindness, understanding and compassion.
- (ix) An accountability to God for the way we use our time, our talents and the resources of His Creation.

These values, together with an understanding of each situation, and an awareness of the consequences that will flow from certain procedures, enable us to make judgements about *AID*, *AID* and *IVF* procedures.

Perhaps at this stage the Committee gives a cautious endorsement of the *4/7/* and *7/7* procedures when such procedures are limited to consenting married couples who contribute both sperm and ova, as not being inconsistent with Christian values. The Committee, while unwilling to condemn *AID* procedures completely, is very uneasy with such procedures because of the apparent intrusion of a third party into the marriage commitment of husband and wife.

The Committee suggests that within the *IVF* programmes, procedures, other than the 'simple cases' of husband and wife donating the sperm and ova to meet a particular problem, should be discouraged if not forbidden by law, for example, cloning, genetic engineering, surrogate motherhood, human/animal hybrids, and embryonic freezing and experimentation. The Committee also cannot endorse *AID* or *KF* procedures being applied to women outside the marriage commitment on the grounds that 'marriage is a way of life instituted by God' and is the proper context in which children may be conceived and nurtured for the glory of God.

Issues Arising from In Vitro Fertilization and Related Procedures

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Introduction

The development of a number of techniques allowing laboratory intervention in the process of human conception has raised many important moral and legal questions. These matters are currently receiving widespread attention in the Victorian community, most notably by the State Government's Committee chaired by Professor Louis Waller. The Church and Nation Committee believes that these matters constitute an important, appropriate and urgent area for its consideration.

A large amount of information on these techniques and their ethical implications is now becoming available. Important among these are the Waller Committee's *Interim Report* (September 1982), its *Issues Paper on Donor Gametes in IVF* (April 1983), and a report by the Ethics Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (*RCOG*) on *in vitro fertilization and embryo replacement or transfer*. These documents have provided the main source of information for this paper. (The final report of the Waller Committee was received too late by the Church and National Committee for detailed consideration here.)

Little of a technical nature could be added to these comprehensive reports but their implications for Christians need to be explored in the light of God's Word. The aim of this background paper is to provide a concise factual basis for discussion and to identify the most important issues which need to be considered from a Christian moral perspective.

The Problem of Infertility

It is important to recognise with understanding and compassion the problem of childlessness which has given rise to medical techniques for artificially assisting conception.

Infertility affects the lives of about 250,000 couples in Australia which is about 10% of the married population. For many of them it is a serious, even tragic, deprivation involving in varying degree feelings of anger, guilt, despair and isolation. There are many causes of infertility, not all of which are known or fully understood.

In the past adoption provided the solution to couples who found themselves unable to have children of their own. This option has now become severely restricted because the number of children becoming available for adoption has significantly decreased. This decline is due to the increasing rate of abortion to terminate unwanted pregnancies and the increasing social acceptance and welfare support of the single mother. Today the limited availability of suitable children means that couples may have to wait as long as ten years for adoption.

A number of medical and surgical procedures are now being used to treat infertility with varying degrees of success. One of these procedures is *in vitro fertilization*. This technique is not so much a cure for the infertility as a means of circumventing it.

IVF is a technique whereby the ovum is collected surgically from the woman's ovary and fertilized by sperm in the laboratory. The embryo so produced is then inserted into the uterus so that implantation and development into a fully formed foetus can take place. Although the process sounds very simple it is, in practice, extremely complicated.

It has become common practice in *IVF* programmes to actually insert several fertilized ova into the uterus at one time as it has been found that this greatly improves the success rate of the procedure. The ova are all collected during a single operation after artificial stimulation of the ovaries. Multiple insertion also increases the likelihood of a multiple pregnancy with some increased risk for both mother and babies but this must be balanced against the risks involved in having to repeat the process if no pregnancy occurs.

The technique of *IVF* was developed initially to treat patients where natural fertilization in the Fallopian tubes of the female was impossible. Typical cases would be where the Fallopian tubes have been removed or where blocked irreversibly by previous surgery or disease. Patients with disease of the Fallopian tubes are the most common group for which *IVF* has been applied, but the technique has also been used successfully in couples with

prolonged, unexplained infertility and some other cases.

Interest in the possibility of *IVF* began in Victoria in the early 1970s at the Royal Women's Hospital and the Queen Victoria Medical Centre. After many attempts which began in 1973, the first successful pregnancy was achieved in 1979. The scale and success of the *IVF* programmes of the two groups has increased rapidly since that time and to the end of 1982 a total of 94 pregnancies had either been delivered or were advanced beyond 20 weeks. An even higher success rate is expected for 1983.

The commonest situation in which *IVF* has been used is where the patient is married and her husband's sperm is used to fertilize her own ovum, and no more ova are fertilized than will subsequently be implanted. This is the simplest and clearest case from an ethical viewpoint and also raises no legal difficulties under existing law. The Victorian Government's Waller Committee in its *Interim Report* of September 1982:

'considers this form of the procedure to be acceptable to the Victorian Community and accordingly recommends that it be recognized in those terms'.

In a similar conclusion the RCOG Ethics Committee could see no ethical objection to the use of *IVF* and embryo replacement within marriage. More complex issues arise from the use of donor ova or sperm and these will be discussed separately below. *IVF* is of necessity a very expensive procedure which also raises complex questions about the priorities of medical funding.

Artificial Insemination

Artificial insemination can be employed to overcome certain types of difficulty in conception. The simplest situation is where the sperm is provided by the woman's husband (*AIH*) and this practice raises few if any moral difficulties.

Artificial Insemination can also be used with sperm provided by a donor (*AID*). This procedure is widespread and has been used in Victoria for several decades in cases of male infertility such as that caused by a low sperm count *AID* has also been employed in other cases where there is a danger of *Rh* disease or of the husband transmitting some serious genetic disorder to the child.

In contrast to *IVF*, the actual techniques employed in *AID* are very simple. As techniques have developed (*I/Z*) clinics have been established in more recent times where semen which has been frozen is almost always used.

Clinics at Prince Henry's Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital only accept married couples into their *AID* programmes, and then only when the husband's consent has been given. The third clinic at the Melbourne Family Medical Centre (associated with the Queen Victoria Medical Centre and the Epworth Hospital) has accepted several unmarried couples, where it is satisfied the relationship is a stable one.

Great care is taken to record the origin of the sperm at the same time ensuring anonymity for the donor. Many of the donors are medical students and they are usually given a small payment for the donation. A careful attempt is made to match the characteristics of the donor with those of the husband of the woman to be artificially inseminated.

Under present law children produced by *AID* are regarded as illegitimate although the Federal and State Attorneys General have recently agreed to adopt new legislation to change this situation. The new legislation would include the principle that a child born as the result of *AID* with the husband's consent would be deemed to be the child of the husband. It would also allow *AID* and *IVF* procedures to be applied to unmarried couples living in a stable de facto relationship.

The process of *AID* has been condemned many times by Church bodies and moral theologians. For example, in February 1983 the Social Responsibilities Commission of the Anglican Church concluded that '*AID is inconsistent with Christian moral tradition*' and, recognizing that the technique had already been operating for some years, issued a series of guidelines relating to its use. Notably the Commission recommended that '*AID should be available only to married couples*' and that '*single women and lesbian couples should be specifically excluded*'. In further explanation of its position the Commission was

'not able to recommend AID because of the Christian understanding of marriage as an exclusive relationship between husband and wife. While (they) recognize that there is no adulterous intent involved in the process of AID it nevertheless involves the intrusion of a third party into the intimate sphere of the marital state as represented by his sperm'.

Some courts in the United States have taken the view that *AID* constitutes adultery, while protagonists of the technique argue that it is analogous to adoption. There are indeed many similarities between *AID* and the process of adoption, the major differences being that the woman is more involved in the process than the man and that she actually receives into her body sperm from a third party.

Donor Gametes in IVF

Just as donor sperm can be used in artificial insemination there is no technical reason why donor gametes (sperm or ova) cannot be used in *IVF*. Indeed, since 1980 21% of the ova fertilized at the Queen Victoria Medical Centre/Epworth Hospital have used donor sperm.

The percentage at the Royal Women's Hospital has been much lower (2.4%). Attempts to use donor ova have only been made since early 1982 with only one resulting pregnancy. The use of donor ova was temporarily suspending pending the outcome of the Waller Enquiry.

The obtaining of ova is a much more complex procedure than obtaining sperm, involving abdominal surgery under a general anaesthetic. The risks involved for a female donor are therefore greater than for a male donor. Also there would be much greater difficulty in maintaining anonymity for a female donor because of the major procedures required.

From an ethical and legal point of view the use of donor sperm and IVF is essentially the same as AID using natural conception. The use of donor ova and the father's sperm is also very similar from these standpoints. Similar comments to those referred to above under /Z> will apply to these situations.

The RCOG Ethics Committee has described the use of both donor ova and donor sperm together, so that neither the woman nor her husband is the genetic parent, as analogous to adoption. The Waller Committee in its *Issues Paper* makes the point that it is difficult to reconcile the use of donor gametes with the unitive nature of marriage as indicated by the *Marriage Act 1961-1973*. This Act described marriage as '*the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life*', essentially the Christian viewpoint.

Other Possibilities

An IVF programme applied to the simple case of an infertile married couple raises few moral difficulties. However the same techniques can use donor gametes or could be applied outside a stable marriage relationship. Such practices and others that are likely to follow from foreseeable technical developments raise serious ethical and social issues. Among these would be such possibilities as selective breeding, surrogate mothers, experimentation on embryos, cloning and embryo banks.

Those working in the field consider it only a matter of time before successful storage of human embryos by freezing is achieved. This is seen primarily as a way of improving the success rate in IVF programmes and, by some, as a means of providing a supply of embryos for donation. Storage would allow the embryos to be implanted one at a time under the most favourable conditions until a pregnancy occurred. The advantages of this approach would be elimination of the risk of an unwanted multiple pregnancy and the risk of additional surgery to collect ova if no pregnancy resulted from the first attempt. However the ethical difficulties that arise from embryo storage are considerable.

The achievement of a successful pregnancy before all the frozen embryos have been used up inevitably raises the problem of the fate of surplus embryos. The morality of creating such surplus embryos must be questioned very seriously and the rights of embryonic human life must not be treated lightly. Allowing surplus embryos to die would raise the same serious moral objections as does abortion, whereas using them for donor purposes creates the possibilities of having siblings who are unknown to one another, and thus the danger, albeit slight, of unconscious incest or inbreeding. The difficult question of ownership of the embryos would also arise should the parents die while the embryos were still in storage.

Major Ethical Issues

The distressing nature of the problem facing infertile couples means that attempts to alleviate their condition should be approached responsibly and not be dismissed out of hand.

The Christian understanding of two important concepts, based on the teaching of the Bible, should be central to our thinking about artificial intervention in human conception:

- (1) The importance of human life as the highest expression of God's creation and the object of God's redeeming love. The Son of God fully embraced our humanity through His own conception and birth.
- (2) The view of marriage as a life-long, total and exclusive commitment of a man and woman to each other.

Some of the central questions which Churches and individual Christians need to consider are as follows:

Should IVF be used in any circumstances?

Should the use of donor gametes (in IVF or AID) be endorsed and under what circumstances?

Do the perceived clinical benefits of embryo freezing and storage outweigh the serious ethical problems that such techniques produce?

Who should be responsible for the control of clinical and research programmes in IVF and related fields?

THE COMMITTEE THEN EXPRESSES FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES STATEMENT.

The Committee believes there is a need for continuing community control and audit over both research and clinical IVF programmes, perhaps by a standing committee of people

with no direct involvement in such programmes. It would be the responsibility of this group to check that work proceeded only within guidelines acceptable to the wider community, and to ensure the highest standards and full accountability for all embryos produced. It is felt that without such controls there is a real danger of creating socially and ethically unacceptable practices guided only by scientific goals and the pursuit of professional prestige.

The Church and Nation Committee commends these issues to kirk sessions and congregations for the widest possible discussion, bearing in mind that the State Government Waller Committee is now seeking comment on its final report

Abortion and Human Engineering

(This paper, prepared by the Committee on Public Questions and Communications, was received by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland in May 1983.)

Scripture suggests that human life, sexuality and personality all begin at conception (*Job 3:3; Psa. 51:5; Luke 1:31-44*). Such human life continues uninterruptedly from conception to death (*Gen. 25:21-34; Judges 13:3-7; Job 10:8-21; Psa. 22:9-20; 139:13-24*). Medical evidence, too, shows that the sex of the zygote is determined even at conception and humanly verifiable shortly thereafter.

Abortion, both natural and artificial, consists of the interruption or termination of the development of a fertilized human ovum which is a tiny human being (*Ex 21:21-25; Num. 12:12; Hos. 9:11-10:1*). Natural abortions (including 'miscarriages') occur as acts of God. As such, they are devoid of human guilt (*5. 7 6; Psa. 58:8; Eccl. 6:3-5*). However, any unlawful human attempt to abort is murder in the sight of God wherever such attempt results in the death of a fertilized human ovum (*Ex 20:13 cf. Matt. 2:16-20*). It is attempted murder in those cases where the foetus unexpectedly survives (*1 Cor. 15:8 cf. Ex 21:22*). Indeed, even where unsuccessful, all human attempts to produce unlawful abortions are both sinful and criminal.

Under these circumstances, we cannot see any ground for artificial abortions except when the life of the mother or child is threatened with imminent death and where such is certified to be the case by at least two competent medical authorities other than the one under consideration to perform the abortion (*cf. Num. 35:30; Deut. 19:15-21; Heb. 10:28ff*). Even then, everything possible must be done to try to save the lives of all threatened. In such rare cases, if there is only enough time or opportunity to save one, the life of the mother is more crucial (*Ex 20:12-14; 21:15-17, 22-24; 23:19; 34:26; Lev. 22:27-28; Deut. 14:21; 22:6-7; Matt. 15:3-6; John 11:50; 18:14; 19:25-27; Eph. 5:25-6:3; Col. 3:19-20; 1 Tim. 1:9; 3:4-5; 5:1-4; II Tim 1:3-5; 3:2; 15; Tit. 1:6; 2:3-6*).

All human pregnancies between spouses within marriage are an evidence of God's blessing and are to be warmly welcomed whenever they occur (*Gen. 1:28; 9:1-7; 12:1; 15:1-6; ch. 17; 24:60; 67ff; Psa. 127 and 128; Eph. 5:22-6:3*).

Artificial insemination from donor or vendor (AID) is immoral because it involves the non-coital insemination of a woman with sperm other than that of her own husband (*Ex. 20:14; Commentaries of Keith and Delitzsch on Prov. Ch. 5:15-20; Ezra 9:2-4; Neh. 9:2; 1 Cor. 7:39-40*).

Complete human ectogenesis (through the utilization of animal or mechanical wombs to house human zygote-embryo-foetuses throughout their period of gestation) is obviously unacceptable. This would totally obviate women needing to get pregnant in order to produce children, and would also eliminate a need for sexual intercourse in order to reproduce (*Gen. 1:26-28; 2:22-25; 3:15-16; 4:1-2*). For different reasons, even the utilization of surrogate human wombs for embryo transfer or for complete ectogenesis outside of the true mother is also unacceptable (*cf. Gen. 16:1-9; 17:15-21; 21:1-12; 30:1-13ff; Gal 4:4-31*).

If human cloning (or non-coital production of carbon-copies of a particular human being) should ever become possible (as some predict it soon will be), it would be unacceptable because of the donees' non-coital origin and because of their threat to the God-given individuality of the person(s) cloned. Similarly, attempts at pre-conceptual or non-conceptual genetic engineering on human body parts even for eugenetic reasons should be avoided with care (*Gen. 1:16-18; 2:22-25; Lev. 18:6-16; Deut 29:29; Eccl. 5:1-2; Isa. 49:1,5; Zech. 12:1; Eph. 4:24; 1 Cor. 11:8-15; Col. 2:18ff and 3:10-11*).

Where all legitimate attempts of married couples to produce their own children ultimately fail, childless spouses should accept God's providence in this matter (*Gen. 20:18; Lev. 26:22; Judg. 11:34-40; Jer. 20:14-18*). They may then, however, turn to other legitimate alternatives. Such would include: their legal adoption of children born to but not wanted by other parents; caring for or teaching other peoples' children; diaconal work among orphans; or 'spiritually adopting' young people; etc. (*Gen. 15:2; 17:10-14; 24:2; Ex 1:15-21; John 14:18; Acts 16:1-4; Rom. 8:15-17; 1 Tim. 5:3-16; II Tim. 1:1-6; Jer. 1:27*).

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Code

1. *Reprinting the G.A. of A. "Code"*

The reprinting of the "Code of the Presbyterian Church of Australia has proceeded to the point where we can offer to the assembly an accurate text of the Scheme of Union of 1901 (i.e. Basis of Union and the Articles of Agreement). It is perhaps necessary to explain that the basic law of the Presbyterian Church of Australia consists of the Scheme of Union (i.e. Basis of Union and the Articles of Agreement), the Standing Orders and all deliverances of the General Assembly made within power.

It is proposed to print in an inexpensive form (a) The Scheme of Union, (b) Standing Orders and (c) relevant regulations that relate to existing committees.

It is not possible nor is it necessary to reproduce all the deliverances of the assembly (they are in the Blue Books) but only those that have a direct bearing on the operation of assembly committees.

The initial direction to the committee re the Code was one to "update". That has been interpreted in the way indicated by our labours but it is obvious that some revision would be desirable if only to bring the language into present day usage. We will seek an extension of our mandate to achieve this.

When the committee is satisfied that all the necessary parts of the "Code" have been gathered together the material will then be reprinted in a loose leaf form to assist any further revision or alteration.

2. *Size of the General Assembly etc.*

A number of parties have expressed concern at (a) the number of people attending the assembly and (b) the proliferation of Assembly committees. With ever increasing costs and a Church greatly reduced in size it is hard to justify a system of appointing commissioners to the assembly that applied pre union, the Queensland Assembly has given attention to this issue and they have seen fit to place an overture before the assembly. However, while agreeing in principle with their efforts your committee would make some alterations with their proposal and will seek to place its own overture before the assembly.

The Finance Committee has sought the opinion of this committee re payments to committees that are not covered by the Scheme of Union. While the General Assembly of Australia may set up committees it is quite clear that it has no authority to levy the various state assemblies to pay for the activities of these committees unless they fall within the area of jurisdiction covered by the Scheme of Union. If the States are happy to pay, well and good, but if they object (and it would appear that there is no objection) this assembly has no authority to force payment.

It would appear that the assembly must grasp the nettle and reduce the number of committees to those that are covered by the Scheme of Union. Your committee is of mind that the Finance Committee should be authorised to encourage various committees to amalgamate their activities and if necessary to refuse to meet expenses incurred by committees not covered by the Scheme of Union. They should be further directed to bring to the next assembly a complete revision of the existing committees so that they do conform with the Scheme of Union. We appreciate that some may find this drastic surgery but unless we are prepared to act the Church will not be able to carry the financial burden of this Court

3. *REMIT see Minute 55 1982 BB Anent, Australian Presbyterian World Mission*

ARTICLE (vii) There shall be a Committee on Missions of the General Assembly entitled the Committee for Australian Presbyterian World Mission formerly known as the Board of Missions and Ecumenical Relations.

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee:

- (a) *To enunciate and carry through the Assembly's policy in regard to the missionary service and outreach of the church to peoples of other cultures and other countries;*
- (b) *To enter on behalf of the Assembly, into formal relationships and agreement with other churches and mission bodies;*
- (c) *To establish and maintain partnership relationships with approved overseas churches;*
- (d) *To establish relationships with overseas churches world wide and, where useful and possible, to work through them on behalf of the Assembly;*
- (e) *To encourage at all levels of the church's life, especially at the level of the congregation, an enlightened and whole hearted personal commitment to the missionary task of the church;*
- (f) *To negotiate on behalf of the Assembly with approved mission bodies and members of the Presbyterian Church working with them, to establish dual membership agreements and to encourage support for our members so involved.*

Regulations

- NAME: *COMMITTEE FOR A USTRALIAN PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION*
- Function: (a) The function of the Committee will be to carry out the functions as listed in Article (vii) and otherwise to implement the decisions of the General Assembly of Australia with respect to Presbyterian Missions.
- (b) *Responsibilities:*
- (i) *Distribution of all moneys received for missions so that a minimum is used for administration.*
- (ii) *Control of Missionaries in the field and responsibility for their welfare in accordance with partner-church relationships and dual membership agreements.*
- Composition*
- The Committee shall consist of:
- (a) Convener appointed by the General Assembly of Australia.
- (b) An executive consisting of the Convener plus nine (9) members from the State in which the Convener resides.
- (c) A maximum of one representative from each of the other States as may be appointed by the General Assembly of Australia.
- (d) Corresponding members appointed by the General Assembly of Australia.
- Duties and Conditions of Appointments:*
- (a) The Convener shall be:
- (i) the chief executive office of the Committee;
- (ii) responsible for convening meetings as regularly laid down and special meetings as required.
- (b) State representatives will be responsible for
- (i) reporting back to State committees;
- (ii) acting as liaison between the General Assembly committee and their State administration.
- (c) Committee as a whole will be responsible for
- (i) the interviewing, recommendation of, and appointment of the missionaries for the Church who are the direct responsibility of the Church;
- (ii) the control of all mission work connected with the Presbyterian Church of Australia and regular and systematic review to determine that all missions work is consistent with our Church's standards;
- (iii) seeking to keep the Church aware of new mission work to which the Lord may be calling her,
- (iv) the full Committee shall meet at least once a year.
- State Committees:*
- Each State Assembly shall be requested to appoint a Standing Committee under its own regulations.
- Such Committee should include representatives from organisations within the church which have a special interest in and which support the church's task in World Mission.
- The functions of the State Committee shall include:
- (i) The promotion of the work of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission.
- (ii) Financial responsibility for supporting projects and personnel as determined by the policies of the Committee for Australian Presbyterian World Mission.
- (iii) The recruitment of missionary personnel under the general lines of policy laid down by the Committee for Australian Presbyterian World Mission and the recommendation of such personnel to that Committee for appointment
- (iv) The making of travel and furlough arrangements for such missionaries while within their State.
- The returns from the Assembly's and Presbytery's are:
- Assembly Approved:*— N.S.W., VIC., TAS., QLD., S.AUST.
- Presbytery Approved:*— N.S.W.: Bathurst, Dubbo, Hastings, Hawkesbury, Hunter, Moree, Murrumbidgee, New England, Northern Rivers, South Coast and Tablelands, Sydney, SydneyNorth, Sydney South, Wagga Wagga. VIC.: Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Geelong, Kilnoorat La Trobe Valley, Melbourne East Melbourne North, Melbourne West. QLD.: Brisbane, Darling Downs, Mowbray, North Queensland, Rockhampton. S. AUST.: Penola, Torrens. TAS.: Tasmania.
- Disapprove:*— Flinders, Western Australia (no reply).

4. *Regulations re election of Moderator-Nominate 1979 B.B. 17 (3)*

The 1979 assembly approved the current regulations governing the election of Moderator-Nominate. These regulations have applied since and it is not proposed to alter them for this assembly but revision is envisaged in the future.

E.R. PEARSONS
Convener.

College

1. *Regulation 4: Removal from the Course of Training*

Regulation 4 has been found not to make sufficiently clear the respective responsibilities of the federal Assembly (through its College Committee), each state Assembly (through its Theological Education Committee) and each Presbytery in the matter of the removal of a Candidate from the Course of Training.

The present regulation 4 reads:

The Faculty shall be responsible for assessing the progress of students in both Preparatory and Theological Hall Courses, and shall make annual reports to the College Committee on the progress of the student. The College Committee may remove a candidate from the Course of Training at any stage of his course, after consultation on the matter with the State Committee responsible for Theological Education and the Presbytery. If the Presbytery determines that a man shall cease to be a candidate for the ministry, after consultation with the State Committee, they shall notify the College Committee, who shall remove his name from the list of those doing the course.

The proposed revised regulation 4 would read:

4. (a) The Faculty of each Theological Hall shall be responsible for assessing the progress of students in both Preparatory and Theological Hall Courses, and shall make annual reports to the College Committee on the progress of the student
- (b) The College Committee
 - (i) may, on academic grounds, remove a candidate from the Course of Training, on the advice of the State Committee responsible for theological education after the State Committee has consulted with the Presbytery concerned;
 - (ii) shall, on other than academic grounds, remove a candidate from the Course of Training on the advice of the Presbytery that the Presbytery has terminated the candidature of the person concerned.

2. *Regulations 6 — 8: The Preparatory Course*

Our Church, in preparing candidates for the final three year Theological Course component of the Course of Training, has sought to maintain a balance between the academic demands of diverse background, variety of means of preparation, and a common standard of entrance.

One problem with the present regulations has been that, whereas for general maturity for candidates Presbyteries have authority to ensure a common standard of entry to the Theological Course, for academic requirements the General Assembly is at present committed to a marked disparity for standards of entry for students. Some students are committed to a three year preparatory degree, some to two years of tertiary degree studies, while others approaching the comparatively young age of 30 can plan to dispense with any such studies at all.

Another problem has been that, while our Church welcomes candidates having tertiary qualifications from widely different backgrounds. Faculties have increasingly felt the need for bridging courses to fill gaps in key areas for individual students and to ensure that all students commence the Theological Course with the best possible preparation.

The following are the relevant extracts from the Articles of Agreement and the Regulations:

Article (viii) (e) — Candidates for admission to a Theological Hall shall produce evidence to the College Committee that they have obtained or qualified for a degree in some recognized university.

Article (viii) (f) — Notwithstanding the provisions of Article (viii) (e), the students who have obtained the prerequisites for entrance to a Theological Hall may be admitted.

Article (viii) (g) — The prerequisites for entrance to a Theological Hall shall be such as are approved from time to time by the General Assembly.

G.A.A. Regulations 6 — 8

Preparatory Courses for those under 30 years of age:

- (6) The normal entrance to the Theological Course shall be a University Degree, but entrance to the Theological Course may be granted to candidates who have:
- (a) completed two years degree level at University, College of Advanced Education or the equivalent, and
 - (b) satisfied the requirements of the State Faculty/Senatus in English Bible and Catechism.

Exemption shall be granted when evidence is provided that qualifications of an equivalent nature and standard are possessed by the candidate.

Preparatory Courses for candidates over 30 years of age:

- (7) (a) There shall be a scheme for the reduction of the period of training for candidates over 30 years of age who have been communicant members of the Presbyterian Church for at least two years,
- (b) Candidates shall be classified as follows:
- (i) Those who, in the judgement of the College Committee, have acquired a training which can be accepted as an alternative to the whole Preparatory Course of Training. An alternative to the Preparatory Course shall be — *either* ten years in full time Christian service; *or* suitable experience of not less than ten years in employment (or self-employment) where the candidate has had some measure of responsibility; *or* a suitable Technical College qualification; *or* a suitable qualification from a professional association.
 - (ii) Those who can produce evidence that they are, in the opinion of the College Committee, on the evidence of the Faculty (Senatus) concerned, equipped to undertake tertiary studies.
 - (iii) Candidates within the two categories shall be accepted and admitted by the usual procedures as in Regulations 1 and 2.
- (8) Candidates will be encouraged to complete a degree as the normal requirement

The College Committee proposes the following new regulation to replace

Regulations 6 — 8

Preparatory Course

(6) For the Preparatory Course each candidate shall:

- (a) (i) be encouraged to complete a tertiary degree as the normal requirement;
- (ii) be required to complete two years of tertiary degree level studies if under 35 or one year of tertiary degree level studies if 35 or over, provided that at the discretion of the appropriate Faculty, the candidate may be required to complete up to one year's directed study appropriate to the needs of the candidate in preparation for the Theological Hall Course;
- (b) complete requirements in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism as set by the College Committee and assessed by the Faculty.

The following may be noted:

the degree qualification of Article (viii) (e) is brought forward as the aim of the Preparatory Course;

the age up to which candidates are required to do two years is increased from 30 to 35, to bring the Church's overall standard closer to the normal requirement of a degree and to the past practice of making the age 40 years;

older candidates are required to do one year's preparatory study bridging the gap somewhat to younger candidates' requirements;

the Preparatory Course is set at "tertiary degree studies" without reference to Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education so that candidates' training may not only be through such institutions but through others such as the Church's own Faculties;

candidates who have previously completed degree level studies prior to candidature may be required to complete a bridging course so that Faculties can ensure a balance between divergent academic backgrounds and a common mastery in areas most directly relevant as preparation for the Theological Course.

3. *Regulation 10: Hebrew*

The Committee recommends to the Assembly an alternate to the sentence in Regulation 10 referring to Hebrew. The proposal, as follows, seeks:

- (a) to remove the ambiguity as to whether or not a student needs to pass the first year of Hebrew, and
- (b) to require an equal and fair study load between those who do not proceed with Hebrew and those who do.

The old Regulation reads:

.... The Faculty may exempt candidates from Hebrew after the first year of their Theological Hall Course, reporting such exemption to the College Committee.

The proposed Regulation reads:

.... The Faculty may exempt candidates from Hebrew after the satisfactory completion of one year's study, reporting such exemption to the College Committee, but shall require such candidates to complete Old Testament Exegesis as an alternative to Old Testament Exegesis from the Hebrew.

4. *Syllabi of the Theological Halls*

As part of its responsibility to monitor standards throughout Australia the College Committee conducts an annual review of syllabi of each of the Theological Halls.

It is encouraging to report an increasing uniformity in the nature and standard offered in the Halls.

Arising out of one review the Committee "resolved to raise with the New South Wales Theological Education Committee and Faculty the suitability of the Sydney University B.D. for providing an appropriate syllabus for Presbyterian Candidates and request the New South Wales Committee and Faculty to give consideration to phasing it out for new students as from 1984".

The N.S.W. Theological Education Committee has raised the matter with Presbyteries and at its recent meeting the N.S.W. General Assembly resolved to declare that the Bachelor of Divinity degree within the Sydney University is no longer to be offered as one strand within (that Assembly's) Multistrand Course of Theological Training, candidates at present enrolled in this strand being permitted to complete their course without prejudice.

5. *Reception of Ministers*

The Reception of Ministers Committee has consulted with the College Committee when bringing to the Assembly recommendations of an academic nature.

The College Committee has sought, in making such advice, to apply the following principles:

- (a) that academic requirements for entry for ministers coming from outside our Church should be the same as for those being trained within our Church;
- (b) that such requirements should satisfy not only academic levels but also the content of courses undertaken;
- (c) that such content should include a coverage of key areas in both the historic theology of our Church and in contemporary theological issues that confront our Church;
- (d) that these academic requirements apply irrespective of the pastoral experience that an applicant may have.

6. *Membership of Committee*

It is suggested that the personnel of the Committee be reappointed except that the members who were former Conveners of Theological Education Committees in N.S.W. and Victoria be replaced by the present Conveners. For N.S.W. Rev. S.J. Clements is replaced by Rev. W.G. Camden and for Victoria Rev. E.R. Pearsons is replaced by Rev. D.J. Innes.

The Executive recorded its appreciation to Rev. S. J. Clements and E.R. Pearsons for their valued contribution to the Committee over the past important and formative years for our Church.

The Convener, Emeritus Professor Dr. R Swanton has been a member of the College Committee for 27 years. Secretary for 16 years and Convener for 11 years. An appropriate minute is included in the deliverance. Dr. Swanton is available to continue as a member of the Executive.

7. *Future Planning*

The Committee is looking at ways and means of procuring greater co-operation between the States. As one means to this end, it is hoped that an academic conference can be arranged between this and the next Assembly.

8. *Finance*

The Committee is aware of the expenses involved in travelling for interstate meetings. It has now been able to confine such meetings to once a year. It is planned to extend one of these into the conference mentioned in the previous paragraph and still keep the budget to the same level (\$7,000) as set for the last triennium.

R SWANTON
Convener.

DEFENCE FORCES CHAPLAINCY

The restructuring of the Defence Forces has changed considerably the work of the General Assembly's Defence Forces Committee. This Committee now deals with the postings of Senior Chaplains and other in-service matters are handled by the Principal Chaplain's Committees. Therefore, there has been little requirement for the committee to meet with all members present.

The executive committee, based in Victoria, is able to carry out the sponsoring of Ministers as Chaplains to the Defence Forces without incurring the heavy cost of bringing members interstate. Urgent inquiries are dealt with by telephone at cost to the Department of Defence.

The Committee has nominated as Chaplains (part-time) — Rev. R Betts, Army (Puckapunyal) approved and currently serving. Rev. J. Langbridge, Navy (HMAS Cairns) approved and coming into service.

The decision by the Army to rewrite the Services Church Hymnary and Orders of Service led to a long debate concerning the Protestant form the Lord's Supper. The Uniting Church strongly contested the Presbyterian Order which has been in use for many years. The Presbyterian Order of the Lord's Supper is to remain the Protestant Order of Service.

The decision by the Principal Chaplain's Committee to reduce the Senior Military Chaplains in the Military Districts from five members to three was refused by the Presbyterian R.A.C.S. because this would effectively cut down the State Church representatives of the Protestant Churches from three to one in each District. The Senior Chaplain's Committee would then comprise one Anglican, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant Churches chaplain. The structure at the present time of one Presbyterian, one Uniting Church, and one United Churches Board is to remain.

In a previous report the Committee welcomed the building of Christian Chapels on Defence Bases at cost to the Federal Government who also repair and maintain existing chapels. We are happy to report this policy is now in operation. Two Army chapels have been built, one at Townsville and the other at Bonegilla and they serve all denominations. Communion kits are to be supplied to Chaplains at Government expense and this is a change from the necessity to date when all chaplains have had to supply their own ecclesiastical requirements. An exception to this personal expense has been in the R.A.A.F. where chaplains have had these needs provided.

The Coldham Committee Report on Defence Forces pay and allowances has caused pay problems for the Chaplains and the matter is being strongly debated by the Churches which are represented by the R. A. C. S. Chaplains in their services and the Department of Defence have protested against the Coldham recommendation now in operation. This report reduced the status and pay of a new chaplain to the level of Lieutenant rather than Captain.

The Committee's attempt to recruit more ministers as Chaplains for the three services is meeting with only partial success. Each State Committee is working hard to fill vacancies. However, Chaplain A. Mortimer ARA is on extension before retirement from permanent service with the Army. His replacement is an urgent necessity for the coming year.

The Committee brings to the notice of the General Assembly the retirement on the 28th July 1985, of Principal Air Chaplain James Reid. Rev. J. Reid serviced with the R.A.A.F. at Base Pearce, W.A. for ten years before returning with his family to Scotland for a short period.

On his return to Australia Rev. Reid was approached by the Committee to return to chaplaincy work in the R. A. A.F. with a view to his appointment as Principal Air Chaplain upon the retirement of Principal Air Chaplain A. McAllister.

Rev. Reid accepted the approach and has filled the position with dignity. He has served God and the Church in an exemplary manner in this sphere of ministry within the R. A. A. F. The Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee requests the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia give expression of thanksgiving for the life and service of Principal Chaplain Air Commodore James Reid (Rt).

The following is a list of postings of Chaplains.

Presbyterian Member Religious Advisory Committee to Defence Forces: K.J. Gibson. *Royal Australian Navy (Part-time):* Chap. J. Langbridge, R.A.N.R., HMAS Cairns; Chap. G.J. Abbas, R.A.N.R., Unallotted list; Chap. L. Bailey, R.A.N.R., unallotted list. *Royal Australian Navy (Permanent):* Chap. A.P. Mortimer, 1.R.T.B. Kapooka, NSW; Chap. A.D. Lang, Army Aviation Centre, Oakey, Qld; Chap. E. Brooker, D.S.U. Randwick, NSW.

(Reserve): 1 Military District (Queensland)— Snr. Chap. P. Gordon, HQ 1MD; Chap. R. Acreman, HQ 1MD; Chap. P. Playstead, Unallotted list *2 Military District (New South Wales)—* Sen. Chap. C. Egan, HQ2MD; Chap. R.S. Keith, HQ2MD. *3 Military District (Victoria) —* Sen. Chap. G.F. Lyman, HQ 3MD; Chap. R. Betts, HQ 3MD. *6 Military District (Tasmania)—* Sen. Chap. M.J.K. Ramage.

Royal Australian Air Force: Principal Chaplain James Reid — Ret. July 1985.

(*Permanent*): Chap. J. Pilgram, Butterworth to Laverton 1985/6; Chap. P. Davidson, East Sale, Victoria 1985.

(*Reserve*): Chap. R. McCracken, Ops. Command, NSW; Chap. H. Gallagher, Townsville, Queensland; Chap. A. Harman, Laverton, Victoria; Chap. D. Durham, Amberley, Queensland.

Department of Veteran Affairs: Repatriation Hospitals— Rev. G.R. McIntyre, Concord, NSW (permanent); Rev. G.F. Lyman, Heidelberg, Victoria (part-time).

K.J. GIBSON
Convener.

FINANCE

Powers and Functions:— Following a request for an up to date copy of the Regulations (being the Powers and Functions of the Finance Committee) a current copy was made available to the Code Committee. Apart from minor drafting amendments there was only one addition dealing with appeals which was suggested by the Moderator, the Right Reverend Norman Monsen, in the light of his experience. The suggestion is covered by the following paragraph for which approval is sought:

"In ordinary circumstances, any proposals to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia for financial appeals in connection with national needs and disasters must be approved by the said General Assembly of Australia before implementation. In urgent or emergency circumstances such proposals must be approved by the Finance Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia before implementation. In each case the merits, purpose, timing, etc. of the appeal must be detailed in the submission."

Balance Sheets and Statements of Income and Expenditure:— At its meeting on 28 April 1983 the Finance Committee resolved that accounts under its immediate control would be audited at the same time as the New South Wales accounts — 31 December annually — and suggested the same arrangement to those committees maintaining the separate accounts. The following accounts, duly audited, will be table for information and for incorporation in the Blue Book—

- Presbyterian Church of Australia (Specific and Ordinary Capital)
- Christian Education Committee
- National Journal Committee
- Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee
- World Mission Committee (funds held in both Brisbane and Sydney)

Church Union: G.A. A. Property Commission: Division of Assets and Liabilities:— The Finance Committee reports with regret that the work of division of assets and liabilities between the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches following church union has not yet been finalised. The support of the General Assembly of Australia is being sought for the Finance Committee to take up with the Uniting Church authorities and with the G.A.A. Property Commission the desirability of completing the division no later than 31 December 1985.

Rising Costs:— Since the last General Assembly in September 1982 the members of the Finance Committee have been particularly concerned with escalating costs. This concern has been shared by finance committees in the State Churches. Until rolls are made up it is difficult to assess the likely cost of a General Assembly. The last session held in Sydney in September 1982 cost \$28,393.23 comprised as follows:—

Travelling expenses of commissioners	\$15,429.55
Accommodation expenses of commissioners	\$ 6,856.05
White and Blue Books, etc.	\$ 4,727.63
Honoraria to Assembly Officers	\$ 1,380.00
	\$28,393.23

The basis for reimbursement of the travelling expenses of commissioners was changed by the Thirty-eighth General Assembly of September 1982 (Minute 88 (7)(b)).

"Declare that all commissioners having to travel more than 750 kilometres by rail shall be paid return economy air fares effective as from the rising of the house."

At its meeting on 28 March 1983 the Finance Committee noted that the basis for calculating travelling expenses for commissioners attending the General Assembly in September 1985 would be:—

- Commissioners having to travel more than 750 km by rail
 - Return economy class air fares
- Commissioners from Tasmania
 - Return economy class air fares

Commissioners having to travel 750 km or less by rail

— Second class concession return rail fares
(where not available — ordinary rail fares)

— Where a train does not run — ordinary coach fares.

For those commissioners not in permanent residence in the city in which the General Assembly is held it has been the custom to reimburse the cost of overnight accommodation and breakfast. In the absence of arrangements for billeting commissioners it is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the actual expenditure incurred by commissioners in overnight accommodation and breakfast should continue to be reimbursed.

The attention of state church finance committees was drawn to the possibility that travel costs to the 1985 G.A.A. could rise to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 as compared with some \$15,450 in 1982 and the opinion was expressed that claims for reimbursement of travelling expenses should not exceed the expenditure actually incurred in travelling by commissioners. At its meeting on 25 July 1983 the Finance Committee received a communication from Queensland in which it was estimated that costs of holding the 1985 G.A.A. could fall between \$60,000 and \$70,000, to which must be added committee and other costs. Discussions that had been taking place up to July 1983 caused the Finance Committee to express concern at the rapidly rising costs to the ad hoc committee on Travel and Hospitality Arrangements for subsequent meetings of the General Assembly; the Business Committee; and the Commission to appoint another time, place or date of the next G.A. A.

In considering the problem of rising costs the Finance Committee turned its attention to the committee structure of the Presbyterian Church of Australia; the actual need for some committees; the source of power of the General Assembly of Australia to appoint some of them; the present duplication of work and responsibility that, perhaps, could be eliminated by committees from the State Churches undertaking those tasks. However, the Finance Committee has always been conscious that its area of concern relates only to finance. Accordingly, it referred the committee structure to the Code Committee for consideration. The Code Committee and the Finance Committee are both of the opinion that the General Assembly itself should examine its own committee system. It is obvious that in eighty years there must be some legitimate change so that, for example, the Committee on Relations with Other Presbyterian Churches ties in closely with the work of the Reception of Ministers Committee, both of which discharge duties previously (but no longer) performed in State Churches. On the other hand, such activities as Christian Education and Church and Nation are also being dealt with in some detail by State General Assemblies so that such questions as the need and the authority for those committees must arise. How the General Assembly of Australia can effectively (if legally) also deal with such matters is somewhat obscure. The reply received from the Code Committee is recorded for information:—

Under the Articles of Agreement the area of jurisdiction for the G.A. of A. is quite limited and except in unusual times, i.e. Church Union, the amount of work involved for an Assembly to do, if it was strictly adhering to the Articles, would not amount to a great deal.

That is not to suggest that the Assembly could not set up an Ad Hoc Committee to attend to some issue of national significance, i.e. the Bicentennial 1988 Committee as an example, however the cost proposed is in the nature of petty cash.

As for those Committees that are not covered by the Articles and are viewed as permanent fixtures, there is clearly no authority for the G.A. of A. to authorise such expenditure.

If such expenditure is proposed and the State Assemblies agree to pay, so be it, but if one or more refuse them the G.A. of A. would be powerless to direct otherwise.

Honoraria to Officers of G.A.A.:— The Thirty-eighth General Assembly approved the following honoraria until such time as the General Assembly of Australia determines otherwise:—

Moderator	\$600 p.a.
Clerk of Assembly	\$460 for each General Assembly
Deputy Clerk	\$230 for each General Assembly
Assistants to Clerks	\$230 for each General Assembly
Business Convener	\$230 for each General Assembly

The Finance Committee, having examined the situation, recommends the following payments as from and including the 1985 General Assembly:—

Moderator	\$850 p.a.
Clerk of Assembly	\$520 for each General Assembly
Deputy Clerk	\$260 for each General Assembly
Assistants to Clerks	\$260 for each General Assembly
Business Convener	\$260 for each General Assembly

By reason of the Moderatorship at the 1985 General Assembly it will be necessary for one or more persons to act in some of the offices. It is the recommendation of the Finance

Committee that honoraria be paid to those so acting as determined by the Finance Committee.

Moderator's Expenses:— The Thirty-eighth General Assembly approved the following provisions for the Moderator:

- (i) An allowance up to \$3,000 per annum to cover travel, accommodation, telephone, postage, stationery, secretarial expenses for the period of office ... such amount not expendable for each year of office but available for the total period of office;
- (ii) An allowance sufficient to cover the cost of moderatorial dress (court), if and when required;
- (iii) Costs of pulpit supply for his absence on moderatorial duty.
- (iv) An honorarium of \$600 per annum as approved in a previous clause.

Declare that when the Moderator is invited to special congregational and institutional functions the parties concerned should as a general rule meet all relevant moderatorial expenses. Authorise the Finance Committee to approve any necessary additional expenditure in respect of the Moderator.

The Finance Committee consulted the Moderator's Committee (BB 1982: 12(1)) and brings forward its recommendation for payments to apply as from and including the 1985 General Assembly:—

- (i) An allowance up to \$4,400 per annum to cover travel, accommodation, telephone, postage, stationery, secretarial expenses for the period of office ... such amount not expendable for each year of office but available for the total period of office;
- (ii) An allowance sufficient to cover the cost of moderatorial court dress.
- (iii) Costs of pulpit supply during the Moderator's absence on moderatorial duty.
- (iv) An honorarium of \$850 per annum as recommended previously.

It is also recommended that, when the Moderator is invited to special congregational and institutional functions, the parties concerned should, as a general rule, meet relevant costs of the Moderator. As has previously been the custom, the Finance Committee should be authorised to approve any necessary additional expenditure in respect of the Moderator.

Expenditure by Committees of G.A. A.:— In terms of The Code 185 certain committees are empowered to select one-fourth of their number to attend one special meeting per year, a proportion of the travelling expenses of such delegates being paid from the same source and in the same manner as the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly which are covered by Article of Agreement (xiii) — regulation 160. However, in an effort to restrict expenditure the Thirty-seventh General Assembly in 1979 (Minute 95.11) instructed all committees of the General Assembly of Australia except the College Committee to appoint those members of the committee, who reside in the same city as the Convener, as the Executive to exercise the powers of the committee in dealing with such matters as may arise between meetings of the General Assembly with the proviso that all members of the committee, the Moderator and Clerk of Assembly will be provided with copies of all minutes of meetings of the Executive and also that one-third plus one of the members of any Committee may request the Convener to call a meeting of the full Committee which shall be held at the time and place decided by the Executive.

It has been the practice for many years for a request to be made to the several State Churches to contribute towards the expenses of those committees without capital resources of their own. Amounts approved by successive General Assemblies as maximum allocations to those committees have been so regarded both by the Finance Committee and most of the committees receiving funds from this source. If any committee has had the resources to take up any shortfall on allocation has not been made. A maximum allocation should not be confused with a grant.

Requests were received from the Christian Education and National Journal Committees to make the full allocations of \$3,000 and \$6,000 available. Those submissions were refused. In requesting payment of the maximum allocation for 1983/85 of \$6,000 the National Journal Committee advised that it had incurred a trading deficit of some \$17,000 in 1984. However, a trading surplus of \$5,396 was achieved in 1983 and the Accumulation account was in credit \$30,509 as at 31 December 1984 after taking into account the deficit referred to above. In all the circumstances the Finance Committee considers that the General Assembly should determine whether or not the maximum allocation of \$6,000 for the years 1983 to 1985 should be paid to the National Journal Committee in view of the trading loss of \$17,000 faced in 1984 by that committee in the publication of Australian Presbyterian Life. Accordingly, an appropriate clause has been added to the Proposed Deliverance to permit the General Assembly itself to decide the matter.

In terms of existing regulations it is necessary for those committees desirous of participating in the maximum allocation scheme to submit an estimate being statements of income and expenditure per annum for the next three calendar years. The schedule set out below records maximum allocations to committees etc. approved by the last G.A.A.; maximum amounts sought for the ensuing triennium; and the maximum allocation recommended by the Finance Committee to cover the calendar years 1986, 1987, 1988. It should be noted that payment of maximum allocations may not be necessary.

Committee	Amount Used		Maximum Allocations		
	1/1/83	1983/85	Sought	Recommended	
	30/6/85		1986/88		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Beneficiary	—	500	Nil	Nil	
Bicentennial 1988	—	100	1000	1000	
Business	—	1500	Nil	Nil	
Christian Education	1786	3000	3000	3000	
Church and Nation	6	3000	3000	3000	
Code	1506	3000	6600	6600	
College	2854	7700	6960	7000	
Defence forces	1038	1500	2500	1500	
Finance	290	1500	1500	1500	
National Journal	—	6000	Nil	Nil	
Public Worship & Aids					
to Devotion	727	600	3000	3000	
Reception of Ministers	424	900	900	900	
Relations with Other					
Pres. Churches	325	300	500	500	
Stewardship and					
Promotion	76	—	300	300	
	9032	29600	29260	28300	

Other Expenditure Contributions:

World Alliance of Reformed Churches \$4000
 Reformed Ecumenical Synod Subscription Fee

Travelling Expenses: One representative

450th Anniversary of Reformation in Geneva, May 1986 \$4000 (app.)

Future Expenditure by Committees:— Difficulty has always been experienced in preparing budgets three years in advance. Over a long period there has been a clear indication that most committees of the General Assembly, in conducting their business, have kept the cost factor well in mind. It is submitted, therefore, that the Finance Committee be authorised to approve any reasonable additional expenditure that may arise on the understanding that there would be full discussion with committees involved and that, subsequently, information would be made available to state finance or equivalent committees.

Because of assistance rendered by the Trustees it has been practicable to finance expenditure pending reimbursement by state finance committees, thus rendering accounting easier and avoiding the necessity of collecting estimated amounts in advance and adjusting those contributions at a later stage. The General Assembly is being requested to approve the continuance of such an arrangement.

Year Book and Church Directory:— Appreciation is extended to the National Journal Committee for the regular production of a Year Book and Church Directory. The financial situation has been reached at which funds generated from sales provide for the expenditure involved in production and distribution. Whereas it is hoped that this financial situation will continue, the production of a Year Book and Church Directory is so important that, should the need arise again, the re-introduction of a subsidy may have to be faced.

Committee Membership:— Following receipt of a request from the Clerk of Assembly clauses have been included in the Proposed Deliverance containing the names of those already appointed by state churches and others recommended for appointment to the Finance Committee. Having been a member of the Finance Committee since 1962 and its Convener since 1974, Mr. Hector MacFarlane, AM, who will retire as General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales during 1986, will not seek re-election. It is recommended that Mr. D.R. Brierley, Chairman of Trustees in New South Wales, be elected Convener and that Messrs. K.C. Auld, J. A. Godfrey, W.M. McGilvray and J.E. Sticpewich be elected as members of the Finance Committee. If elected, those members and others elected from New South Wales will form the Executive. At the request of the Executive, Mr. D.R. Brierley prepared the following addition to the report:—

Appreciation — Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane, AM: The Executive would draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the present convener, Mr. H.I.M. MacFarlane, AM, has indicated his intention to retire as Convener of the Committee at this Assembly. Mr. MacFarlane has been a member of the executive of the Finance Committee since 1962, a period of twenty-three years. He was elected Convener in 1974 and now retires because of his pending retirement as General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in New South Wales.

Mr. MacFarlane has applied himself to the duties of Convener with the same enthusiasm and professionalism that he exhibits in any task he is given. The Committee is grateful for

the leadership he has displayed during his time as Convener and was indeed very sorry to hear he intended to retire but appreciates his reasons.

The Committee knows the General Assembly shares with the Committee its debt of gratitude to him and conveys its appreciation and thanks to him for his contribution to the work of the General Assembly.

May God bless him in the years to come.

HECTOR MacFARLANE
Convener.

IMMIGRATION

Actual immigration continues at a steady, but certainly depleted rate, compared with the level of the better years of Australia's Post World War II programme. However, as a talking point, it certainly came alive in more recent times, and in the period since last Assembly. One cause for this was the debate of Asian Immigration in which members of both major political parties, the media and others were eager to engage, following some remarks by a University Professor on the subject

This made it abundantly clear to thinking Australians that below the surface of acceptance and toleration of ethnic groups, there are at least sections of the population in whose minds there are questions regarding the levels of intake from some countries. This has occurred in spite of the efforts of Christian people through Church welfare work, and others with basic humanitarian ideals, to develop an atmosphere of good relationships in multi-cultural society.

The Presbyterian Church is not high on the list of denominations which have benefited numerically as a result of immigration. But its membership has been strengthened not only by newcomers from the U.K. and Europe, but also from Asian countries.

Though some of these have chosen to congregate for worship in their separate groups, others have found their way into ordinary Presbyterian congregations. Many of these have shown themselves to be faithful and regular worshippers and the Church rejoices in their fellowship.

Whilst the present climate of unemployment remains, migration is still geared to certain particular categories — family re-union, special humanitarian programmes, refugee intake, Business migration and skills to fill job vacancies not able to be met from the existing community.

Realising that situations can change quickly — and not merely as a result of shift of Government policy, we would ask the Assembly to allow this Committee to continue. It makes no financial demands on the funds of the Church, and is always available to offer help and advice when requested. Besides this, it is willing to receive any useful information in Immigration, Ethnic and Cultural affairs to share with any others engaged in this type of welfare work in the various States.

R. WALDER
Convener.

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Since the last Assembly in 1982 it has not been necessary for the Executive to meet as no matters have been placed before the Committee for consideration.

The Executive was asked to approve the Terms of Appointment of the Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Inland Mission which the Convener did after consultation with various members of the Executive. The Terms as submitted were approved by the Executive.

We are informed that there was a request for information concerning the determination of stipends, but no communication or request has been made to the Convener or the Executive for such information.

It may be appropriate for the Executive to re-state the regulations under which the Committee acts as no doubt many members of this Assembly are unaware of its duties and functions and for them, and indeed for the benefit of the Church, we set out in brief detail a resume of its responsibilities:—

1. The Committee was authorised to negotiate with the States to seek uniformed stipend levels throughout Australia; to facilitate the transfer of Ministers from State to State in particular to the smaller States so that in translating they would not be disadvantages by lower stipend levels, allowances and conditions.
2. To liaise between the various States on questions of Long Service Leave and to ensure that reciprocal arrangements were maintained so that if a Minister transferred from one State to another, his rights under Long Service Leave would be maintained and that he would be able to take his Leave when due and that the costs which were apportioned to a particular State would be met by that State.

3. To consider any matter placed before it by State Committees if that State Committee considered it would be in the best interests of the Church in the realm of ministry.
4. The Committee also is responsible to examine and approve Terms of Appointment of all full-time ministerial appointments made by the General Assembly of Australia.

It is proposed that the Executive continue to be based in New South Wales and that corresponding members be appointed by each Maintenance of the Ministry/Ministry and Mission Committee so that any matter which has to be considered can be referred to the various States.

The Executive would nominate those who are listed in the Deliverance as members of the Executive; the Convener would await information from the States as to the corresponding member for each State.

D R. BRIERLEY
Convener.

MODERATOR GENERAL'S REPORT

During my term as Moderator General I have travelled far and wide across Australia meeting with ministers and their people. I cannot help but be impressed and enthused with the experience for I have seen and continue to see an upsurge of determined dedication to the interests of the Kingdom of God... denoting, I believe, an awareness firstly to an individual responsibility in matters of religious faith and secondly, focusing this into the wider community responsibility for the sake of a more soundly based Christian nation. This is my testimony to the Presbyterian Church of Australia at the present time and I believe it augers well for our future!

God has been good to me in this term of office for besides good health and strength I have been enormously enriched in the performances of my duties. It is not possible to cram into a relatively short report like this an account of all my activities in representing the Church over the period of 3 years ... for the demands upon one's time and energy are innumerable and exacting. Nonetheless, it is with much gratitude to the Assembly that I acknowledge the privilege of having been Moderator General. My commitment to this office is also to acknowledge the One Whom I serve — the Lord Jesus, the King and Head of the Church! To Him be all the honour and glory — for me, sufficient to know the pleasure of serving!

I attended the General Assemblies of the Church in South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and officially received. In the case of West Australia and Tasmania I attended their respective Presbyteries and at the time carried out a complete visitation of parishes in each of these States.

I responded to a host of invitations to attend special church services such as Centenaries e.g. in Townsville, Minmi, Mount Gambier, Canberwell. There were many other special occasions too in respect to other denominations e.g. addressing the 1985 Uniting Church in Australia General Assembly; St. Andrew's Cathedral-Sydney-to acknowledge the visiting delegation from the China Christian Council. A significant feature of my moderatorial experience was in representing the Presbyterian Church of Australia in Darwin (N.T.) for the re-establishment of our Church in that city. The Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee invited me to visit the newly established congregation in Darwin and the Presbytery of Sydney requested me to officially declare our presence and to ordain and induct Elders to form the first Presbyterian Session in Darwin. All this and more was done on this memorable occasion! The General Assembly of New South Wales, the Presbytery of Sydney and the P.I.M. Committee deserve the Assembly's commendation for this significant step in the life of our Church!

There were several other occasions wherein I was greatly privileged to represent the Presbyterian Church in respect of Vice-regal and Civic functions e.g. the presentation of the Assembly's 'Address of Loyalty' to the Governor General and attendance at Government House, Canberra, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

It is realised, of course, all invitations cannot be accepted personally due to the limitations of time and prior engagements etc. In these cases, where possible, I arranged for other persons to represent me e.g. Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission's 25 th Anniversary; the meeting of the Australian Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order. In respect to the latter reference the Assembly should note that there is no appointed committee to deal with the question of 'Faith and Order' (doctrinal matters). Perhaps it is timely that such a body should be appointed.

Many matters of various kinds were referred to me on the assumption that the Moderator General has authority to deal with such, which in most cases he has not but nonetheless is forced to act in good faith e.g. the case of Parliamentary Bills affecting the moral attitudes of the Community — 'De facto Relationship Bill(s)'. When matters of this nature came to me I referred them to the Church and Nation Committee of the Assembly for attention.

A great deal of agitation was raised by a communication from a Uniting Church congregation in New South Wales requesting all denominations throughout Australia to call a National Day of Prayer. I did not proceed any further with this other than to confer with the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, who assured me that the matter would not proceed through the Courts of that Church.

When news of the devastation caused by the hurricane that swept over Vanuatu destroying church property and causing much havoc was received I was requested to initiate an Australia-wide church appeal for funds to assist in the restoration of the destroyed property. The General Assembly has no procedure to enact appeals of a general nature that may be required between Assembly meetings. I advised the World Missions Committee to take the responsibility and I as Moderator General would publicly commend the appeal to the Church. This was done and it enabled our people to respond to those in need in Vanuatu. I then advised the Finance Committee to consider formulating a procedure to take care of such unforeseen eventualities classified as emergency or disaster appeals.

I make it known to the Assembly that the Australian Council of Churches by resolution in June 1984 decided to call a 'Heads of Churches' summit meeting to consider certain aspects common to the life and work of all denominations and the meeting to be for A. C. C. members and non-members alike. I attended the first meeting April 1985 at which 17 persons were present. A second meeting was held July 1985 out of which the theme 'Reconciliation' in 7 phases was to be formulated for a later meeting ... out of which it is intended that on-going structures would be established for the holding of regional and national conferences in 1989! The matter of Presbyterian commitment to this project is one that should be taken seriously. The Assembly itself should perhaps make a pronouncement... for the Moderator General alone has no authority to commit the Presbyterian Church to such an undertaking.

The Presbyterian Church of Australia has had a long association with the Presbyterian Church of Korea and in the past was responsible for a great deal of missionary enterprise in the land of 'Morning Calm'. The said Korean Church celebrated its Centenary in 1984 and it was my pleasure to convey on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Australia felicitations and best wishes for the occasion. Much correspondence ensued between me and the Moderator of the Korean Church for I was invited to personally represent our Church in Korea at these celebrations. Whilst the Assembly's Committee on Relations with other Churches recommended that I visit Korea for the above purpose consideration of the Assembly's financial resources regretfully prevented such a visit. This, I believe, is one of our missed opportunities!

However, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea in 1983 by resolution extended to us the proposition that together we 'establish a partnership relationship'. This matter I referred to the Clerk of the Assembly to bring forward as a communication from the Korean Church to be received by the Assembly itself with the hope the Assembly may reciprocate by a similar declaration.

The Moderator General has many pleasurable duties such as expressing the goodwill of the Church to those who have anniversaries of one kind or another of significance. This entails a great deal of his time in correspondence but all this is worthwhile for much pleasure is given to the recipients in this way, particularly the aged!

I felt it my duty at the time to express in writing on behalf of the Assembly our gratitude to Mr. J.G. Menzies for his services on retirement from the office of Chairman of the G.A. A. Trustees ... and to congratulate Mr. D.R. Brierley on his appointment to the position vacated by Mr. Menzies.

A matter that provoked a good deal of agitation, particularly in New South Wales and Queensland, was the high cost of holding the present Assembly. As Chairman of the relevant Commission of Assembly I was requested by interested bodies to consider this matter with the view to changing the venue from Melbourne to Sydney on the proposition the costs would be less for Sydney than for Melbourne. The financial statistics were carefully considered and on the advice of the G.A. A. Finance Committee I concluded that financial considerations did not constitute the ground of 'impracticability' as required by the Commission's authority to change the venue as requested (see 1982 Blue Book, Minute 98) and therefore I considered there was no justification to call a meeting of the Commission.

The Assembly's financial provision for the Moderator to carry out the manifold duties that befall him must be carefully considered — especially recognition must be given to the inflationary costs occurring year by year. I appear to have been able to contain costs within the allotment but the fact that I personally attended to all the many secretarial aspects of office as Moderator General may largely account for this!

Another aspect of concern that should have the attention of this Assembly is the increasing demand upon the Moderator General to travel with ever increasing risks upon his person... be the form of travel road, rail or air. It is known that I unwittingly became involved in a highway 3 car pile-up with my vehicle written off! Perhaps the Finance Committee may give attention to an adequate insurance cover being available at all times for the person of the Moderator General

In conclusion, I acknowledge my inadequacy to accomplish all that is expected of a Moderator General but would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the prayers, the support and encouragement of ministers, elders and people of the Church which have enabled me to apply myself with enthusiasm and to maintain such enthusiasm throughout! Everywhere I found a keen respect for the Office of Moderator General and a warmth of welcome almost unbelievable!

I acknowledge too the teamwork afforded to me by my Wife — Alison. We went everywhere together and shared in all these experiences. It was a great joy to her to meet with the womenfolk of the Church throughout Australia and it was her privilege as the Hon. President of the P.W.A. of Australia to give encouragement and support to P.W.A. Branches in their meetings; in many cases being the guest speaker for the occasion.

Lest the Assembly gets the mistaken notion that the work of the Moderator General is merely public relations inside and without the Church I must assure Commissioners that first and foremost in anything I did in the office of Moderator General I did with the singular intent to show forth the Glory of God in Christ Jesus. In that... I hope I did not fail!

NORMAN MONSEN
Moderator General.

MODERATOR'S COMMITTEE

The Moderator's Committee met only once during the period 1982-85. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Moderator's Allowances at the request of the Finance Committee for advice thereon: such advice was given.

NATIONAL JOURNAL

Since the General Assembly met in 1982 the full National Journal Committee has met on three occasions and the Executive in New South Wales has met at regular monthly intervals to further the cause of our National Journal, "Australia Presbyterian Life" and to maintain a high standard of production. Australian Presbyterian Life has been produced regularly each month (except January) and has endeavoured to bring the message of the Church to the homes of our people throughout Australia.

It is the concern of the Committee to see that the Journal is promoted in every congregation and through all presbyteries.

CIRCULATION:

Although the number of subscriptions increased progressively through the years since the 1982 Assembly in recent months the figures show a decline from December 1984. We believe this calls for utmost endeavour on the part of the Committee for the promotion of our National Journal but this can only be effective with wholehearted support from the Church.

FINANCE:

On the financial side a trading loss is reflected in the financial statement due mainly to rising costs in every aspect of our work and the recent increase in postage adds to our burden of financing the work. Advertising has helped considerably. The subscription rate was raised from \$10.00 per annum to \$12.00 at the beginning of 1984 with bulk subscription set at \$10.00 and overseas \$16.00.

EDITOR:

Until 1984 the Editorship was on a part-time basis and in July the matter of a full time editor was raised and the full committee met on 10 October 1983 and it was decided that as from 1 January 1984 the position of Editor would be full time. Terms of appointment was approved by the Committee and the Ministry and Mission Committee of the N.S.W. Assembly. Rev. C.R. Thomas was appointed to the position of full time editor and the Presbytery of Sydney was requested to set him apart as Editor of "Australian Presbyterian Life". The Presbytery acquiesced and the Service for Setting Apart was held in Scots Church Sydney on 7 February 1984 with the Moderator General, Rt. Rev. Norman Monsen giving the Charge. Since then Mr. Thomas has been engaged full time in producing and promoting Australian Presbyterian Life. The Term of the Editor expires on 31.12.85 and the Committee nominates Rev. C.R. Thomas for a further term.

BUSINESS MANAGER:

The Business Manager, Rev. D. H. Robinson has given good service on a part time basis in the management of the

business affairs of the Committee. The Term of the Business Manager expires on 31.12.85. Due to financial considerations, it is the intention of the Committee to seek the Services of a suitable person to do the work on an honorary basis, and the Committee thank the Rev. D.H. Robinson for his work as the Business Manager.

YEAR BOOK AND LITERATURE, etc.:

The Committee has produced the Year Book and has promoted literature and the sale of ties with the Presbyterian emblem at the office in the Assembly Building in Sydney.

MEMBERSHIP:

The executive, members of the Committee in N. S.W., comprise the Convener, the Editor, the Business Manager and an elder, Mrs. J. Sticpewich. It is felt that the executive should be enlarged because two of the four members are employees of the Committee and it is recommended that the executive be increased to 12 elected members, including the Convener together with the Editor and Business Manager who will be ex officio members without voting rights.

REGULATIONS:

The regulations under which this Committee works were approved by the General Assembly in 1967 (B.B. 1967 Minute 22(6)(c)) and in 1977, (Minute 26(2)) the Assembly approved further regulations for the effective working of this Committee.

The Committee, at the request of the Clerk for up-to-date regulations brings to the Assembly regulations for approval.

CONVENER:

In November 1983 the Rev. E.N. Paxton resigned as Convener and a member of the National Journal Committee. The Committee places on record appreciation of the services of the Rev. E.N. Paxton as Convener over the past years.

Rev. R.A. Caldwell was appointed to the Committee in place of the Rev. E.N. Paxton and was made Convener until the next Assembly. The National Journal Committee at its meeting on 19 March 1985 resolved to record its sincere appreciation to the Rev. R. A. Caldwell firstly, in accepting the convener-ship of the Committee and guiding this enterprise of the Church's outreach over this period. The Committee wishes Mr. Caldwell God's blessing as he retires from our midst.

APPRECIATION:

Appreciation is expressed to all who contribute to the production of our Journal and especially we mention the Rev. N. Sandon for his graphic design work and Mr. A. Ramsey and Mr. E. Dandie for proof reading. These services are truly valued.

The Committee is appreciative of the diligent work of the office secretary Mrs. M. Guy in carrying out her duties.

RA. CALDWELL
Convener.

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

The various state assemblies appointed the following members to the committee:— Queensland, VERY REV. DR K.J. GARDNER RIGHT REV. E.F. TAYLOR New South Wales, RIGHT REV. A.R. EWING, REV. S.J. CLEMENTS; Victoria, RIGHT REV. A.C. STUBS, REV. PRINCIPAL A.M. HARMAN; Tasmania, REV. M.J. RAMAGE; South Australia, RIGHT REV. J.C. HARRIS; other members are the present moderator RIGHT REV. NORMAN MONSEN and the CLERK of ASSEMBLY REV. E.R. PEARSONS (CONVENER).

Again this committee functioned efficiently and at the completion of its task named the Rev. Edward R Pearsons as Moderator Nominate. Mr. Pearsons is minister at St Johns, Gardenvale East, Victoria, he is Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and of this General Assembly. In 1982 he was Moderator of the Victorian Assembly. The committee notes with pleasure the wide acceptance of the nomination of Mr. Pearsons.

NORMAN MONSEN
Moderator.

PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

COMMITTEE —

The Committee promised the last Assembly it would continue with diligence the task committed to it to provide, as it is able, ministry to The Inland by the traditional form of Patrols. The Committee takes pride in reporting considerable success in its endeavours thus .. bearing in mind how in 1977 the Committee lacked entirely the financial resources appropriate for the work the Assembly required of it.

What measure of success there has been is accountable to the devotion of the Committee to its duty and the prayerful responses of the people of our Church to the need for the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments to The Inland. *In all this the Committee acknowledges the Blessing of Almighty God.*

The Committee met as required; having met 20 times since the last Assembly to the end of June, 1985. Members of the Committee have been diligent in their attendance. It was with much regret the Committee received the resignations of Revd. R. Williams (N.S. W.) and Mr. G. Newby (Vic.). Rev. J.S. Woodward (N.S.W.) and Rev. R. Scott (Vic.), were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The Committee acknowledges the valuable help Mrs. N. Monsen gives to the Committee as a representative of the N.S.W. Presbyterian Women's Association Council and in the correspondence link she has with Inter-State Units of the P. W. A. Whereby these groups are kept informed of P.I.M. activities and needs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER —

The Convener continued until 1 st August 1984 to administer voluntarily the affairs of the Mission on a day to day basis when upon the said date Revd. A.B. Clark (Minister of Mudgee. N.S.W.) was appointed to the salaried position of Executive Officer for an initial period of five years. The Presbytery of Sydney conducted the Service of Setting Apart. The Committee commends Mr. Clark and his work to the Assembly. Already the Church can see how effective the appointment has been. For instance, as applied to the re-establishment of the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Darwin — Northern Territory! This appointment augers well for the Mission!

CONVENER —

Following upon the appointment of the Executive Officer the Committee recorded a Minute of Appreciation in respect to the work of the Convener .. Right Revd. Norman Monsen. The Minute in part reads — *"The P.I.M. Committee gives thanks to Almighty God for the dedicated service, leadership, inspiration and guidance of Right Revd. Norman Monsen and places on record its sincere appreciation"*.

The Convener has intimated that he does not intend to seek re-nomination to the Conventership of the Committee nor as a member thereof. This decision is taken on account of age along with the acknowledgement that the Church has competent ministers and elders available to fill the breach. Mr. Monsen has an unbroken membership in this aspect of the Church's mission since 1963 (A.I.M.) .. 22 years!

FIELD —

South Australia. Revd. J.C. Harris continues his work in the north of South Australia with great diligence and with much acceptance. For six years Mr. Harris has given ministry to the Port Augusta and Whyalla Congregations and when able to the extended areas outside these communities. Commencing in 1986 Mr. Harris' appointment will not encompass the two named Congregations but will be devoted entirely to the establishment of a patrol ministry in the more isolated parts of South Australia.

The Committee has for the past two years provided the full financial backing for Mr. Harris' ministry including the provision of a Manse at Whyalla. This arrangement will continue as he furthers his work in South Australia. The Committee acknowledges the great contribution Mr. Harris has made to the Presbyterian Church in South Australia having served two consecutive periods as State Moderator and given a stable ministry to the Parish of Port Augusta/Whyalla .. a situation that in times past was a difficult one to maintain.

As an earnest of the Committee's intention to continue a patrol ministry in the extended parts of that State the present dwelling used by Mr. Harris in Whyalla will be bought by the Committee.

Tasmania. Following upon the Convener's visitation of the west coast of Tasmania in October, 1983 and after consultation with the Presbytery of Tasmania the concept 'Partners in Mission' was given practical expression with the appointment of Revd. I. Mckendrick (Minister of Stanley/Rocky Cape) as a part-time Padre to serve the scattered communities on the rugged west coast of Tasmania .. which areas are outside the jurisdiction of any settled parish. The appointment was approved by the Committee in February, 1984 on financial conditions approved by the Parish of Stanley/Rocky Cape and the Presbytery.

Mr. Mckendrick reports regularly to the Committee on his patrol visits to the various areas; which reports clearly justify the need for ministry. The Committee commends Mr. Mckendrick for his diligent attention therein on behalf of the P.I.M.

Queensland. The Committee reported to the last Assembly that a new Patrol Area had been established in the central region of Queensland based upon Blackall with the view to an appointment being made immediately. It has been a matter of regret for the Committee that in spite of much publicity throughout the Presbyterian Church no appointment has been possible due to a lack of response by ministers to accept this challenge. However, the Committee is negotiating with all parties concerned for the appointment of a N. S. W. Exist appointee to commence duties at the end of 1985.

The Committee is grateful for all the interest expressed throughout the Church in respect to the Blackall Patrol .. especially the financial provision made by the N.S.W. P.W.A. Council in allocating the 1983 Market proceeds of \$37,000.00 to this work.

It is with much gratification that following upon negotiations between the Presbytery of North Queensland and the Home Ministry Committee (Qld) and the Session of Mount Isa the concept 'Partners in Mission' was once again given practical effect with the appointment of Mr. R.E.J. Whiting (Home Missionary — Mt Isa) as a part-time Padre to patrol a designated area among isolated homesteads on the basis of 4 or 5 each year. The appointment to the North West Queensland Patrol commenced in April, 1985 and is financed by their P.I.M. Committee. A gift of \$1,500.00 to this patrol from the N. S.W. P.W.A. Stamp Committee is gratefully acknowledged.

This form of ministry — patrolling — whilst traditional to the Presbyterian Church is still remarkably cogent to the needs of the people of The Inland as Mr. Whiting's reports readily testify!

Northern Territory. It was not without some trepidation the Committee considered its responsibility to the Northern Territory.. especially to the re-establishment of the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Darwin. In the process of Church Union the Property Commission declared "*In so far as the Commission has the necessary power it awards to the Uniting Church the properties of the A.I.M. including the Flynn Memorial Church*".

This determination effectively prevented the Presbyterian Church from the exercise of its ministry in the Northern Territory. Since church union the P.I.M. Committee .. being the only responsible body to exercise ministry to The Inland.. was reticent about attempting anything in the Northern Territory due to the strong position of the Uniting Church and, of course, the heavy financial costs that would be involved by the Presbyterian Church were it, through its Committee, to establish anew its ministry.. for example, in Darwin. Further to this, the Committee had .. rationally no call upon it from the area to consider its responsibility in respect to providing ministry!

However in March/April, 1985, the Executive Officer was authorised to assess the situation by visiting Darwin and reporting thereon. Mr. Clark found sufficient interested persons enthusiastic enough to re-establish the witness of the Presbyterian Church in that city. The enthusiasm engendered by that initial visit has been overwhelming and augers well for our future there!

The Committee formulated its plan of action and took a decisive step of commitment As a result the N.S.W. General Assembly resolved as follows:

Declare, subject to any relevant decision by the General Assembly of Australia that Presbyterian Church activity and interests in the Northern Territory be under the jurisdiction of the N.S.W. Assembly forthwith.

Request the Presbytery of Sydney to exercise presbyterial function and authority in the Northern Territory in relation to and consistent with the work of the Presbyterian Inland Mission, at and from the date of the Presbytery's next meeting.

Commend the P.I.M. Committee for its endeavours generally and in particular for its initiative in re-establishing the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Darwin

Acknowledge that the re-establishment of the Presbyterian Church in the Northern Territory be under the authority and management of the P. I.M. Committee but such to be consistent with the Practice and Procedure of the Presbyterian Church in N.S.W. and the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Request the P. I.M. Committee to provide the Presbytery of Sydney and the N. S. W. General Assembly with reports from time to time in respect to its work in the Northern Territory.

The Presbytery of Sydney thereupon resolved in June, 1985, as follows:—

— Agree to the request from the General Assembly to exercise Presbyterial function and authority in the Northern Territory in relation to the work of the P.I.M.

— Sanctify the establishment of the Congregation at Darwin with the status of 'Pastoral Charge' to be known as the Darwin Presbyterian Church.

— Acknowledge as an interim measure with special circumstances the P.I. M. Committee constitutes authority in respect to the day to day functioning and development of the new Congregation at Darwin.

These matters are reported to the Assembly in full for the above are significant historical decisions and the Assembly will be requested to ratify them as an expression of its concern and goodwill to the Northern Territory.

Following upon the above decisions the Committee took steps to inform Presbyteries throughout Australia of these matters circulating a leaflet written by the Convener outlining

the history of the Presbyterian Church in the Darwin context The Committee requested the Moderator General and Mrs. Monsen to visit Darwin as a gesture of the Church's goodwill to the newly established Congregation. The Presbytery of Sydney asked the Moderator General on its behalf to formerly convey the resolutions of the Presbytery as noted above. These requests were fulfilled in July. 1985 and in addition, on the authority of the Presbytery of Sydney, the Moderator General ordained and inducted Elders to form the first Session membership. It should be noted that in all this the Executive Officer played a significant part in bringing about the formation of a Presbyterian Congregation in Darwin.

In preparation for the appointment of a P.I.M. Padre the Darwin Congregation bought a Manse with funds borrowed from the Committee .. a venture undertaken within the first three months of its existence!

It should not be overlooked that in the early stages this venture in Darwin will be costly and will stretch the resources of the Committee to the limit. The Assembly will be asked to commend this work to individuals and congregations throughout the Church for their generous prayerful support

Bi-Centennial Project. The Assembly's Bi-Centennial Committee has requested the P.I.M. Committee to formulate a "Presbyterian Church of Australia Bi-Centennial Project" to be operative in 1988 in respect to the Northern Territory. The Committee will seek Assembly authority for it to solicit funds from within the Presbyterian Church throughout Australia for the establishment of a "P.I.M." Bi-Centennial Trust Fund to further the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the Northern Territory." The Committee does not recommend that such a Trust Fund be tied down with specific regulations but depending upon the eventual size of the Fund the Committee be free to use its discretion in the use of the Fund for the purpose expressed in the title of the Fund. In the event that Assembly approval is given the Committee will undertake suitable publicity in preparation for the Bi-Centennial Year— 1988.

Other States. In New South Wales the Committee has had discussions with the Ministry and Mission Committee in respect to the possibilities of P. I. M. involvement, but at present no specific proposition has emerged.

The Committee is conscious that opportunities in Western Australia should be available. It is the intention of the Committee that the Executive Officer should have an extended visit to that State to confer with the Presbytery of Western Australia on matters of mutual concern and interest.

Summary. It is significant to note that from the Committee's very insecure position in June, 1977 there should be at the beginning of 1986 three full-time Padres, two part-time Padres and a full-time Executive Officer in the employ of the Committee.

PUBLICITY —

It has always been the aim of the Committee to make public to the Church its activities. This has taken various forms such as deputation by the Convener, Executive Officer and Mrs. Monsen: audio-visuals; Christmas cards and articles in the Australian Presbyterian Life. The Committee is especially grateful to the Editor of APL. (Rev. C.R. Thomas) for his willing co-operation in providing so readily the facility for publicising the work of the P.I.M.

REGULATIONS —

The Committee seeks the approval of the Assembly to amend P.I.M. Regulations in respect to 202 (c) where the membership of the Committee is detailed. The Committee seeks to provide the Executive Officer with an ex officio membership.

FINANCE —

The Committee submits its Financial Statements to the Assembly in the sense of gratification to the Beneficence of Almighty God for the generous way in which people of the Church have provided to the needs of the P.I.M. The Committee believes it has been prudent in its stewardship and at no time has shown any debit balances therein. The accounts of the Committee has been audited yearly and are submitted to the Assembly as such. The Committee gratefully acknowledges the interest and assistance of the staff of the General Office and the N.S.W. Presbyterian Church in accounting matters .. and also for the nominal sum provided each year from the N.S.W. General Mission Programme Funds.

The Committee acknowledges the assistance derived from legacies/bequests received from time to time; most of these have to be determined by the Legal Reference Committee. It is important to the ongoing work of the P.I.M. that people be encouraged to consider the provision of legacies/bequests in this way.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT —

I began my duties as Executive Officer on the 5th August 1984, with a mixture of feelings. Having spent almost 12 happy years in my parish of Mudgee. N. S.W. one wonders, in faith, why one is lead to take the step into uncertainty. From the comfort of a secure parish ministry to the wide open Mission of the Inland. The Lord leads where He will and in acceptance of this leading I commence this work in full knowledge of my own limitations, but also knowing the potter will mould and cast the clay to His ultimate design and plan.

There is a saying that a man requires three tenses to fully live; the past, the present and the future. With regard to the Inland Mission work of our Church we have a glorious past, a stable present and a future unknown only in faith and in vision. The three tenses are there, we not only exist, we are alive!

In October, 1984, I addressed the Victorian Assembly and in November addressed the combined Presbyteries of Torrens and Penola South Australia. I then spent a week with the P.I.M. Padre Rev. James Harris getting to know the people at Port Augusta and Wyalla.

In February I spent a week in Tasmania with the P.I.M. Padre, Rev. Ian McKendrick travelling over the North West Patrol area meeting in the house groups that Ian has established and minister to. I addressed the Presbytery of Tasmania and the State Executive of the P.W.A. in Launceston.

In February, Mr. Bob Whiting was appointed part-time Patrol Padre working out of Mount Isa. Five times a year Bob spends a week on patrol visiting the isolated homesteads in the outback. His work is appreciated and indeed necessary.

In March, in faith, I visited Darwin, spending three weeks there. Advertising in newspaper, radio and T. V. was done with a contact telephone number. I spent most of the three weeks visiting between two — three families a day. A public meeting was called and the rest is history. The enthusiasm was tremendous. "You are back!" "Why has it taken you so long?" were some of the comments. Fifty five people attended the Communion Service on Easter Day in the Parap Primary School of whom thirty eight received the Sacrament Darwin, for the Presbyterian Church, is almost a modern day miracle, praise be to God.

I would express my thanks especially to the Convener, Right Revd. Norman Monsen, who spends a great deal of time with me in guidance and in support as we venture forward. Also to the Executive and to the many members of our Church who support the P.I.M. in prayer and in a more tangible manner. Without that support, the P.I.M. could not function.

Finally, I thank my wife and my family who live in Mudgee and with whom I have been able to spend so little time in this past year.

NORMAN MONSEN
Convener.

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10th August. 1985.

Revd. E.R. Pearsons,
Clerk,
General Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Dear Mr. Pearsons,

The Northern Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia has written to me as Moderator General and to the General Assembly in the same letter in what is virtually a complaint in respect to the establishment of the Darwin Presbyterian Church expressing "*deep disappointment that it (the Presbyterian Church) has felt it necessary to establish a Presbyterian congregation, which we (the Northern Synod) do not believe to be in the best interests of the Unity of Christ's Church*".

It may be noted further in the Synod's letter that "*the Uniting Church in Australia recognises the right of the Presbyterian Church to establish congregations wherever it secures an appropriate response. However, we would still very much hope that the kind of close co-operation which existed in the past could continue into the future. For that reason we would wish to maintain an 'open door' policy to all Presbyterians*".

The quoted portions of the Synod's letter as noted above are the cogent sections to which the Assembly need give attention. I believe the Presbyterian Church should be aware of the attitude of the Uniting Church in Australia as represented by its Northern Synod. Plainly, it does not want the Presbyterian Church in Darwin but is willing through its '*open door policy*' that Presbyterians be worshippers in a denomination with which we do not hold the same doctrinal standards.

I gave been bold to reply and herewith submit for the interest of the Commissioners a copy of such reply. It is my suggestion that copies of this letter of mine and copies of my reply should be circulated at the Assembly simply for the information of members. If this is done it is my intention that all the documents (including the original letter from the Northern Synod) should be received and the contents noted.

I have already made the Presbytery of Sydney, the Darwin Session and the P. I. M. Committee aware of the Uniting Church's attitude in this matter and after careful consideration decided to inform the General Assembly also.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MONSEN.

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8th August, 1985.

Revd. G.D. Bence,
Secretary,
Northern Synod.
Uniting Church in Australia.

Dear Mr. Bence,

I am saddened to be the recipient of the letter dated 30th July 1985 from the Uniting Church in Australia as represented by the Standing Committee of the Northern Synod (N.T.); saddened because of the tone of its contents.

I had thought the Uniting Church would have realised that ministry in organic co-operation in any form with the Presbyterian Church at this stage is not an acceptable proposition. The hope that "the kind of close co-operation which existed in the past could continue into the future" is vain and unrealistic.

The "open door" policy enunciated in the letter implies simply that the Uniting Church in Australia is capable of satisfying such a proposition! The lesson here is surely that the Uniting Church in Australia cannot in any way be regarded as a substitute for the Presbyterian Church of Australia ... and indeed, vice versa. Each in its own way has responsibility in the area of church extension based upon their different doctrinal positions.

The Courts of the Presbyterian Church decided to re-establish its witness in the Northern Territory ... be it in the traditional patrol ministry form or by way of the normal parish structure.

For you to state that "there has never been, until now, a Presbyterian Church or congregation in the Northern Territory" begs the question and is misleading. The Presbyterian Church of Australia per medium of the Australian Inland Mission Board had for long enough ministered to Presbyterians in the N.T. (as well as folk related to other denominations) and the said Church thereby contributed greatly to the needs of the Territory in Christian witness.

It is rather gratuitous for you to remind me of 'historical facts' in reference to the history of the Presbyterian Church in the Northern Territory. I claim not to be so ignorant therein having been a member of the A.I.M. Board for 14 years until 1977!

One would have thought the provision of ministry by the Presbyterian Church in Darwin today would have been welcomed by the Uniting Church as being a significant contribution in Christian witness to a common cause ... but instead the letter made it quite clear "the Northern Synod's deep disappointment". I am a little grieved at this attitude.

Please have no doubt that the Presbyterian Church is established to serve the Presbyterians in Darwin who have a deep earnest for the church of their choice... and there is no question that Darwin has Presbyterians of this persuasion' .

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MONSEN.

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Revd. E.R Pearsons.
Clerk,
General Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

re Presbyterian Inland Mission

Dear Sir,

It is with much pleasure that I, on behalf of the Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, once again bid the forbearance of the General Assembly to note an expansion in the Mission's activity over the past year. The expansion has been significant with the most important aspect of this being the appointment of the Revd. Alex B. Clark, (formerly Minister of Mudgee, N.S.W.), to the full time position of Executive Officer. This will allow greater attention to and application of the needs of the Mission to its fundamental charter.. i. e. to provide a ministry to the Inland areas of Australia .. than has been possible hitherto since church union in 1977. The appointment of Mr. Clark has relieved the Convener of day to day administration duties which he voluntarily undertook at the direction of the G.A. A. in 1977.

By the time the General Assembly meets Mr. Clark will have been in all states of the Commonwealth, except Western Australia, to engage the interests of the various church bodies in the Mission's activity.

Earlier in the year Mr. Clark visited Darwin (N.T.) to assess the challenge, responsibility and obligation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, where, in Darwin there has been no Presbyterian witness since Church Union. Arising out of this investigation, a Presbyterian Congregation is now firmly established in that city and the potential membership there augurs well for the future of our Church.

The concept 'Partners in Mission' has been implemented in North Queensland with the appointment of Mr. Bob Whiting as a part-time Padre to patrol an extensive area working out from Mt Isa. The P. I.M. Committee is currently negotiating with church authorities in N.S.W. for the appointment of full-time Padres to both Darwin and Blackall (Central Queensland). Should this prove successful the Mission will have in the field three (3) full time and two (2) part-time Padres plus a full time Executive Officer. The costs thereof will almost entirely be funded from P.I.M. resources!

It is significant to note that the Church at large has given the Mission the financial viability to undertake expansion work of this nature. The P.I.M. Committee acknowledges with much gratitude the many donors ... individuals and groups ... who have given the Mission their prayerful interest and practical support. The Committee hopes that such will be maintained for as the years press upon us our responsibilities will increase rather than diminish!!

The Committee goes forward with the deep conviction that the Guidance of God prevails.

NORMAN MONSEN
Convener.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AND AID TO DEVOTION

It is with gratitude to God that the Committee brings its report to the Assembly. There is no doubt that blessings and guidance have been received as the Committee has sought to fulfil its commission and task.

The 1982 General Assembly required that a number of matters be considered and recommendations brought to this Assembly. The Committee has endeavoured to fulfil this task and the Deliverance indicates the result of these deliberations.

Meetings

The Committee met on ten occasions during the period between Assemblies. On two occasions it met for a period of two-days duration at one time. In addition the Hymn Book sub-committee met separately on four occasions over two-to-three-days duration. The amount of time and study required to achieve a worthwhile result is quite considerable.

Two main matters concerned the Committee during the period, viz.

- (a) the Book of Common Order, and
- (b) the Hymn Book.

(a) *The Book of Common Order*

The proposed Book of Common Order which was received by the 1982 Assembly was sent to all Presbyteries for consideration and report by the 31st December. 1983. Many submissions were received, all of which indicated that the Church was taking very seriously the matter under consideration. Replies were received from 23 Presbyteries as well as several individual submissions. Three Assemblies replied to the Remit

Some variation in emphasis was indicated and the task of producing a Book of Common Order which was to be acceptable to everyone became more difficult. This was particularly evident in varying statements regarding the Sacraments. At one stage the Committee felt it might be wiser to produce an Anthology of Worship Services as well as guidelines for worship rather than a Book of Common Order. This view was changed in due course as the members of the Committee felt that a Book of Common Order should be produced in due course as *a guide* to the Church. It has never been intended that a Book of Common Order should be rigidly adhered to but it is evident that many are looking for some guidelines. Consequently the Committee held a few conferences at which study ensued on (a) the Remit; (b) an actual service of worship which could be used; and (c) on producing a Format for Worship which was acceptable and useful in our Church. The Assembly is being asked to request the Committee to continue this work; to produce and publish from time to time provisional orders of service; and in time to produce anew Book of Common Order which shall be in accord with the principles of the Presbyterian Church. There is no doubt that the Church requires some guidelines on orders of service so that there would be some unanimity throughout the congregations. Some may remember that in 1965 this Assembly approved the 1965 edition of the Australian Book of Common Order as the basis for the Church's worship. Since then certain changes have occurred. This has been evident through the Union situation, but also emphases regarding the reformed tradition of worship. Changes in format for worship, in use of words, thought forms etc. require a reconsideration of all aspects of worship. Hence the Committee sees its work on the Book of Common Order continuing. However it is our hope that a new Book of Common Order acceptable to the whole Church could be produced and available in time for the next Assembly in 1988.

The Committee is most grateful for all comments, suggestions, and information received from State Assemblies, Presbyterian and Sessions as well as from some individual ministers.

(b) *The Hymn Book.*

At the last General Assembly of Australia the following resolution was approved:

"Request the Committee to liaison with the General Assembly of Australia Christian Education Committee to produce an Australian Presbyterian Psalter-Hymnal with a view to a draft of such a book being available at the General Assembly."

This Committee through its convener and some members of the General Assembly of Australia Christian Education Committee together with some who were co-opted for the task met regularly — ad over long periods — to put into effect the above resolution. This sub-committee consisted of the conveners of both Committees together with Rev. P. Hastie, Mr. I. Touzel, Rev. R. Humphreys, Rev. C. Abel and Rev. A. Brown. Others were contacted for advice and this was readily given (including Mr. E. Bowen of Queensland). This task has been not only a great one, but also an inspiring and encouraging one. It has not been easy. In fact a great deal of work has had to be undertaken — a task which so far as we know has never been attempted by the Australian Church, as in the past, hymn books of other Presbyterian Churches have been accepted for use in this country. After several conferences (each lasting approximately three days) the Public Worship and Aid to Devotion Committee expressed the view that congregations and Presbyteries throughout Australia should be informed about what progress had been made in seeking to fulfil the directive of the Assembly.

Consequently in late 1984 material was prepared and distributed throughout the Presbyteries to congregations. This material indicated a list of Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs which the Committee at that time had resolved to include in the proposed Hymn Book. Presbyteries and congregations were invited to provide the

Committee with suggestions, opinions etc. by the 28th February, 1985. By the 31st March, 1985 22 had been received from Presbyteries, 67 from Sessions and 17 from individuals. Several submissions were received after that date. These indicated that a majority favoured the production of a new Hymn Book, while some were emphatic in stating that RC.H. should continue as the hymn book for the Church; others had the view that a supplement should be produced to be held along with RC.H.

Many indicated that favourite hymns were omitted, unknown hymns were to be included, not all the Psalms were to be included, and certain familiar tunes were no longer associated with particular hymns. Objection was expressed by some to proposed changes in wording. On the other hand many expressions of encouragement were received. Many saw that this was a real opportunity:

- (a) to re-think hymnology and psalmody,
- (b) to use good hymns etc. from other sources, and
- (c) to have an Australian hymn book which would have its base in Australia and yet could be of service to other denominations in Australia and even beyond these shores.

The Committee felt that this could assist in bringing a greater sense of unity within the Australian Presbyterian Church.

The Committee realises that a new Hymn Book could provide problems in respect of acceptance by congregations, costing, and in distribution. All avenues of costing are being investigated, as well as the whole matter of the actual printing of such a book. Some interest in purchasing the book has already been indicated. It is the intention of the Committee to print in a first edition a "run of" 10,000 copies (i.e. 100 congregations — 100 copies per congregation) at an anticipated local cost of \$ with a discount of \$ per book in pre-publication orders.

After all the submissions had been received and another three-day conference held (in March) it was resolved to provide one copy of the *revised* list of hymns etc., together with a statement of policy and other information to each Presbytery. Each member of the G.A.A. would receive a similar document with the White Book. Many will be pleased to see that additional "old favourites" have been included and many of the submissions accepted. It has always been the view of the Committee that the Church should be kept informed as to the progress made so that at the time of the General Assembly every commissioner would be conversant with all aspects of the task as is possible. These documents were sent out to every Presbytery in late June 1985.

The task has meant a considerable amount of time and energy being expended but it has been most worthwhile. The sub-committee has not always been unanimous, but the spirit of prayerful and faithful diligence in seeking to fulfil the task has been inspiring and most encouraging. The Committee seeks for the approval of the Assembly to proceed with this task to print and publish a new Hymn Book for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Other Matters

The Committee has been invited to express opinions and give advice on a number of other matters.

- (1) The Moderator-General (Rt. Rev. N. Monsen) wrote to the Committee in regard to a matter regarding the A.C.C. The convener replied indicating that the Church should set up a separate committee on Doctrine.
- (2) The Christian Education Committee in Queensland sought information regarding questions to be asked when deaconesses are commissioned. There were approved.
- (3) Presbytery of New England sought an opinion regarding dedication services instead of Baptism. The Committee resolved that "this Committee does not consider a service of dedication would be appropriate".
- (4) A service for re-affirmation of marriage vows. Advice was sought on this proposal and finally the Committee resolved that a copy of such a service be kept on file.
- (5) From Rev. D. Inglis seeking information as to whether this Committee was the competent committee to discuss the document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" produced by the W.C.C. Further information was to be sought on this matter.

The convener has represented the Church on the Australian Hymn Book Committee and is presently one of the Directors (on the recommendation of the Trustees). It would be of interest to our denomination that a supplement consisting of additional hymns and psalms is being prepared. It is expected that this book would be available in a couple of years. The Assembly is being asked to approve the nomination of the convener to the Australian Hymn Book Committee for the ensuing period of three years.

Thanks

The Committee is most grateful for the assistance of Mrs. N. Todd of Roseville, N.S.W. She has faithfully carried out numerous tasks for the presentation of material for distribution to Committee members and to Sessions and Presbyteries throughout Australia — also to the Roseville congregation which has provided some of the materials at no cost to the Committee.

Finance

The Committee was granted the sum of \$600. for the three-year period. It had been anticipated that this amount would have been sufficient to pay all expenses. However the additional task entrusted the Committee by the 1982 Assembly in regard to the Hymn Book was not budgetted for. Consequently there is a small deficit in the accounts. This would have been much greater but for the generosity of members of the Committee and in particular those involved in preparing material for the Hymn Book. Extra amounts are being requested for this triennium to cover expenses expected due to printing costs etc.

D.F. MURRAY
Convener.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Committee

The Executive of the Committee met as required since the last meeting of the General Assembly. For the period October 1982 to May 1985 there were 8 meetings and these were well attended. For economic reasons the work of the Committee has been conducted by the Executive whose members all reside within the metropolitan area of Sydney N.S.W. Nonetheless, the inter-State members (Qld and Vic) were apprised of all matters with the Minutes of meetings circulated.

Certificate of Status

The following ministers *were received* by the Committee under Regulation 196 (a) ...

Rev. D.J. Inglis, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
Rev. L. Robins. Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
Rev. T.W.I. Lewis. Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
Rev. P.P. Thorneycroft. Presbyterian Church of Wales
Rev. J.H. Muller, Reformed Church in America
Rev. D. Nicholds. Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia

The following ministers *were received* by the Committee under Regulation 198 ...

Rev. F.K. Leaupepe, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
Rev. C.S. Kim. Presbyterian Church of Korea
Rev. S.H. Yoon. Korean Presbyterian Church of California (USA)
Rev. T.L. Wilkinson. Reformed Church Australia

The following ministers *completed GAA requirements* ...

Rev. I.F. Ransom. Church of England (Australia)
Rev. D. Secomb. Uniting Church in Australia

The following ministers *have not fulfilled GAA requirements* ...

Rev. H.G. Weir, Congregational Church (Australia)
Rev. D. Silas. Geredja Bethel-Indonesia

Petitions

The Petitions will be dealt with by the Assembly in private session with a precis of each Petition distributed during the session. The Committee recommends the following:—

(a) *The acceptance of...*

Rev. P.G. Logan, Anglican Church in Africa (CESA)
Rev. D. Brooks. Wesleyan Reformed (United Kingdom)
Rev. T.H. Kim. Presbyterian Church of Korea
Rev. N.G. Aubrey. Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland
Rev. W.R. Hopkins. Uniting Church in Australia

(b) The Petition of Rev. A.H. Dekker *be dismissed* (Dutch Reformed Church Australia).

The Committee presents the Petition of Rev. P.W. Swinn 'simpliciter' with the provision for Mr. Swinn to personally present his Petition. The Presbytery of Sydney South supports Mr. Swinn's Petition.

Enquiries

From time to time enquiries are made by ministers of other denominations both in this country and from overseas about the possibility of being accepted as ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. The Convener deals with these as a matter of course and advises on procedure and where and when necessary refers matters of this kind for the attention of the Committee.

Regulations

As authorised by the 1982 General Assembly a reprint of the Regulations was made and distributed to the membership of Presbyteries throughout Australia; the cost of the reprint was 225 dollars.

An amendment to Regulation 196(a) is required due to the amalgamation of the 2 American churches listed. The Regulation should now read in the stead thereof... 'Presbyterian Church (USA)'. The amalgamation took place on 10th June 1983. The Code Committee has been notified of this in respect to updating of the Code Book and therefore there should be no necessity for an amendment to the Regulations for Assembly's attention

other than when the updated Code Book is presented for the Assembly's Approval.

Financial

The costs incurred by the Committee have been very minimal apart from the cost of the reprint of the Regulations the only costs are related to the Convener's out of pocket expenses re postage and telephone.

Appreciation

The Committee records its appreciation for the diligent way in which Presbyteries perform their duties in the processing of Petitions and to the College Committee for its kind co-operation and matters related thereto.

The Convener and Committee

The Convener, Right Rev. Norman Monsen, who was appointed to the position at the time of church union in June 1977 decided to decline further nomination for membership of the Committee and to the position of Convener. This action is simply due to the Convener's belief that there are many younger members among ministers and elders who now ought to be prevailed upon to accept administrative responsibility of this nature. Mr. Monsen began his membership on this Committee in 1964 and has served continuously since then first as a member and as Convener since 1977. The Committee is grateful to Mr. Monsen for his leadership and the wisdom he has displayed over this long period. A clause in the Deliverance seeks to express not only the Committee's appreciation of his service but indeed the appreciation of the whole Church!

The Committee is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Church in this work and indicates its willingness to continue.

NORMAN MONSEN
Convener.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

The Committee met as required and dealt with the various matters referred to it for advice and action.

Our membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches has continued and our membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod has been approved. We see no reason, for the present, of not continuing our membership in both organisations.

Participation in world conferences of W.A.R.C. and R.E.S. is very costly and some direction will need to be given by the Assembly as to whether we should participate in these as they occur.

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches has published a study booklet, "Called to Witness to the Gospel today". A dialogue group made up of members in New South Wales of the Uniting Church in Australia and the Presbyterian Church have met regularly to consider the booklet

An invitation has been received for up to three delegates to attend the 450th Anniversary of the Reformation of Geneva from 18-25 May 1986. Once again, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide if it is advisable for the Church to be represented in this event.

Since our withdrawal from membership in the Australian Council of Churches, we have maintained the role of an observer on the Council. Mr. H.I.M. MacFarlane, A.M., has attended the meetings, whenever possible, and has kept the Committee well informed of happenings within the Council. We are very appreciative of Mr. MacFarlane's contribution in this area.

Contact has been made with the Presbyterian Church — U.S.A., and the Presbyterian Church in America with a view to establishing mutual recognition. Up-to-date no positive answer has been received from either Church but negotiations will continue on a fraternal basis.

Endeavours to send the Moderator-General, the Right Rev. N. Monsen, to the Centenary Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Korea in 1984 were abandoned due to the costs involved. However, the Moderator did write and convey fraternal greetings.

Local and State bodies have maintained good relationships with other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

The Rev. Prof. Dr. F.N. Lee joined the Committee as a replacement for the Rev. J.J.T. Campbell who was translated to Lismore, New South Wales. We record our appreciation to Mr. Campbell for his work as Secretary of the Committee and for his valuable guidance given to the Committee. The Rev. J.M. Wilson resigned from the Committee due to family ill health.

We realise that limitations are placed upon the Committee by the necessity to keep expenses down to a minimum. If the Church wants a greater participation of our Church in State and Overseas Conferences, it must be prepared to increase the Budget very consider-

ably to meet the increases incurred in travelling and accommodation. The recent devaluation of the dollar has further aggravated the position.

K.J. GARDNER
Convener.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROMOTION

There is evidence of growth within the Church — and all States as indicated within the Year Book and Australian Presbyterian Life, together with information received directly by the Committee. This is cause for much thanksgiving as the Church since 1977 has sought to carry out the Commission of our Lord in presenting and proclaiming the Gospel. It is pleasing to see the increase in applicants for the Holy Ministry, the establishment of new congregations in every States and the determination to maintain and increase the witness of the Church in these days.

At the 1979 Assembly it was resolved:—

“The Assembly pledges itself to the task of doubling the communicant membership of the Church within the next five (5) years”.

In 1981 we reported that while a decrease in communicant membership has occurred in some areas (due to varying circumstances) there is a real indication of growth in so many congregations. It is difficult to ascertain total figures of communicant membership as not all parishes provided the necessary information, but it can easily be seen that many congregations have increased in membership — and even more wonderfully, new causes commenced.

In some areas buildings which had once been Presbyterian became the property of the Uniting Church, but now have been bought back by the Presbyterians who determined to continue as such. This has occurred in a number of areas. It is also understood that some parishes have reached out in evangelism, in door-knocking (as there are many who once were associated with a local congregation and go no where now), in proclaiming the Gospel in new suburbs and districts by starting a cause using halls, schools etc. as places of worship.

The Year Book show the numbers of communicants as:

Year Book	N.S.W.	Qld.	S.A.	Tas.	Vic.	W.A.
1979-80	26,175	8,035	734	745	9,501	256
1982	24,879	7,941	683	855	8,432	297
1983	25,302	7,732	683	905	9,017	297
1984	24,149	7,953	774	911	9,545	345

and the following:

Sanctioned Charges ...	Home Mission Stations . . .							
	1979	1980	1983	1984	1979	1980	1983	1984
N.S.W.	132	132	144	149	27	24	22	20
Queensland	49	50	57	58	21	19	17	17
South Australia	10	10	10	10	1	2	2	3
Tasmania	5	5	7	7	2	2	3	—
Victoria	65	66	67	68	11	9	12	15
Western Australia	4	4	6	7	1	1	—	—
	265	267	291	299	63	57	56	55

In 1971 the numbers were:

Parishes	744
Home Mission Stations	108
Communicants	141,806
Elders	11,177
"Census" Presbyterians	1,033,108

Communicant membership needs to be watched carefully and prayerfully. The increase we had hoped for has not as yet occurred but when all factors are considered what has been achieved indicates much blessing has been received. In some States special appeals have been made for extension work to be undertaken and the response so far achieved has meant that new work can be initiated, parishes begun and the Gospel faithfully proclaimed.

At the 1982 Assembly it was received:

"Instruct the Committee to confer with all State Stewardship Committees on trends, practice and implementation of stewardship principles and report to the next Assembly".

Some replies have been received as follows:

- Tasmania There has been little discussion on the subject at Presbytery or Assembly level. Some feel "stewardship as such" is anathema.
- Queensland Through the Christian Education Committee information is provided.
In 1981 — 27 charges
In 1982 — 25 charges
In 1983 — 32 charges, and
In 1984 — charges were involved in some form of stewardship, resource materials are made available to promote stewardship education, all of which is well produced and the contents of a high order.
- New South Wales Ministry and Mission Committee have taken over the work of stewardship. The Director is involved in assisting parishes in stewardship programmes, as well as conferences on church growth.
The production of promotional material for General Mission Programme is also part of the work.
The suggestion has been made that a National Consultation on Stewardship and its practice within the church could be advantageous.
- Victoria A booklet entitled "Training Visitors — Christian Stewardship" was produced and sent out free to all parishes. The booklet contains a statement on Christian Stewardship, four Bible studies and a discussion guide. There is a 'move' away from highly structured programmes to an emphasis on members making annual reviews and in particular, a stress on tithing.
- South Australia In 1974 when the vote was taken, there were 4,700 communicants, but in 1979 there was 734. Growth is evident now, after a very difficult earlier few years. One minister was indicated: "I believe the tide is turning. Although we still have a long way to go, we are starting once again to grow". Some congregations are now thinking of stewardship and will consider some kind of programme.
- The Committee: Mr. G. Menzies has resigned from the Committee, His participation in the work of the Committee in the past is appreciated. The Committee nominates the New South Wales members as the Executive with one corresponding member from each of the other States.
Rev. D.L. Ferrington is nominated as Convener.
The Committee records with appreciation the work of Rev. D.F. Murray, the convener from 1977 to 1985.

D.F. MURRAY
Convener.

ADDENDUM REPORT STEWARDSHIP AND PROMOTION

Since material was sent for publication in the White Book, the following information was received from Western Australia —

1. The per capita giving throughout the Presbytery of Western Australia is higher than prior to 1977 — due, in the main, to response to the faithful proclamation of the Word of God.
2. Growth has occurred — from two ministers and six sanctioned Charges in 1977, to seven ministers and seven sanctioned Charges, plus one Home Mission Station.
3. One of the sanctioned Charges is in the midst of a Housing Commission area.
4. Some congregations are supporting part-time workers who assist the needy.
5. All congregations have shown growth.

D.F. MURRAY
Convener.

TRUSTEES

In 1979 the General Assembly appointed The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust as Trustee for the Presbyterian Church of Australia. The Law Agent has been requested to examine the existing Trust Deed which is set out in Chapter VIII: Section 406: page 100, with a view to suggesting any necessary amendments since the Trust Deed was approved by the Twenty-First Session of the General Assembly held in Melbourne in September 1939 (GAA BB 1939: 33.5). It is hoped to submit recommendations for any necessary changes to the next General Assembly by way of an Assembly paper. It is also the expectation of the Trustees that any necessary regulations will be submitted for approval at the same time.

It is pleasing to record that, agreement having been reached by the Uniting Church and the Presbyterian Church in South Australia, the necessary approval has now been given by the Supreme Court of South Australia in relation to the division of assets and liabilities following church union. It is a matter of regret that the work of division is still being dragged out, particularly in New South Wales and at the Federal level. It is the expectation that the work will be concluded during 1985.

The Legal Reference Committee, which was set up as one of the terms of settlement in the litigation instituted by the Uniting Church in the Equity Division of the New South Wales Supreme Court, is still continuing with its work in determining the proper interpretation of Wills and other instruments in accordance with the Heads of Agreement recorded on pages 70 and 71 of the 1979 GAA Blue Book. The present members of the Legal Reference Committee are Mr. H.W. Tebbutt and Mr. Justice J.F. Dey from the Uniting Church; and Messrs. Garry K. Downes, Q.C., and Lindsay J. Moore from the Presbyterian Church.

The continuity of the Presbyterian Church of Australia after union was the subject of litigation in Queensland (see *Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust(Queensland) v. Bailey and Gardner* O.S. No. 371 of 1981). The Supreme Court (His Honour D.M. Campbell J.) confirmed the view that the Presbyterian Church of Australia continued to function after union with the same constitutio and structures that had previously existed. This point was confirmed by the Full Court of the Supreme Court in the leading judgement of McPherson J. in the following words:—

"No-one can doubt that those members and congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Australia that were absorbed in the union which produced the Uniting Church thereupon ceased to retain their identity as members and congregations of the former Church. So much appears from the passage extracted from the judgement of Gibbs J. which is quoted above. But I do not read those remarks as supporting the submission that the Presbyterian Church of Australia has ceased to exist. Such a contention is opposed to the terms of both the 1971 Act and the 1977 Act, each of which refers to a Church functioning as a continuing Presbyterian Church of Australia. The latter description is the one used in clause 18(d) of the schedule to the 1971 Act, which, of course, went to some length to ensure that property was retained for the purposes and needs of that church. The Act of 1977 uses the expression the Presbyterian Church continuing to function. That Church now comprises only a portion, though a not insignificant portion, of its former membership; but although many of the members have departed, it retains both the form of government and the fundamental beliefs, together with the name and the history of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. It is not possible to view it as a new Church with an old name. It remains as much the continuing original Church though reduced in numbers as were the adhering remnant of the Free Church of Scotland in Overtoun's case."

Unfortunately, the Uniting Church in Western Australia is still making use of the word "Presbyterian" in the name of "Presbyterian Ladies' College, Perth", which is now a part of the Uniting Church. At the request of the Presbtery of Western Australia the question of the use of the word "Presbyterian" has been taken up with the Secretary of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia.

At their meeting on 6 May 1985 the Trustees were pleased to hear from the Presbyterian Inland Mission of the proposal for the establishment of a congregation in the Northern Territory at Darwin. Arrangements have since been concluded for the purchase by the new Darwin congregation of a manse.

At the request of the Trustees, the Law Agent has submitted a draft Ordinance for the incorporation of the Presbyterian Church (Northern Territory) Property Trust in the Northern Territory. The proposal has now to be submitted to the Cabinet and Parliament of the Northern Territory. The draft legislation has been based on the existing Ordinance in the Australian Capital Territory for the incorporation of the Presbyterian Church (Australian Capital Territory) Property Trust which provides that the Trust shall consist of the persons who, for the time being, hold office as the trustees of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust.

D R. BRIERLEY
Chairman of Trustees.

TRUST DEED

SEPTEMBER 1985

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME we, Kenneth Charles Auld, Derrick Rae Brierley, Paul David Kahl, Wilfred Malcolm McGilvray, James Edmund Sticpewich, and Jack Hayward Watson, and The Rev. Peter Edwin Boase, Robert Anderson Caldwell, William Greenwood Camden, Harold Gilbert Durbin, Angus Robertson Ewin and Douglas Fraser Murray, all of 44 Margaret Street, Sydney in the State of New South Wales, send greetings *WHEREAS*

the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia has by resolution declared that in order to ensure the effective ownership of and management and control by the Presbyterian Church of Australia of the property and funds of the said Church and of the agencies, activities, services, committees, institutions, schemes and interests thereof, it is expedient that trustees be appointed for the holding of the property and funds held or to be held in trust for or belonging to the said Presbyterian Church of Australia as such, or of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereof (except so far as it may not be competent for the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia so to appoint in reference to the trusts applicable to any particular property or funds or so far as the said General Assembly may in its absolute discretion elect or decide not so to appoint), and that provision be made by or under the direction of the said General Assembly for the appointment from time to time of such trustees, the filling of vacancies in the office of such trustees, the holding and disposal of such property and funds, the investment thereof, the conduct of the business and proceedings of the said trustees, the keeping and audit of their accounts, the performance of the trusts committed to them and all other matters incidental to the proper performance of the purposes aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS we are the persons who for the time being hold office as the trustees of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust being the body corporate of that name established by The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust Act 1936 of the State of New South Wales *AND WHEREAS* we have been appointed by the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to act whilst we continue to hold office as trustees of the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust as Trustees aforesaid of the property and funds of the said General Assembly and of all other the property and funds now or hereafter belonging to the said the Presbyterian Church of Australia and of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereof, except so far as it may not be competent for the said General Assembly of Australia to appoint trustees thereof, or so far as the said General Assembly of Australia may specifically except or decide not to appoint us or our successors in office as Trustees hereunder, Trustees of any particular property or funds. And whereas this trust deed and the contents thereof have been approved of, ratified and endorsed by resolution of the said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Now therefore know ye and these present witness as follows:

(1) The official name of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and of our successors from time to time in office is the "Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of Australia".

(2) In this Deed unless inconsistent with the context, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and the masculine the feminine, and words importing persons shall include bodies corporate, and the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively unless there is something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:

"the church" means the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

"the General Assembly" means the General Assembly of the Church.

"Moderator" means the Moderator of the General Assembly and includes the interim or acting Moderator thereof.

"committee" means committee (including Standing Committee) of the General Assembly, whether consisting exclusively of members of the General Assembly or not, and includes any commission or committee appointed by the General Assembly.

"instrument creating the trust" includes Act of Parliament, ordinance, deed, will, testamentary disposition, settlement, agreement for a settlement or other agreement or instrument

"property" means real and personal property, and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments, houses, buildings, chattels real, money or securities for money, bonds, stocks, funds, debentures, and investments and property of every description,

"transfer" includes convey or conveyance.

"the Trustees" means the persons from time to time holding office as Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

“ auxiliary service” when used herein in conjunction with or in reference to the said the Presbyterian Church of Australia shall include any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest of the Church.

- (3) The purposes for which the Trustees are constituted and their principal powers are as follows:
- (a) To acquire, take over and hold, any property in trust for the Presbyterian Church of Australia or any auxiliary service of the Church and to receive any money which has been or shall be given, contributed, or bequeathed, by any person or persons to be applied to any of the purposes or enterprises of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church and to take over any securities for money or investments held by any person or persons on behalf of the Church or of any auxiliary service thereof and to take in the name or under the control of the Trustees any securities for money belonging to the Church or any such auxiliary service of the Church, which shall be lent or advanced on account thereof. All property, moneys, securities for money, and investments hereinbefore referred to shall be held and dealt with by the Trustees for the uses and purposes, and effect given to the trusts to which they shall be specially subject where expressed or defined, and failing such expression or definition as the General Assembly shall from time to time direct and subject thereto as this Deed defines.
 - (b) To invest any money acquired, taken and held, or lent or advanced by the Trustees as aforesaid (and also any moneys of the Trustees not immediately required for any of their purposes or in the exercise of any of their powers) as follows namely:
 - (i) Upon or in investments on which Trustees are, or shall be authorized to invest trust funds according to the law of the Commonwealth of Australia or any of the States thereof, or any of the Territories or Mandated Territories or Dependencies of the said Commonwealth.
 - (ii) On deposit with any incorporated bank or banks carrying on business in the said Commonwealth or any of the Territories or Mandated Territories or Dependencies thereof or under special circumstances approved by the Trustees, in the United Kingdom, the Dominion of New Zealand, or in any other country.
 - (iii) Upon or in any investment or security of any kind whatever not included in the foregoing list provided always that the General Assembly shall have approved or shall approve thereof by resolution, rule or regulation, either generally or specially in the matter.
 - (iv) Provided always that save so far as the General Assembly shall otherwise resolve or direct, the Trustees may retain and hold any property, investment or security, which has been, or may hereafter be, transferred to or vested in the Trustees or otherwise placed under the control of the Trustees in the same form as the same exists at the time of such transfer to or vesting in the Trustees, even though such form be not included in the foregoing list. Any such property, investment or security shall be included in the next succeeding report of the Trustees to the General Assembly and shall be held by the Trustees subject to the trusts thereof and the lawful directions of the General Assembly.
 - (v) Provided also that where the direction regarding the modes of investment applicable to any particular trust are not identical with, or shall be wider or narrower as regards authorization than those hereinbefore specified, the trust premises affected thereby shall be held in accordance with the directions applicable thereto. Any such case shall be included in the next report of the Trustees to the General Assembly, and the trust premises shall be held by the Trustees subject to such directions and to the further lawful directions of the General Assembly, or shall be disclaimed by the Trustees if the General Assembly shall so resolve.
 - (c) To manage all and every part of the property, funds, moneys, securities and investments vested in or under the control of the Trustees.
 - (d) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust, and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to sell, let, mortgage, exchange, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any of the property transferred to or vested in the Trustees.
and without restricting the generality of the foregoing the Trustees:
 - (i) may grant leases or sub-leases or any land or premises held by them for such period, at such rents and subject to such terms and conditions as they think fit;
 - (ii) may act in relation to all cases of exchange, surrender, dedication and compulsory acquisition of any property vested in the Trustees including the power to make claims for compensation, and to agree to and settle upon such terms and conditions as they think fit any such claims.

- (iii) may from time to time mortgage to any person any land vested in the Trustees in pursuance of this Deed for the purposes of securing the repaying of such sum or sums of money with or without interest as the Trustees consider necessary for the purposes of the Church generally or any auxiliary service of the Church; and the Trustees may guarantee advances with or without security made for any of the purposes herein set out
- (iv) may from time to time sell any property vested in them by public auction or private contract as they think fit at such price as can be reasonably obtained for that property.
- (v) may guarantee or undertake to indemnify any person for any loss arising out of the performance of any obligation undertaken by persons administering property used for any purpose, activity or institution of the Church or its auxiliary service and whether solely so used or not
- (e) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire any property which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Church or any auxiliary services thereof, and to surrender, and accept surrenders of leases and tenancies.
- (f) In taking over the property, held by any trustees or other persons pursuant to the provisions of this Deed on behalf of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, the Trustees may so far as they may lawfully do so out of the property or funds under their control indemnify such trustees or persons against all or any actions, suits, claims, and demands in respect of all debts, liabilities, or other obligations they may have properly incurred in connection with such property.
- (g) Save so far as a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument creating the trust and subject to the rules, regulations and decisions (if any), of the General Assembly, to manage, construct maintain and alter any houses, buildings, improvements, or works, necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof or of any trust administered by the Trustees.
- (h) To take any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not for the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, or for any purpose which the Trustees are authorized to perform, and to give full receipts, releases and discharges in respect thereof.
- (i) As such Trustees to sue and be sued on behalf of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof, as regards any matter within the scope of this Deed, or otherwise authorized by the Assembly or any committee thereof, with power to act on its behalf.
- (j) To procure the Trustees to be registered or recognized in any State or Territory or Mandated Territory of the Commonwealth, or elsewhere.
- (k) To do all such other things which may be lawfully done by the Trustees, as are incidental to the proper performance of the purposes and powers aforesaid.
- (4) Provided always that notwithstanding anything contained in clause (3), hereof, property and funds of the Church or any auxiliary service thereof are excepted from the operation of that clause in particular cases where it is not competent for the General Assembly to appoint Trustees in reference thereto, or where for any reason in its absolute discretion, the General Assembly by Rule Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice, elects or decides not to place any particular property or funds under the control of the Trustees.
 Provided further that the Trustees shall take over the administration of such trusts and the control of such property or funds as the General Assembly or some commission, committee, officer or officers of the General Assembly empowered so to do either generally or specially in the matters by Rule, Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice of the General Assembly, may lawfully direct or appoint
- (5) The Trustees shall be bound by such Model Trust Deeds as the General Assembly may by Rule, Regulation or resolution pursuant to notice prescribe under which any property or class of property is to be held by the Trustees.
- (6) The Trustees shall consist of persons who for the time being hold office as the Trustees of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust being a body corporate of that name established by The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust Act 1936 of the State of New South Wales.
- (7) Until the General Assembly shall by Rule or Regulation otherwise provide each Trustee shall hold office as Trustee so long as he shall remain a trustee of the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust and any casual vacancy occurring at any time in the office of Trustee shall be filled by the person appointed to fill the corresponding vacancy in the said The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust.
- (8) (a) There shall be a chairman of Trustees who shall be elected by the Trustees from among their own number.

- (b) The chairman shall hold office for a period of twelve months but is eligible for re-election.
 - (c) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees at which he is present
 - (d) In the absence of the chairman from a meeting of the Trustees, the Trustees present shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.
 - (e) At a meeting of the Trustees four of the Trustees constitute a quorum.
 - (f) The Trustees shall meet at least once every year and shall keep or cause to be kept minutes of their proceedings and a record of their resolutions.
 - (g) The minutes of proceedings of the Trustees and the record of their resolutions shall be made available for inspection when required by the official auditor of the Church, being the person appointed to that office by the General Assembly.
 - (h) The method of calling meetings of the Trustees, the places at which those meetings are held and the procedure to be followed at those meetings shall be as determined from time to time by the Trustees.
- (9) Reports shall be made to each meeting of the General Assembly by the Trustees on matters pertaining to the work of the Trustees occurring since the last preceding General Assembly.
- (10) A certificate under the hand of the person for the time being holding the office, or performing the duties, of Clerk of the General Assembly, certifying:
- (a) That the Trustees consist of the persons specified in the certificate;
 - (b) That on a day specified in the certificate, the Trustees consisted of the persons specified in the certificate; or
 - (c) That any declarations, determinations, resolutions or rules specified in the certificate have been made or passed by the General Assembly;
- is evidence of the matters so certified.
- (11) Every person becoming a trustee shall signify in writing by an endorsement on or in an annexure to this Deed his acceptance of office as such, and his agreement to be bound by and subject to the provisions of this Deed (with such alterations and amendments therein) as the General Assembly may make from time to time.
- (12) The titles, certificates and all other documents of title to all lands and investments transferred to, or which may hereafter be transferred to, or which may be acquired or held by, the Trustees under this Deed as well as the titles, certificates and all other documents of title to all property and investments in which the Trustees may lawfully invest the funds, shall be taken in the name of the Trustees unless in cases where in the opinion of the Trustees it is expedient or where it shall be necessary in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth or any of the States thereof, or any Territory, Mandated Territory, or Dependency thereof, or of any of the laws of any other country having lawful authority in the matter, to take such titles, certificates or documents in another form.
- (13) Any deed or instrument executed or signed by and any other act, matter or thing done by a majority of the Trustees, and in pursuance of a resolution of Trustees shall be as effectual as if the same had been executed, signed or done by all the Trustees.
- (14) No Trustee shall be under any obligation to execute a mortgage or accept a transfer of property subject to a mortgage, in either of which cases he would be under any responsibility to be personally liable for the payment of any moneys out of his own estate.
- (15) Every Trustee shall be answerable only for losses arising from his own defaults and not for involuntary acts, nor for the acts or defaults of his co-Trustees or co-Trustee, and in particular any Trustee who shall pay over any money to his co-Trustees or co-Trustee or do any act or make any omission enabling him or them to receive any money for the purposes of any of the trusts under this Deed, shall not be bound to see to the due application thereof, nor be subsequently rendered liable by any express notice of the misapplication of such moneys, nor shall any Trustee be liable for the neglect or default of any officer of the Church, or of any agency, activity, service, committee, institution, scheme or interest thereon, or of any banker, broker, contractor, solicitor, valuer, factor or agent of any description reasonably employed by the Trustees.
- (16) Save where the instrument creating the trust otherwise provides the General Assembly or any such Commission, committee or officer duly authorized by it may, from time to time, remove any trusts from under the control or authority of the Trustees.
- (17) Where, under this Deed or the Rules, Regulations or decisions (if any) of the General Assembly applicable to the matter, the consent of the General Assembly or of any Commission, committee or officer thereof, or the Moderator or other person, is expressed to be required in connection with the performance of any act, deed, matter or thing by the Trustees or any officer thereof, all persons (including any Registrar-General, Registrar of Titles or other public authority) dealing in good faith with the Trustees or any officer or officers thereof, shall not be concerned to inquire whether any such consent has been obtained.

- (18) Any defect in the appointment of a Trustee or in any resolution or decision of the Trustees, or in any matter of procedure under this Deed, may be absolutely cured by the authority of the General Assembly or by the Trustees.
- (19) (a) The Secretary of the Trustees shall be the person who for the time being holds office as Secretary of The Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust;
- (b) The Treasurer or Treasurers of the Trustees shall be such person or persons as the General Assembly shall, from time to time, appoint (or authorize the appointment of) to the office of offices concerned.
The tenure, remuneration and duties attached to the said offices shall be subject to the Rules, Regulations and resolutions, pursuant to notice of the General Assembly applicable thereto.
- (c) Until the General Assembly shall otherwise provide by Rule, Regulation or resolution, pursuant to notice, the Law Agent or Acting Law Agent of the Church shall be the solicitor of the Trustees, but provision may be made by the Trustees, in consultation with the solicitor of the Trustees, to arrange for the representation of the Trustees in different States or parts of the Commonwealth, or in any other country where the interests of the Trustees so require, or where, for any other sufficient reason it is in the opinion of the Trustees expedient so to do.
- (20) It is admitted and acknowledged that the General Assembly has full power and authority by any resolution or resolutions at any time hereafter passed, pursuant to notice, to alter or amend the trusts, powers or provisions of this Deed in any particular, with the approval of a majority of State Assemblies and, in the event of a corporate body of Trustees being created by or under any statute or statutes or otherwise, to exercise all or any of the functions of the Trustees the General Assembly may require all or such parts as it thinks fit of the property or funds of the Church, or any auxiliary service thereof, held by the Trustees, to be transferred to or vested in such corporate body, subject to the trusts affecting the property or funds concerned, and in such case the Trustees shall join in executing and signing all documents necessary to give full force and effect to such transfer and vesting in such corporate body as aforesaid.
And these presents further witness that we do, and each of us doth, hereby declare that we and the survivors and survivor of us and our successors in office as such Trustees, shall hold and stand possessed of all the property and funds of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church upon the trusts and for the purposes of the Church or of any auxiliary service of the Church and shall also stand possessed of all other property or funds which may, at any time or times hereafter, be transferred to or vested in the Trustees for the time being under the provisions of this Deed or any amendment thereof lawfully made upon the trusts affecting the same.

IN WITNESS whereof the several parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their respective hands and seals the.....day of.....

One thousand nine hundred and eighty five.

Attestation clauses to follow.

APPEAL

By six (6) members of the Queensland Assembly against a decision of that Court (1984 Min. 144).

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia the Reverend H.L. Dunn, M.B.E., K.N.R. Innes, P.L. Gordon, J.M. Wilson, Lt. Col. D.J. Topping, M.B.E. and Mr. R.P.W. Jell appeal against the decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland contained in the following Minute of its meeting on the seventeenth day of May 1984.

Minute 144. According to notice (N.M. 28(4)), Rev. G.C. Lake moved

That the Assembly:—

4. Rescind Minute 76:4 of the 1969 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

The motion was seconded. The Previous Question was moved seconded and disapproved. Notice of Motion No. 28(4) was approved on a show of hands.

The grounds of appeal:—

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| WHEREAS | 1. | The decision is bad and contrary to law. |
| AND WHEREAS | 2. | The decision is contrary to the decision of the 1967 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia Minute 131, |

“That Assembly:

- (i) Declare that the Presbyterian Church of Australia holds the doctrine of the Eldership as set forth in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government under the heading "other Churches Governors".
- (ii) Declare that on the basis of the foregoing doctrine the Eldership is a service within the Church which can be performed appropriately by men and women".
- AND WHEREAS 3. The decision of the 1984 Queensland Assembly purports to be a decision on a question of government
- AND WHEREAS 4. This decision is being used to determine a question of doctrine.
- AND WHEREAS 5. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia "has functions legislative, administrative and judicial, supreme with regard to doctrine " General Assembly of Australia Rule 128 (Article IV).
- AND WHEREAS 6. The doctrine of the Eldership of the Presbyterian Church of Australia contains no theological objection to the admission of women to the office of Elder in this Church.
- AND WHEREAS 7. The Queensland Assembly has at no time since 1967 disputed the fact that the matter of the Elder is a matter of doctrine.
- AND WHEREAS 8. In the light of the action of the 1967 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in failing to remit the matter of the admission of women to the office of the Eldership to inferior Courts under Barrier Act Procedure, the decision of the 1969 Queensland Assembly at Minute 76:4 "That the Assembly noted the decision of the 1967 General Assembly of Australia Minute 131 (2) viz. that inter alia, the Eldership is a service within the Church which can be performed appropriately by men or women", and that in the Code of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland Rules 14 and 213 place no impediment in the way of electing women as Elders". Was and continues valid by virtue of Rules 14 and 213 subsisting in 1969 and new rule 11.23 enacted by the Queensland Assembly on Friday 1 8 May 1984.
- Rule 14:* Elders are elected from enrolled communicants of the congregation and hold office till they cease to be members of the Congregation or Charge or their resignation is accepted, or they are deposed or Otherwise removed from office. If an Elder has absented himself from the meetings of the Session for a year without leave, or due cause, the Session may after notice to him determine that he has ceased to be one of its members. Elders, as all other members of the Congregation, are under the jurisdiction of the Session.
- Rule 213.* "The number of Elders to be chosen is fixed by the Session which takes the oversight of the Election. Elders must be communicants belonging to the congregation electing, and of the full age of twenty-one years. They must be persons of good life, circumspect in their walk and conversation. and regular in attendance at public worship
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- Rule 11.23:* "Elders are elected from enrolled communicants of the congregation, who have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years and are of good life, circumspect in their walk and conversation, and regular in attendance at public worship. They hold office till they cease to be members of the Charge or their resignation is accepted or they are deposed or otherwise removed from office".
- AND WHEREAS 9. The decision appealed against and the method used constitute an attempt to alter a matter of doctrine contrary to the laws and Forms of Procedure of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland and Constitution, procedure and practice of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- AND WHEREAS 10. The decision appealed against is contrary to the peace and Unity of the Church and to the edifying of the Body of Christ in love.
- AND WHEREAS 1 1. The decision was taken in a spirit of legalism and contrary to the spirit of faithfulness, brotherly kindness and charity.

AND WHEREAS 12. The Queensland Assembly ignored its own rules and failed to appeal the true meaning and effect thereof.

We therefore respectfully appeal to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to sustain this our appeal on this vital matter of doctrine.

Signed at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this twenty-sixth day of May, 1984.

OVERTURE 1

ANENT: ARTICLE 111 FROM CODE COMMITTEE

To the Venerable the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Australia:

WHEREAS Article 111 of the Scheme of Union of the Presbyterian Church of Australia provides a formula for the appointment of commissioners at the General Assembly and

WHEREAS It has become obvious that a reduction of commissioners attending the General Assembly must be achieved to contain the costs involved and

WHEREAS The Code Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland has prepared an overture on this subject to this Assembly and

WHEREAS The Code Committee of the General Assembly of Australia has perused that overture

NOW THEREFORE, the Code Committee humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to amend Article 111 of the Scheme of Union so that it shall read:—

111. The General Assembly shall be representative, and shall consist of an equal number of ministers and elders; elected as hereinafter provided. Each state assembly shall elect one minister and one elder for every sixteen sanctioned charges within its bounds. A state assembly may elect an alternate or alternates to take the place of a member or members who may be unable to attend, provided that any such change is certified by the clerk of the state assembly to the clerk of the General Assembly prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Each presbytery shall elect one minister and one elder for every five sanctioned charges within its bounds. A presbytery may accept the resignation of a member or members who may be unable to attend, and elect another member or members, or may appoint alternates as in the case of state assemblies, provided that any such change is certified by the clerk of presbytery to the clerk of the General Assembly prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the State Assemblies of South Australia, Western Australia (provided such an assembly be constituted) and Tasmania shall each elect at least one minister and one elder.

Conveners of committees of the General Assembly in presenting their reports, shall have all the rights of members of the General Assembly while the Assembly is discussing the reports of their respective committees.

Or do otherwise as the Assembly may deem fit

OVERTURE 2

ANENT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE (iii) FROM: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF QUEENSLAND

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

At Brisbane the nineteenth day of March 1984, which day the Committee on the Code of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, being duly met and constituted with prayer —

Inter alia —

The Committee resolved to transmit the following Overture to the State Assembly.

WHEREAS Rule 127 Article (iii) of the "Constitution and Procedure and Practice" of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia provides the formula by which the number of commissioners elected by each State Assembly and each Presbytery is determined: and

WHEREAS The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, being duly met and constituted with prayer on the 12 th May 1983. resolved at Minute 96(11) to request the Code Committee to examine the advisability of drafting a change in the formula in representation at the General Assembly of Australia, and for the timing of the Queensland State Assembly, for report to the 1984 State Assembly, and

WHEREAS The Committee has been in correspondence with the various Code Committees of the several State Assemblies; and

WHEREAS The Code Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria have both agreed to the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, the Committee on the Code of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland to overture the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to amend Rule 127 Article (iii) of the "Constitution and Procedure and Practice" of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia as follows:—

(a) In lines 6 and 7, delete the words "or portion thereof".

(b) In the second paragraph, line 3. delete the words "or portion thereof".

(c) Number the existing paragraphs "(a) and (b)".

(d) Insert a new paragraph (c) as follows:—

"(c) Notwithstanding the above provisions, the State Assemblies of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania shall each elect at least one minister and one elder."

(e) Insert a new paragraph (d) as follows:—

"(d) The Moderator of each State Assembly shall be a member ex officio of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia".

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly may deem fit
 Very Rev. K.J. Gardner and Mr. R.P.W. Jell were appointed to support the Overture before the Assembly.

OVERTURE 3

ANENT: MODERATORS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR PRESBYTERY CONDUCTING THE SACRAMENTS FROM PRESBYTERY OF NEW ENGLAND

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

WHEREAS The present position with respect to the administration of the Sacraments, as set out in the Codes of New South Wales, of Queensland and of Victoria, is that it is restricted to the ordained ministry' (e.g. N.S.W. Code 4.27 .. "It belongs to the minister alone to conduct public worship and administer the sacraments, and for the manner in which these functions are discharged, the minister is accountable to Presbytery") and

WHEREAS This restriction when it is applied to the Moderator of a General Assembly, being an elder, debars him from fulfilling a prominent function of his office (N.S.W. Code 8.15(h)) and

WHEREAS The New Testament makes no clear distinction as to who may or may not administer the sacraments, and

WHEREAS This Church regards the Scriptures as "the only rule of faith and practice" so that, as Knox said. "We neither admit doctrine, rite nor ceremony which by their writings we find not authorised",

and

WHEREAS The statement of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 27 para 4 concerning the sacraments, "neither of which may be dispensed by any, but by a minister of the Word, lawfully ordained.", is not sufficiently grounded in Scripture, nor does it agree with the teaching and practice of John Calvin, and

WHEREAS Calvin stressed that the sacraments can only be understood through the preaching of the Word (Institutes V 17.39 "... there cannot be a right administration of the Supper without the Word" and IV 14.4 "... which, preached makes us understand what the visible sign means."), and

WHEREAS Calvin debars "private individuals to take upon themselves" the administration of the sacraments (V 15.20), and

WHEREAS Today, some elders are recognised to have a sufficient understanding of the Scriptures to be entrusted with the preaching of the Word, and it would therefore follow Calvin's position that these elders have sufficient understanding to dispense the sacraments also, and

WHEREAS The Church has a duty to ensure that the courts of the Church directly control the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments, and so, in the present case, it would be wise to impose the restriction contained in the declaration proposed to the Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of New England humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and declare that

(a) "A Moderator of a General Assembly, being an elder, may administer the sacraments when so authorised by the Assembly,

(b) A moderator of a Presbytery, being an elder, may administer the sacraments when so authorised by the Presbytery."

Or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit

It was resolved that Dr. P. Lush and the Rev. C. Abel be appointed to state the overture at the General Assembly of Australia.

The Overture was forwarded by the N.S.W. General Assembly *Simpliciter*.

OVERTURE 4

ANENT AMENDMENT SCHEME OF UNION FROM: PRESBYTERY OF NEW ENGLAND

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:

WHEREAS Chapter 27. Section 4 of the Westminster Confession of Faith has been amended (G. A. A. Blue Book, 1914, Min. 61 and 1916 Min. 70) by the addition of words, "(saving where the General Assembly has made special provision to the contrary that the people of God may not be left without these sealing ordinances.)" so that it reads "There be only two Sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord: neither of which may be dispensed by any but a Minister of the Word lawfully ordained (saving where the General Assembly has made special provision to the contrary that the people of God may not be left without these sealing ordinances.)"

WHEREAS The purpose of this amendment is contained in Rule 205 Administration of Sacraments "That the Assembly, in view of the fact that in many parts of the Commonwealth it is not meantime possible to obtain the services of an ordained Minister of the Word, hereby authorise..."

WHEREAS The purpose of the amendment is also contained in the words, "... that the people of God may not be left without these sealing ordinances."

WHEREAS This is an unnecessary repetition which would be best resolved by the omission of the words "that the people may not be left without

these sealing ordinances" from the amendment of Chapter 27, Section 4 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, so that the purpose of the special provision of Rule 205 is contained within the rule.

WHEREAS The omission of the words, "that the people... ordinances" would mean that the amended version of Chapter 27/4 of the Confession would enable the General Assembly of Australia to make special provisions to the contrary as may be necessary from time to time.

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of New England humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to amend the enactment contained in the G.A. of A. Blue Book by the omission of the words, "that the people of God may not be left without these sealing ordinances"; so that Chapter 27 Section 4 shall now read, "There be only two Sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel, that is to say Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, neither of which may be dispensed by any but a Minister of the Word lawfully ordained (saving where the General Assembly has made special provision to the contrary.)"

or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit

The Presbytery of New England has appointed Rev. C. Abel and Dr. P. Lush to state the Overture.

The N.S.W. General Assembly has approved the Overture.

OVERTURE 5

ANENT: REFORMED CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

WHEREAS The Presbyterian Church of Australia and the Reformed Churches of Australia have very similar doctrinal standards, and

WHEREAS Both denominations are members of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, and

WHEREAS There exists in some States a close relationship between the two denominations, extending to co-operative work, and

WHEREAS There appears to be a desire on the part of members of both denominations for closer co-operation.

NOW THEREFORE. the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia humbly overtures the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration and

1. Establish official contact with the Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to mutual recognition of membership and ministry.
2. Encourage the lower Courts of the Church to establish contact with the Reformed Churches of Australia, with a view to meaningful sharing of our common task of proclaiming the Gospel.

or do otherwise as in its wisdom it may deem fit

The Assembly appointed the Reverend A.C. Stubs and Mr. Alastair G. Matheson to state the Overture.

OVERTURE 6

ANENT: DOCTRINAL COMMISSION FROM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF QUEENSLAND

To the Venerable the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland for transmission to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

At Manly and within the Presbyterian Church there at 7.00 p. m. on Tuesday, the fifth day of February 1985, the Presbytery of Mowbray met pursuant to appointment and being duly met and constituted with prayer —

Inter alia —

The Presbytery resolved to transmit the following Overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

WHEREAS There is an apparent unrest within some sections of the Church concerning the role of women within the Church; and
WHEREAS Some sections of the Church would like to have the position of women workers clarified; and
WHEREAS It would be beneficial to the Church at large to have a clear statement made after thorough study concerning the overall ministry of women within the Church;
NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Mowbray humbly overtures the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and act as follows:—

1. Appoint a Doctrinal Commission whose members shall include representatives of all State Assemblies and Theological Faculties to examine the role of women in the Church and society, paying particular attention to the question of the ordination of women: such Doctrinal Commission to prepare position papers examining the Biblical, theological and historical issues involved and presenting the divergent views represented in the Church throughout Australia for completion before December 1986.
2. That these position papers be circulated to all Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions by the 31 st March, 1987 for study and comment with replies to be returned to the Secretary appointed by the Commission by the 31 st January, 1988.
3. That the Commission prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly of Australia meeting in 1988 incorporating its findings after revision in the light of replies of Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions; if deemed necessary, the Commission is to prepare an Overture for submission to the General Assembly of Australia; the Commission is to ensure that any minority viewpoint presented to the Commission is to be included in its report to the General Assembly of Australia.
4. That the Commission examine, in the light of Article 5 of the Declaratory Statement the question of the rights of ministers or elders who, for conscientious reasons, desire not to be involved personally in the ordination of women to the office of the ministry or eldership.
5. That the Commission examine the legal position of a Presbytery, if known, in situations where some or all of its ministerial members, i.e. ministers, were unwilling to officiate at the ordination of a woman minister or elder.
6. That the Commission study very carefully the matter of criteria to be followed to enable the Church to discern those teachings of the New Testament which are culturally conditioned in such a way as to restrict their precise application to the New Testament period, having regard always to the way in which the permanent principles underlying these teachings must be upheld by the Church.
7. That the Commission examine whether any guidance can be given to the conscientious difficulties of those ministers who accept the historic interpretation of particular teachings of the New Testament in relation to the ordination of women for the ministry of Word and Sacraments or the eldership. In this matter the Commission is to study very carefully the original sense in which the Westminster Divines used the words "elder/church officer" and "ministers of the Word" as applying to males only.

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly may deem fit.

The Rev. J.D. Sutherland and Mr. D.T. Gallagher were appointed to support the Overture to the State Assembly.

OVERTURE 7

ANENT: TRAINING FOR MINISTRY, FROM PRESBYTERY OF NEW ENGLAND

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia

WHEREAS The movement to early retirement means that a growing number of people in the age group 55 - 60 are now retiring, and

WHEREAS Many of these may either have high qualifications, or have held responsible positions for extended periods, and

WHEREAS There are quite a number of such people who have been active in the Church over many years in administrative and/or teaching capacities, and

WHEREAS Such people may have the potential for up to ten years full-time Christian service after retirement, and

WHEREAS The Church would be greatly strengthened if it could use the talents of such people in the ordained ministry, and

WHEREAS Regulation 12 of the College Committee Regulations already provides that "the Executive of the College Committee is empowered to deal with special cases, including a reduction in the requirements of the course, as they arise from time to time".

NOW THEREFORE. the Presbytery of New England humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to recommend to the Executive of the College Committee that if such people were to present themselves as candidates for the ministry, they be treated as special cases under Regulation 12, and that a course of training extending for one year be prescribed.

or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit

Dr. P. Lush and Rev. J. Irvin were appointed to state the overture at the General Assembly of Australia.

PETITION 1

ANENT: PRODUCTION OF A NEW HYMN BOOK From Presbytery of Geelong

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia —

THIS Petition humbly showeth:

THAT The Revised Church Hymnary is well known and dearly loved among the people of our congregations;

THAT The singing of metrical Psalms and Paraphrases is very popular

THAT Many of our congregations do desire to have access to alternative hymns and spiritual songs;

THAT The printing of alternative hymns and spiritual songs could be produced in a far less expensive volume than a completely new hymn book;

THAT The printers of the Revised Church Hymnary appear to be willing to continue the production of the same;

THAT Most of our congregations are small and large expenditure could be a very real problem;

THAT Many of our people prefer to use old ecclesiastical language (e.g. *Thou*. Whose almighty Word).

NOW THEREFORE. the Presbytery of Geelong humbly petition the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and direct the Public Worship and Aids to Devotions Committee:

- (a) to produce a supplement consisting of alternative hymns and spiritual songs to be used in conjunction with the Revised Church Hymnary,
- (b) and such supplement to carry the hymns and spiritual songs to include the use of old ecclesiastical language as well as the colloquial language using a stroke form of print Thus e.g. "I need Thee/you every hour".

or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit

And your petitioners will ever pray.

The Rev. K.G. Hamill and Rev. W.M. Constable have been appointed to present and state the petition.

PETITION 2

ANENT: MR. E. C. HA YWARD AND ORDINATION

From Mr. E. C. Hayward

To the Venerable the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of Edward Charles (Max) Hayward at present stationed on the North West Patrol of N.S.W., residing at Walgett humbly shewth —

Your Petitioner was born at Port Macquarie. N.S.W. in 1938, and is married with five children.

Guided into the Ministry under the late Rev. J. P. Mortimore and Rev. Stan Eldridge, he felt the call to Missionary Service.

On completion of two years study at the Sydney Bible Training Institute, which later became Tahlee Bible College, he applied to the Presbyterian Church in 1958 for service as a Home Missionary. Your Petitioner was accepted by the Home Mission and Church Extension Committee of the Church of New South Wales and served in the following Parishes —

1958 — Unima - Ettalong Beach

1959 — Dorrigo

1960 — Murwillumbah

1962 — Maryville. Georgetown. Wickham

1966 — Coolah. Dunedoo

1968 — Woodenbong, with Parish of Bonalbo added in the last 2 years

1972 — Lalor Park

1977 — Blayney

1978 — Walgett

In the third year of serving with the North West Patrol, the Superintendent of the Department of Ministry and Missions, visited the area, in discussion with the Petitioner, he asked if he (Max) had been offered by the Theological Education Committee to do the Special Presbyterian Course of Studies. The Petitioner's reply was "No", the only course he had been offered was a full University Course.

On returning to Sydney, the Superintendent contacted the Theological Education Committee whereby in turn the Rev. J.F. Boyall contacted the Petitioner the week prior to Christmas asking him to come to Sydney for an interview, during the month of January.

After the interview the Petitioner was notified of his acceptance to take up studies with the S.P.C., this course consisting of a three year program.

At the time of commencement of studies — 1981 — the Course was being held at St Andrew's College within the University of Sydney. The passing of this course was by satisfactory completion of Assignments and the overall work of the student. At the commencement of the 1983 Academic year, the venue for the course of studies moved to Ashfield, not only did the venue change, but also the course. The course of students to do examinations in order to pass and be accepted for Ordination.

The Petitioner successfully completed and passed the first two years of the Course. Because of age and the number of years he had been away from study, he then found the new course of Study difficult. Although he observed the lectures, he did not appear to be able to satisfy the Examiners.

During the third year of the Course of Study, as a result of a car accident, while carrying out the Sunday Services in the Patrol, the Petitioner was in Intensive Care at Collarenebri Hospital, also during that year he underwent major surgery, both of these almost taking his life. Despite these setbacks he did not give up his studies.

The Special Presbyterian Course was originally set up for men over 35 years of age who felt the call to the Ministry.

The assigning of the Petitioner to the North West Patrol, came about because of there being the non availability of an Ordained Minister.

The Petitioner is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. As a Home Missionary he sat and successfully passed the Examination on the documents of the Sacraments of the Church.

The Superintendants of the Ministry and Mission Department under which the Petition has worked are as follows —

The late Rev. H.J. Hillman
Rev. Mark McAlpine
Rev. Norman Monsen
Rev. R Caldwell (Convener) and Presently
Rev. L. Ferrington

If required, Testimonials can be obtained from the following Clergy:—

Rev. D.L. Ferrington Rev. P. Lucock
Rev. R.D. Garland Rev. D. K. Robson
Rev. J.J. Knapp Rev. Dr. L. Romney
Rev. J. Mullen and others.

NOW THEREFORE, your Petitioner humbly Prays the Assembly to take these premises into consideration together with the years of satisfactory service rendered to the Church by your Petitioner, and to excuse him from further examinations, and instruct the College committee to issue the necessary certificate to enable him to be taken on trials for Licence,

or to do otherwise, as in their wisdom may deem fit

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

E. C. (Max) Hayward

The Petition is supported by the Presbytery of Moree.

The Petition will be presented by Rev. G. Newell and Rev. D. Smith.

Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 117.
Gosford, 2250.

26th August 1985.

The Clerk,
The General Assembly of Australia.

Dear Mr. Pearsons.

Re: Petition No. 2 from Mr. E. C. Hayward

As some of the matters raised in the petition of Mr. E. C. Hayward reflect on the actions of the N.S.W. Theological Education Committee and Faculty, herein is set out their understanding of the facts of the case for the information of members in correspondence with the Presbytery of Moree and the College Committee, and it is a matter of some disappointment to us that the record has to be set straight once again.

Length and Standard of Course

The following extract from the 1980 report to the N. S. W. General Assembly makes clear the nature, length and standard of the Course which applied at that time when Mr. Hayward entered the Course.

Special Course Strand

This is an extension course for mature age students with fortnightly lecture/seminars for Thursday and Friday at St. Andrew's College. It is designed specifically for Home Missionaries, both in the country and in the city. Up till 1979, students were in the 40/50 age bracket.

In 1980 there are also students in 30/40 grouping. For these younger students, the academic standard has been set to a B. Th. standard in key areas. All students now do Hebrew and Greek exegesis in addition to course work previously done. Because of parish commitments, it is the norm now for the three year full-time Theological course to be taken over four years.

It was to this four year Course, *not* a three year course, that Mr. Hayward was directed in 1981 in Faculty's first communication with him, subsequent to his acceptance as a candidate.

The T. E.C. and Faculty have consistently adhered to the principle that the standard of a Course which pertains when a student enters that Course is not to be altered for that student

while he remains in the Course. This is clearly stated each year in the Handbook, and has been consistently applied. The restructuring of the Special Presbyterian Course, or Diploma Course, to involve the external Th.L. examinations (which, incidentally, did *not* coincide with the move from St Andrew's College at the end of 1982), clearly only applied to those who commenced the Course in 1984 and subsequently. Mr. Hayward has been consistently assessed at the standard which pertained when he entered the Course.

Examinations

Mr. Hayward's contention that he entered the Course on the understanding that there would be no examinations has previously been demonstrated to be without foundation. No such commitment was given to him by the T. E.C. or Faculty. Examinations were in fact introduced into the Course in 1980, twelve months before Mr. Hayward entered the Course (and two years before the move to Ashfield).

During the course of his candidature, the Faculty gave every consideration to Mr. Hayward. For example, Mr. Hayward was exempted from the final examination in 1981 (his first year) on the grounds that he had been ill in the period prior to the examination, and was granted a pass, without being required to sit for a deferred examination.

It was not purely the examination component of Mr. Hayward's assessment which posed problems, for Mr. Hayward's written assignments were also not generally of a satisfactory standard. An alternative method of assessment by oral examinations was proposed for Mr. Hayward and, with his concurrence, tried, but with no change in outcome. At no stage did any examination account for more than 45% of the total possible grade in any subject.

Results

The fact that Mr. Hayward "observed the lectures" (or at least as many as he was able) is not indoubt, although the T.E.C. has operated on the understanding that considerably more than a good attendance record is required of those who aspire to be ministers of our congregations. It should be pointed out that Mr. Hayward's memory of satisfactorily passing his first two years is not borne out by a perusal of the Faculty's Register of results.

Mr. Hayward's Health

The petition could leave an impression that the T.E.C. and Faculty were not concerned about Mr. Hayward's health problems. While the suggestion was put to Mr. Hayward that in view of his health problems, he take leave of studies for a time, his decision to continue was respected and the Faculty gave him every encouragement possible, making the normal arrangements in such circumstances — sending cassette tapes of lectures, and granting liberal extensions of time for the completion of work and the opportunity for deferred examinations where needed.

The T.E.C. believes that every consideration has been extended to Mr. Hayward. One indication of this consideration is the lengthy and careful process of review which finally led to its recommendation to the College Committee that he be removed from the Course of Training, the T. E. C. having earlier concurred with a request from the Presbytery of Moree for more time for it to encourage Mr. Hayward and to further assess his performance.

The Principle at Issue

The T.E.C. believes that an important principle is at stake for the good of the whole Church — namely that the Church sets certain standards for its minister. It has entrusted the task of assessing one aspect of these standards to its Theological Hall Faculties, operating under the guidelines laid down by the General Assembly of Australia through its College Committee Regulations, and using syllabi annually approved by the College Committee.

While the nature and standard of this assessment should be and are kept under constant review, it would be our contention that there must *be* a standard, and a means of assessing every candidate against that standard, and that these measures ought to be consistently applied.

It would be our understanding that the furnishing of a dossier of testimonials is unrelated to this requirement. In view of the content of some of these testimonials relating to Mr. Hayward's character, service and theological position, the point should perhaps be reiterated that at no stage has the T. E.C. reflected on these matters which are outside its area of concern. Its only observation is that which is within its province to comment upon, namely that Mr. Hayward has not demonstrated that he is able to handle the requirements of the Course of Training for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully.

C. D. BALZER
Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

GENERAL REPORT 1982/1985

New South Wales took office as Federal Executive of P. W.A. of A. in September 1982 and has met regularly at Beecroft over the 3 years.

The Office Bearers duly elected were:—

President	— Mrs. N. Mullan
Senior Vice President	— Mrs. J. Sticpewich
Secretary	— Mrs. H. Charlton
Treasurer	— Mrs. D. Fell
Committee Members	were Dr. H. Clements, Mrs. A. Goodman and Mrs. C. Groat

The Presidents of State Units are Vice Presidents and these have changed over the three years.

Honorary President Mrs. A. Mosen, residing in New South Wales, has been able to attend many of our meetings and has reported to us of her travels as wife of the Moderator General.

Greetings have been conveyed to State Annual Conferences and congratulations sent on special appointments.

World Alliance of Reformed Churches

Our Federal Representative for the last 8 years has been Mrs. C. Groat and we are indebted to her for a faithful job well done with regular reports to Executive and P.W.A. reports to Geneva which have appeared in issues of "Reformed World". Mrs. Groat is not standing for re-election at Conference and we would like to place on record her faithful efforts on our behalf.

Federal Badge Secretary

Miss E. Blackwell has efficiently carried out her work as Secretary and we are very appreciative of her efforts in keeping up supplies to all States and coping with rising costs. We are delighted that Miss Blackwell is standing for re-election as Federal Badge Secretary.

Federal Newsletter

Federal Executive agrees with the former Federal President, Mrs. Fraser, that as all States have their own newsletters and these are distributed to all other states, there is no need for a Federal Newsletter.

Priorities

One of the priorities of this Executive was to keep contact with Victoria and in this regard permission was received from N.S.W. State Council to contact Victorian recipients of their State magazine "Span". In reply individuals expressed interest but they indicated no encouragement and little hope of a P.W.A. re-forming at this time.

Revision of Constitution

In keeping with the decision of the 1982 Conference, this Executive has, with the help of all State units, revised the Constitution of the P. W. A. of A. This has proved to be our major task and from October 1983 a great part of most meetings has been spent discussing suggested alterations sent by the States. The Third Draft is being presented for approval by the 1985 Conference.

Federal Executive is grateful for the support and help it has received from all the States. Contact has mainly been with State Secretaries and correspondence received has been warm and friendly.

It has been particularly helpful to have members of Federal Executive with previous Federal experience. Their knowledge and advice has been most welcome and helpful over the past three years and appreciated by the newer members.

Special mention must be made of the leadership and loyalty of our President, Mrs. Mullan. She has given dedicated service and has always been there to advise and assist.

We extend to the incoming Federal Executive our support for their term of office and know that all State units will prayerfully encourage them in this important work of our church.

HELEN CHARLTON
Federal Secretary.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia

in the State of New South Wales

P.W.A. Centre,
Box 100. G.P.O..
Sydney, 2001.

6th September, 1985.

The Clerk of Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Australia,
156 Collins Street,
Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Dear Sir,

When Overture 6 is before the G.A. of Australia, the State Council of the Presbyterian Women's Association in the State of N.S.W. would like to communicate the following to the members deliberating on this matter.

Women in the N. S. W. Church have had great encouragement to participate in all aspects of the work of the Church. Impediments to participation at all levels were removed in 1967 and 1974 after discussion which commenced in 1945. There are many women in the eldership of the Church, but as well many have been welcomed as full members on Church boards and committees. There has been a large number of discussions and Reports on deaconess training, women in the ministry and eldership and training of women workers, a perusal of the Blue Books of the G. A. A. shows this. There has been no lack of discussion on the role of women in the Church.

To purport to examine the role of women in the church and society, with particular emphasis on the ordination of women, in a "Biblical, theological and historical" way by a national committee and in one year would seem to indicate that a really "thorough" study will certainly not be possible.

The actions asked for by the overturists seem to place the proposed study in a strong sociological and legal framework as much as in a doctrinal one. In point 7, the proposed study involving the Confession of Faith again looks at the matter from a sociological and historical platform, or one might say from what might be called the "tradition" of the Church. Previous discussions on the role of women in the Church have been declared invalid by groups against ordination for women on the basis that they allowed such views to be entertained in any Report. There have been many unsuccessful attempts to re-debate these questions but in our experience the great majority of the members of the Church at parish level are not in any way disturbed by the changes. It is after all, nearly twenty years since the decision on admission of women to the eldership was taken. There does not appear to be any actual cases reported in the Church courts which show problems are in existence — only hypothetical cases which may happen in the future. In practice problems at congregational level appear to have been solved by common sense, and by the determination to first see to the upbuilding of the Church.

The State Council of the P. W. A. in N. S.W. at its meeting on Friday, 23 rd August, 1985, unanimously passed the following resolution:—

- (a) The Council affirms its agreement with the Church's present position on the eligibility of women to take up positions of spiritual authority.
- (b) The Council supports any moves at the Federal P. W. A. Conference or the G.A. A. which seek to maintain this position.

We hope sincerely that the G.A. A. will continue its long support and encouragement of women in the Church. The co-operation between men and women in our Church is something of which we have been proud and we think it has been a fine example to other churches in Australia.

MRS. J.W. FELL
State President

MRS. HELEN E. COX
State Secretary.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia

Melbourne

9th September, 1985.

The Clerk.
General Assembly of Australia,
156 Collins Street.
Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Dear Sir,

At the Conference of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia held on the 9th September, 1985, the following expression of concern was read and it was agreed by the majority of the members of the Conference to send this statement onto the General Assembly of Australia. The statement is an indication of the concern by members about Overture 6 to come before the General Assembly of Australia and it reads:

"The Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia has local branches throughout all States except Victoria and is concerned with all matters concerning the work of women in our Church. Members of the Federal Conference were concerned to learn that once again there is to be an attempt to debate the role of women in the Church.

The women in our Church have had a proud record in their dedication to the local church and service in mission work both at home and abroad. We would hope that those who have faithfully served their Lord will not be disparaged for their dedication. It is difficult to imagine that one can effectively serve in any position in the Church without exercising spiritual discernment or authority.

We fear that the attitude exhibited in parts of the Church about women's role goes far beyond a concern about the question of ordination and is already inhibiting participation in the most vital work of proclaiming the gospel here and abroad."

Yours in Christ's service.

HELEN CHARLTON
Federal Secretary.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia

Melbourne

9th September, 1985.

The Clerk.
General Assembly of Australia.
156 Collins Street.
Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Dear Sir,

At the Federal Conference Business Session of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, held in Scots Church Lower Hall, Melbourne, on Monday, 9th September, 1985, inter alia, the revised Constitution was approved.

We hereby present this Constitution to the General Assembly of Australia for its approval and ratification.

Yours faithfully,

HELEN CHARLTON
Federal Secretary.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia

CONSTITUTION Third and Final Draft

In every State of Australia, Presbyterian women have banded themselves together to work for the Kingdom of God through their Church. Distinctive organisations have developed, different in detail in each State but the same in spirit and in aim. They are linked together in membership of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia and the P.W.A. Badge is available to all. This Federal body came into being in September, 1954.

A Federal Conference is held usually at the time and place of the meetings of the General Assembly of Australia. Delegates attend from all States and a Federal Executive is located in each State in turn.

The Constitution is hereunder.

CONSTITUTION

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|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Name</i> | 1. The name of the Association shall be the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia. |
| <i>Aim</i> | 2. The aim of the Association shall be:
(a) To link the women of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in a friendly comradeship for mutual help and inspiration and for united service to Christ and His Church at home and abroad.
(b) To extend the range of Presbyterian women's influence by co-operation and/or affiliation with other organisations of a religious, educational, social, national and international character working for the advancement of God's kingdom upon such conditions and subject to such provisions as the Conference may approve. |
| <i>Composition</i> | 3. The Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall comprise all members of the affiliated State units (hereinafter called "State units"). |
| <i>State Units</i> | 4. The Constitutions of State units shall not be standardised but may vary in the different states according to the various groupings of Presbyterian women within the states. Each State unit of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall be autonomous, but its Aim shall be approved by the Conference as being in accord with the Aim of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia. It shall be known as the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia in (name of State). |
| <i>Governing Body</i> | 5. The Governing Body shall be the Federal Conference, which is a meeting representative of all the women of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia.
Voting Delegates of the Federal Conference shall be appointed by the State units as follows:— New South Wales 5, Victoria 4, Queensland 4, South Australia 2, Tasmania 2, Western Australia 2.
All business of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall be presented, discussed, and decided upon at this Conference.
A quorum shall comprise three-fifths of the voting delegates representing four states.
The Governing Body is empowered to make By-Laws to implement this Constitution.
The time and place of meeting shall be determined from Conference to Conference.
Should a decision on any matter affecting the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia be necessary between meetings of the Governing Body the Executive shall consult with State units by letter and shall act on a decision reached by four (4) of the State units. |
| <i>Office-bearers</i> | 6. The Office-bearers of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall be: |

Honorary President— the wife of the Moderator-General.
President,
Senior Vice-President,
Vice-Presidents — the President of each State unit,
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Other Office-bearers — appointed as the Governing Body determines.

The Office-bearers shall:

- (a) be elected from the members of State units in the following rotation: Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia;
- (b) be elected from the one State and be resident within that State for their term of office;
- (c) be elected by Postal Ballot;
- (d) be declared elected by the Federal Executive prior to the meeting of the Federal Conference;
- (e) hold office from Conference to Conference if still resident in that State.

In the absence of the President the Senior Vice-President shall automatically take office as acting President

No one person shall hold the office of President for a second term.

The Executive

7. The Executive shall consist of the President, Senior Vice-President Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members who shall be appointed by the State unit where the Executive is situated and all members shall be resident within that State.

The Executive shall:

- (a) carry out the decisions of the Governing Body;
- (b) receive suggestions and recommendations from the State units, and, in consultation with all State units, prepare business for the Conference;
- (c) keep State units informed about significant new emphases in Christian life at home and abroad.
- (d) deal with routine affairs of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia.

Should any member of Executive, other than the President, be unable to complete her term of office, the Federal Executive in consultation with the Executive of the State unit shall appoint another member resident in the same State.

The Badge

8. All members of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall have the right to wear the Badge of the Association.

Finance

9. All matters of finance shall be determined by the Governing Body.

Amendment of Constitution

10. Notice to amend this Constitution shall be given by one or more State units not less than six (6) calendar months before the meeting of the Federal Conference and shall require to be passed, after being remitted to all State units, by a three-fifths majority of the voting delegats present, representing not less than four (4) States and shall not come into operation until approved by the General Assembly of Australia.

Presbyterian Church of Australia

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1984

(Excluding Australian Presbyterian World Mission, Christian Education,
National Journal Committee and Presbyterian Inland Mission)

CAPITAL AND RESERVES	\$	\$	\$
<i>Specific</i>			
Balance 1 July 1982		63,418	
Capital Funds Received		226,623	
Capital funds Distributed		(62,231)	
Adjustments		(1,181)	
Surplus for the period (interest only)		28,357	
Balance 31 December 1984			254,986
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Australian Hymn Book	3,446		
Elizabeth S. Swinney Memorial Trust	251,540		
	254,986		
<i>Ordinary</i>			
Balance 1 July 1982		39,253	
Capital Funds Received		30,108	
Capital Funds Distributed		(3,188)	
Adjustments		(902)	
Surplus for the period		16,031	
Balance 31 December 1984			81,302
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES			\$336,288
<i>Represented by:</i>			
<i>INVESTMENT OF FUNDS</i>			
<i>Specific</i>			
Investments		250,005	
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)		4,981	
TOTAL (SPECIFIC)			254,986
<i>Ordinary</i>			
Investments		4,500	
Debtors		2,732	
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N. S.W.)		36,762	
TOTAL		43,994	
<i>Assembly Costs— Church Union/Uniting Church</i>			
General purpose commission	1,183		
Planning Commission (Crawford)	(42,155)		
Joint Constitution Council and Commission	30,126		
Property Commission (Handley)	48,694	37,848	
<i>ss:</i>			
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Creditors		540	
TOTAL (ORDINARY)			81,302
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED			\$336,288

Presbyterian Church of Australia

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st December, 1984 (Ordinary Capital)

(Excluding Australian Presbyterian World Mission, Christian Education,
National Journal Committee and Presbyterian Inland Mission)

	\$	\$
<i>INCOME</i>		
Investment Income		2,212
Trustee Interest		13,574
Contributions Received or Receivable from the States:—		
— New South Wales	29,470	
— Queensland	11,544	
— South Australia	2,717	
— Tasmania	1,359	
— Victoria	14,442	
— Western Australia	774	60,306
		\$76,092
<i>EXPENDITURE</i>		
<i>1982 General Assembly:</i>		
Travelling and Accommodation	22,286	
White and Blue Books	4,728	
Honoraria to Assembly Officers	1,380	28,394
<i>Moderatorial</i>		
Honorarium	1,800	
Travel and Accommodation	7,659	
Moderatorial Dress	546	
Pulpit Supply	100	10,105
<i>Committees</i>		
Christian Education	1,786	
Church and Nation	261	
Code	753	
College	3,245	
Defence Forces	1,038	
Finance	254	
Public Worship and Aids to Devotion	1,102	
Reception of Ministers	485	
Relations with other churches	2,455	
Stewardship and promotion	119	11,498
Contribution to W.A.R.C.		2,200
Audit Fees		600
Office Services		7,100
Other		164
Surplus for the period ended 31 December 1984		16,031
		\$76,092

NOTE: THE DETERMINATION OF G AA. PROPERTY COMMISSION
YET TO BE APPLIED.

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Christian Education Committee
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1984

	\$ \$	\$
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
<i>Specific</i>		
Balance 1 July 1982	1,279	
Surplus for the period (Special Publications and Interest)	4,528	
Balance 31 December 1984		5,807
<i>Represented by:</i>		
Publications	2,313	
Special publications	3,494	
	5,807	
<i>Ordinary</i>		
Balance 1 July 1982	10,960	
(Deficit) for the period	(L573)	
Balance 31 December 1984		9,387
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		\$15,194
<i>Represented by:</i>		
INVESTMENT OF FUNDS		
<i>Specific</i>		
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N. S.W.)	5,807	
TOTAL (SPECIFIC)		5,807
<i>Ordinary</i>		
Fixed assets	1,084	
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)	8,303	
TOTAL (ORDINARY)		9,387
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED		\$15,194

Presbyterian Church of Australia

Christian Education Committee

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st December, 1984 (Ordinary Capital)

Income

G.A.A. Allocation	1,786
Interest	1,839
Publications	5,244
Deficit for the period	1,573
	\$10,442

Expenditure

Travelling expenses	3,796
Publications	4,334
Other	2,312
	\$10,442

Presbyterian Church of Australia

National Journal Committee

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1984

CAPITAL AND RESERVES	\$	\$
<i>Ordinary</i>		
Balance 1 July 1982	35,543	
(Deficit) for the period	(5,034)	
Balance 31 December 1984		30,509
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		\$30,509

Represented by:

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Fixed Assets	2,705
Cash	100
Stock	912
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)	42,137
TOTAL	45,854

Less:

LIABILITIES

Creditors	1,150
Provisions	3,300
Subscriptions in advance	10,895

TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED		\$30,509
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National Journal Committee

Income and Expenditure Account
for the period ended
31 st December, 1984
(Ordinary Capital)

Income

Interest	12,415
Donations	5,871
Year Book — sales and advertising	7,707
A.P.L. — sales (bulk)	22,629
A.P.L. — sales (other)	126,509
A.P.L. — advertising	69,949
Other	9,399
Deficit for the period	5,034
	\$259,513

Expenditure

Salaries etc.	75,300
Office services	5,450
Rent	37,18
Printing — Year Book	4,740
Printing — A. P. L.	113,857
Postage	29,919
Other	26,529
	\$259,513

Presbyterian Church of Australia

Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1984

	\$	S	\$
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
<i>Specific</i>			
Balance 1 July 1982		10,000	
Capital funds received		38,552	
Capital funds distributed		(10,972)	
Surplus for the period (interest only)		3,778	
Balance 31 December 1984			41,358
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Inland Hospital	576		
Blackall (Qld) Patrol	40,017		
Pt. Augusta Patrol	765		
	41,358		
<i>Ordinary</i>			
Balance 1 July 1982		262,956	
Capital funds received		28,841	
Capital funds distributed	(10,681)		Surplus for the period
	109,992		
Balance 31 December 1984			391,108
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES			\$432,466
<i>Represented by:</i>			
INVESTMENT OF FUNDS			
<i>Specific</i>			
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S. W.)	41,358		
TOTAL (SPECIFIC)			41,358
<i>Ordinary</i>			
Fixed assets		1,267	
Investments		366,300	
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)		23,541	
TOTAL (ORDINARY)			391,108
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED			\$432,466

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Presbyterian Inland Mission Committee

Income and Expenditure Account
for the period ended
31st December 1984
(Ordinary Capital)

Income

Interest	119,522
G.M.P. Allocation	2,000
Donations	53,651
Other	10,984
Christmas cards (profit)	2,846
	\$189,003

Expenditure

Port Augusta— Whyalla Patrol

Salaries etc.	41,947
Other	2,769

Stanley — Rockey Cape Patrol

Salaries etc.	3,640
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General Administration

Salaries etc.	13,163
Office services	2,400
Rent	1,428
Travelling expenses	3,744
Other	9,920
Surplus for the period	109,992
	\$189,003

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Australian Presbytery World Mission Committee
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1984

Funds Held by the Committee in Queensland

\$ \$

CASH AT BANK

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 1982	20,754
Excess payments over receipts	(12,883)
	7,871
BALANCE 31 DECEMBER (BANK)	7,871
PLUS Interest Bearing Deposits	32,448
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME	\$40,319

NOTE: Freehold property being residence at 11 Hillview Road, Eastwood, N.S.W., is held for the Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee. The market value is estimated at \$120,000.

Presbyterian Church of Australia

Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee

Income and Expenditure Account to 31st December 1984

	1982	1983	1984	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Income</i>				
Category 1	54,423	56,785	60,113	
Category 2	7,957	2,851	1,696	
Category	1,390	175	7,399	
Unallocated	15,526	1,507	7,080	
Bank interest	228	331	253	
Deposit — not credited	—	4,744	—	
India	—	—	214	
Sundry	—	1	—	
I.B.D.	—	5,350	—	
	79,524	71,744	76,755	228,023
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Category 1	67,114	59,641	52,487	
Category 2	3,600	240	1,150	
Category 3	9,775	3,200	4,258	
Unallocated	4,545	—	—	
Administration	1,159	1,870	2,919	
Publicity	186	75	2,447	
Sundry	4	1	— I.B.D.	
	1 1,235	-	15,000	
	97,618	65,027	78,261	240,906
<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>				
				(18,094)
				6,717
				(1,506)
(Deficit) for period ended 31 December 1984				\$(12,883)

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1984

**Funds Held by Presbyterian Church
in New South Wales**

	\$	\$
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
<i>Specific</i>		
Balance 1 July 1982	206,632	
Capital funds received	40,117	
Capital funds distributed	(259,968)	
Surplus for the period (interest only)	40,100	
Balance 31 December 1984		26,881
<i>Represented by:</i>		
Estate Late N.V. Paton	24,228	
Funds to Support Bush Ministers	2,653	
	26,881	
<i>Ordinary</i>		
Balance 1 July 1982	33,144	
Capital funds received	12,523	
Capital funds distributed	(1,600)	
Surplus for the period (interest only)	10,442	
Balance 31 December 1984		54,509
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		\$81,390
<i>Represented by:</i>		
INVESTMENT OF FUNDS		
<i>Specific</i>		
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)	26,881	
TOTAL (SPECIFIC)		26,881
<i>Ordinary</i>		
Investments	66	
Deposit (Presbyterian Church N.S.W.)	54,443	
TOTAL (ORDINARY)		54,509
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED		\$81,390

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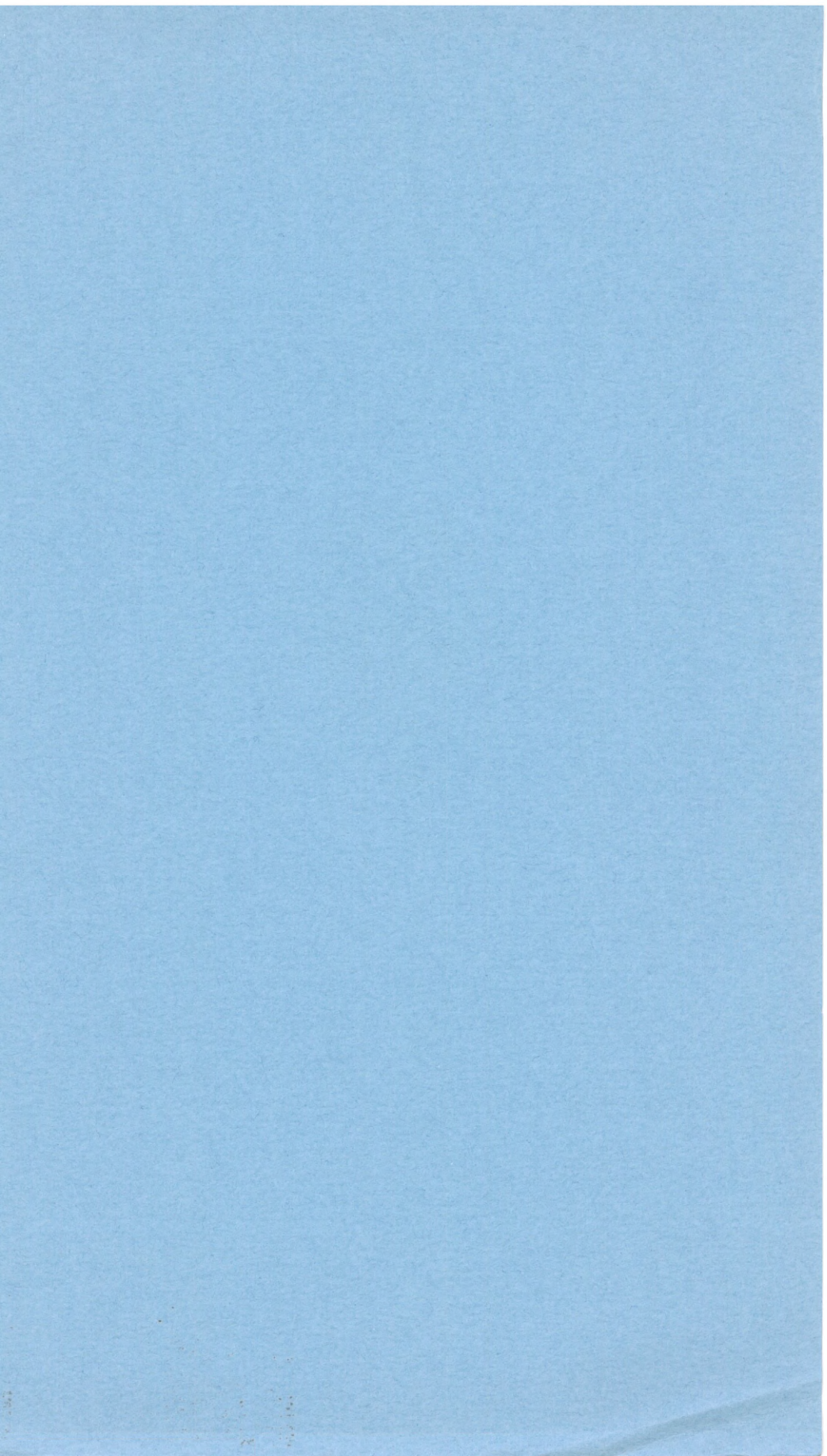
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