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Authorization for Organization

The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, having authorized the formation of subordinate Synods by its action at the third Biennial Meeting, held at Columbus, Ohio, June 22-29, 1938, with the instructions that the "officers of the General Council make the necessary arrangements" for their organization. Accordingly, the Convening Committee, duly appointed and authorized, sent notification to all charges included in the new set-up for the Potomac Synod, announcing that the Potomac Synod would be organized at Hood College, Frederick, Md., June 15, 1939, at 10:00 A.M.

Organization Meeting

In answer to this call ministerial and lay delegates registered at the hour designated and assembled for the Organization Meeting in Brodbeck Hall at 10:30 A.M. The meeting opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. Charles Enders. Rev. Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., chairman of the Convening Committee, who presided over the meeting, declared the assembly ready for the business of organization. The Roll Clerk reported the presence of 59 ministers and 40 lay delegates which constituted a quorum. Remarks of welcome and announcements were made by Rev. Henry I. Stahr, president of Hood College. Through its Secretary, the Convening Committee consisting of Revs. Harvey R. Fesperman, D.D., Charles Enders, Horace R. Lequar and Frank A. Rosenberger reported as follows.

"In preparing for the organization meeting of the new Potomac Synod your committee held two meetings—the first on November 14, at the Y.M.C.A., Hagerstown, Md., and the second on May 1, at Hood College, Frederick, Md. Chairman, Rev. Harvey A. Fesperman, presided at both meetings, and all members were present. The committee was guided in its work by Secretary Lampe, of the General Synod, and by President Stahr, of Hood College. The time of meeting was decided upon, a Nominating Committee was appointed, a roll clerk was named, and the printed program in your hands today was prepared to be the order of business for this organization meeting. Your committee therefore now submits this program to the Synod.

Respectfully,

REV. FRANK A. ROSENBERGER, *Sect'y.*

The chair defined the bar of the house as being the front half of the auditorium. Rev. L. W. Gobel, D.D., President of the Church was introduced and made a general statement. The program and schedule as printed was adopted as the program and schedule for the meeting and is indicated in the arrangement of this printed abstract.

Appointment of Committees:—On Nominations—Revs. Ralph E. Hartman, Aaron M. Gluck, Titus Lehmann, John L. Barnhart, Messrs. H. F. Dunkhorst, Charles F. Kimpel, Jr. Harry Brindle.

On Resolutions:—Revs. Charles Enders, Stephen L. Flickinger, Messrs. H. K. Delauter, Henry Schultheis.

Synod voted to authorize the election of two additional committees, namely, On Christian Education and On National Missions.

Two addresses graced the occasion. One by Dr. William E. Lampe, Secretary of the General Synod, who spoke at the morning session on, "The Constitution and the Synod," and the other by Dr. L. W. Gobel, who spoke at the opening of the afternoon session on "The Business of Synod."

Election of Officers:—After the report of the Nominating Committee, the election took place with the following results—President, Rev. Scott R. Wagner, D.D.; Vice-President, Rev. Titus Lehmann; Secretary, Rev. Norman L. Horn; Treasurer, Mr. J. Travers Thomas; Lay Member of the Synodical Council, Mr. Henry Schultheis.

By acclamation, the following committees were elected:

Board of Examiners—Revs. S. L. Flickinger, D.D., Ralph E. Hartman, Gottlieb Seigenthaler, Mr. Charles F. Kimpel, Jr.

Kingdom Service—Revs. Ernst J. Dettbarn (3 yrs.), John S. Hollenbach (2 yrs.), Irwin L. Rudisill (1 yr.), Paul G. Gabler (3 yrs.), Mr. Geo. Sturmfelz (2 yrs.), Mr. Rudolph Fleck (1 yr.).

Evangelism—Revs. Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., Erwin Bueneman, Prof. Harold Clem.

Social Action—Revs. Nevin E. Smith, John Schauer, Mr. W. J. Schnebly.

National Missions—Revs. M. Manrodt, John B. Frantz, Mr. C. Fisher.

Board of Christian Education—Revs. Arthur Newell (5 yrs.), Addison H. Groff (4 yrs.), Wm. R. Barnhart (3 yrs.), Wm. R. Strietelmeier (2 yrs.), Mr. H. K. Delauter (1 yr.).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Under Miscellaneous and other business, a communication from the Churchmen's Brotherhood was read and referred to the Committee of Resolutions.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by the chairman of the committee and adopted item by item. The report is as follows:

1. The Fall meeting of Synod shall be held in three sections (see Art. 1, Sec. 52a of the By-laws); one for the churches of Virginia and West Virginia, one for the churches of the old Maryland Classis, and one for the churches of Baltimore and Washington, inc. the "E" churches in Annapolis, Cambridge, and Richmond, Va.

2. That the apportionment shall be 3c. per member to cover the period to January 31, 1940. The Synodical Council is authorized to act as the budget committee to set the apportionment for the Synod for the year February 1, 1940—January 31, 1941.

3. The budget for the present shall provide for the expenses of the present meeting of Synod, including the mimeographing of minutes, office and traveling expenses for the president.

4. That it is advisable to refrain from equalization of the traveling expenses for this meeting of Synod. The method of future equalization is referred to the Synodical Council for study and recommendation to the next spring meeting.

5. That Synod express its thanks to President Stahr, Hood College, and all others who have cooperated in contributing to the entertainment of the Synod and to the Convening Committee.

6. That the secretary be instructed to give publicity to this meeting in the church papers and through the press.

7. That Synod receives the greetings and recommendations of the Churchmen's Brotherhood and refers the recommendations to the next spring meeting of the Synod.

8. That the treasurer be instructed to send a letter to each pastor calling his attention to the apportionment for Synod and asking that the money be sent as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

CHARLES ENDERS	HENRY SCHULTHEIS
S. L. FLICKINGER	H. K. DELAUTER
NEVIN E. SMITH	

These items were considered seriatum and adopted.

The new President of Synod was presented and made appropriate remarks. Before adjournment, after the final report of the Roll Clerk, who reported the presence of 64 ministers and 42 lay delegates, and the reading and approval of the minutes, President Goebel installed the new officers of Synod. The meeting adjourned with Synod coming to the front of the auditorium, to join in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction, by the President, to meet again at the call of the Synodical Council.

FRANK A. ROSENBERGER, *Secretary*

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FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
of
Potomac Synod
of the
Evangelical and Reformed Church

At its Annual Sessions held at Frederick, Md., April 29—May 1, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty.

The sessions began Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, April 29, and continued until 3:25 P.M., Wednesday, May 1st.

Article I

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Potomac Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church convened in Grace Church, Frederick, Md., on Monday, April 29, 1940, at 2:30 P.M. The session opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. John L. Barnhart, D.D. Religious Services were held Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. Revs. Ralph E. Hartman, Titus Lehmann and Norman L. Horn conducted the service Monday evening. Rev. Scott R. Wagner, president, preached the sermon on the subject: "The Voice of Authority in an age of Confusion." Text: I Cor. 14:8. The Communion Service followed. Rev. Henri L. G. Kieffer, D.D., was in charge of the service Tuesday evening. The address was made by Rev. George R. Snyder, missionary to China. A devotional service preceded the morning and afternoon sessions, Tuesday, and the morning session Wednesday, Revs. Harry G. Yaggi, Calvin H. Wingert and Claude H. Corl, respectively in charge. The subjects for addresses at these three devotional services were sub-titles to the general theme of the Synod which was the subject of the President's sermon. These subjects and speakers were: (1) "The Voice of Authority in Moses and the Commandments"—Rev. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D.; (2) "The Voice of Authority in the Prophets"—Rev. Gottlieb Siegenthaler; (3) "The Voice of Authority in the Gospels"—Rev. Titus Lehmann.

The organist of Grace Church served as organist at all the religious and devotional services and the choir of the church presented musical numbers at the services Monday and Tuesday evening.

Article II

ORGANIZATION

Following the devotional service Monday, 2:30 P.M., the president declared Synod open for business. The Pastor loci was presented, who spoke words of welcome. The president responded with appropriate remarks. A quorum was declared present when the Roll Clerk reported that 51 ministers and 36 Lay Delegates were present. Regarding the status of the Treasurer and Lay Member of the Synodical Council, the President ruled, that whereas the constitution makes no provision for their status as delegates, they be granted the rights and privileges of the floor of Synod as advisory members. This was made Synod's action.

1. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Note: The figure at the end of name indicates the sessions at which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates last registered their presence. Those not attending all sessions and marked (*) were excused.

Record of Attendance

Pastors: Harry A. Behrens, Guy P. Bready (b*), Edwin D. Bright, George K. Ely, Charles Enders, Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., Theodore F. Fisher, Stephen L. Flickinger, D.D. (b*), Darwin X. Gass, Aaron M. Gluck, D.D. (c*), Earl Gardner, Addison H. Groff, Ralph E. Hartman, E. Lewis Higbee, Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., John S. Hollenbach, J. Wade Hoffman (c*), Henri L. G. Kieffer, D.D., Seward R. Kresge, Elmer E. Leiphart (c*), Horace R. Lequear, Arthur W. Newel, Lee A. Peeler, Charles R. Rebert, M. S. Reifsnyder, Claude H. Corl, Charles E. Robb, Ivrin L. Rudisill, Philip E. Saylor (c), John W. Schauer (b), Kandall B. Shoffner, Harvey S. Shue, Nevin E. Smith, William H. Solly, Scott R. Wagner, D.D., William R. Strietelmeier, Harvey A. Welker (b*), Calvin H. Wingert, Harry C. Yaggi, J. William Zehring, Paul L. Althouse, John L. Barnhart, D.D., Edwin H. Bueneman (c*), Ernst E. J. F. Dettbarn (c*), John B. Frantz, Paul G. Gabler, Julius F. Grauel (2b), John G. Grimmer, John R. T. Hedeman (a*), Norman L. Horn, J. Paul Kehm, John D. Kehoe, Titus Lehmann, Manfred Manrodt, Frank A. Rosenberger, Carl T. Schaeffer, Gottlieb Siegenthaler, Melville H. Way, Edwin L. Werner (Assistant Pastor), Christian Newman.

Ministers without charges:—Joseph H. Apple, D.D., Frederick W. Bald (a*), Arthur W. Barley (2b), William R. Barnhart, D.D., Atvill Conner, D.D., Edward R. Hamme (2b), Walter R. Hartzel (2), P. E. Heimer, Ph.D., Russel C. Herbert, G. W. Kerstetter, Charles W. Levan,

D.D. (b), Henry H. Ranck D.D., G. Nevin Rebert (2c), Henry I. Stahr, D.D., Samuel A. Troxel (2b), George R. Snyder.

Lay Delegates:—Evan E. Jones, John Burrier, A. N. Schroeder (3), J. William Schnebly, Max Schnoor, Alvin D. Dutterer (c*), Thomas Wagaman (2b), C. D. Young (c), Paul S. Michael, George J. Martin (a*—Final roll call), R. N. Bair (b*) Samuel Krug, A. Leroy McCardell, B. W. Stone Braker, (c), R. B. Alexander (b*), Robert M. Haase, Eugene A. Spessard, Harry Little (a), C. H. Keller, Edward F. Holder (b), Henry Yaakey (2), John W. Thomas, Levi Maus (b*), Harry L. Lyne (b), Harry Brindle, George J. Sturmfelz (a), Thomas W. Blumenauser, Frank J. Sazanna, Wiley Smith (a), Rudolph J. C. Fleck (c*), Edgar Hartung (c*), H. H. Vordemberge (2), J. Rausenberger, Charles A. Baltz (a), Howard L. Wells, Mrs. Emma Lindauer (2c*), Alois E. Rimbach (c), Mrs. Manfred Manrodt, J. Howard Musgrove (b), Adam Trautner (c*), William M. Glenn (c*), Henry W. Schultheis, George H. Haines, Orion J. Virts (b*).

Excused From Attendance

Revs. Edward T. Plitt, Talmage C. King and F. A. Geise.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE BY SESSIONS

First Session	51 Ministers, 36 Lay Delegates
Second Session	49 Ministers, 33 Lay Delegates
Third Session	52 Ministers, 22 Lay Delegates
Final Roll Call	51 Ministers, 23 Lay Delegates

ADVISORY MEMBERS

To The Maryland Synod—

Your committee on Advisory members reports the presence of the following brethren—

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer of the Philadelphia Synod; Dr. Eugene L. McLean of the Philadelphia Synod; Dr. George W. Richards of the Lancaster Synod; Dr. Alexander Toth of the Hungarian Synod. Dr. Edgar C. Powers of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church; Rev. John W. Harms, Executive Secretary of the Maryland-Delaware Council of Churches; Dr. Charles E. Wehler, Pastor Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church of Frederick; Rev. A. F. Frantz of the Mercers-bury Synod; Charles F. Kimpel, Jr., Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. HARTMAN

Adopted.

2. DEFINING THE BAR OF THE HOUSE

The President defined the Bar of the House as the first twelve pews across the church auditorium.

Article III

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The printed program prepared by the Synodical Council was presented and adopted and made the program for the sessions.

Monday, April 29, 1940

2.30 P.M.—Opening Session of Synod, Grace Church, Frederick, Md.
Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, pastor.

Devotional Service. Rev. John L. Barnhart, D.D.

2.45-4.30 P.M.—Business.

The Organization of Synod:

1. Record of Attendance.
2. Defining the Bar of the House.

Adoption of Program and Schedule.

Announcement of the Appointment of Committees.

Presentation of Official Reports and other Documents and their Reference.

Report of Officers:

1. The President.
2. The Secretary, including Report on Necrology.
3. The Treasurer and Auditing Committee.

4.00 P.M.—First Ballot for Election of Delegates to General Synod.

5.30 P.M.—Dinner.

7.30 P.M.—Religious Services, Revs. Ralph E. Hartman, Titus Lehmann, Norman L. Horn in charge. Elder Charles F. Kimpel, Jr., assisting with the Communion.

Sermon by the President, Rev. Scott R. Wagner, D.D.

Subject: "The Voice of Authority in an Age of Confusion."

Text: 1 Cor. 14:8.

Holy Communion.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1940

8.30 A.M.—Devotional Service, Rev. Harry G. Yaggi, Leader.

Address: Rev. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D.

Subject: "The Voice of Authority in Moses and the Commandments."

9.00 A.M.-12 M.—Business. Quorum, Approval of minutes.

Reports: The Synodical Council—Secretary Reporting.

The Board of Examiners.
 The Kingdom Service Committee.
 The Committee on Evangelism.
 The Committee on Christian Social Action.

Reports of Committees:

On Minutes of General Synod, Statement of the General Council and on the Report of the President of the Synod.

12.00 M.-2 P.M.—Noon Recess.

12.15 P.M.—Luncheon.

2.00 P.M.—Devotional Service. Rev. Calvin H. Wingert, Leader.

Address: Rev. Gottlieb Siegenthaler.

Subject: "The Voice of Authority in the Prophets."

3.30-5.00 P.M.—Business.

On Overtures.

On National Missions.

On International Missions.

On Christian Education and Publication and On Business Management.

On Educational Institutions.

5.30 P.M.—Dinner.

7.30 P.M.—Religious Services. Rev. Henri L. G. Kieffer, D.D., presiding.

Address: Rev. George R. Snyder, "Missionary to China."

Wednesday, May 1, 1940

8.30 A.M.—Devotional Service.—Claude H. Corl, Leader.

Address: Rev. Titus Lehmann.

Subject: "The Voice of Authority in the Gospels."

9.00 A.M.-12.00 M.—Business.

On Pensions and Relief.

On Benevolent Institutions.

On Auxiliary Organizations.

On Nominations.

On Elections.

On Treasurer's Report and Finance.

On Equalization of Traveling Expenses.

Extra Denominational Matters.

Elections.

Miscellaneous Reports and other business.

Adjournment with final report in attendance, reading and adoption of minutes and Religious Service.

Article IV

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

By action of Synod the Committees listed on the printed program were adopted as the committees of Synod.

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD

- *Board of Examiners: S. L. Flickinger, D.D., Ralph E. Hartman, Gottlieb Siegenthaler, Mr. Charles F. Kimpel, Jr.
- *Kingdom Service: Ernst J. Dettbarn, John S. Hollenbach, Irvin L. Rudisill, Paul G. Gabler, Mr. George Sturmfelz, Mr. Rudolph Fleck.
- *Evangelism: Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., Erwin Bueneman, Prof. Harold Clem.
- *Social Action: Nevin E. Smith, John Schauer, Mr. W. J. Schnelby.
 1. & 2. Minutes of General Synod, On Statement of the General Council and on the Report of the President of the Synod. Charles Enders, John S. Hollenbach, Elder J. Howard Musgrove.
 3. On Overtures: Frank A. Rosenberger, Elmer J. Leiphart, Elder J. A. Rausenberger.
- *4. On National Missions: Manfred Manrodt, John B. Frantz, Elder C. Fisher.
- 5. On International Misions: Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., G. Siegenthaler, Elder E. A. Spessard.
- *6. & 7. On Christian Education and Publication and Business Management: Arthur Newell, Addison W. Groff, W. R. Barnhart, Wm. R. Strietelmeier, Mr. H. K. Delanter.
- 8. On Educational Institutions: Henry I. Stahr, Erwin Bueneman, Elder Harry Brindle.
- 9. On Pensions and Relief: John L. Barnhart, John Schauer, Elder William Hoffman.
- 10. On Benevolent Institutions: S. L. Flickinger, John Kehoe, Elder F. A. Shank.
- 11. On Auxiliary Institutions: Nevin E. Smith, C. T. Schaefer, Elder B. W. Stonebraker, Mrs. Manfred Naurodt, Mrs. Emma Lindauer.
- 12. On Nominations: Paul Gabler, E. Louis Higbee, Elder Hermon H. Vordemberge.
- 13. On Elections: Addison E. Groff, Claude E. Corl, Elder P. S. Michel.
- 14. On Treasurer's Report and Finance: Harry C. Yaggi, John B. Frantz, Elder H. W. Schultheis.

* Personnel elected by Synod.

Later during the sessions the president appointed these additional Committees:

On Excuses and Leave of Absence:—Melville H. Way, Charles E. Robb, Harvey S. Shue and Rudolph Fleck.

On Publicity:—John B. Frantz, Norman L. Horn and Edgar Hartung.

On Advisory Members:—Ralph E. Hartman.

On Historical Data:—Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., Manfred Manrodt, and Harold J. Clem.

On Anniversaries:—Ralph E. Hartman, Harry G. Yaggi and A. Leroy McCardell.

On Resolutions:—Edgar F. Hoffmeier, Russel C. Herbert and George Lakin.

The Chair appointed Rev. Russel C. Herbert Corresponding Secretary.

Article V

PRESENTATION OF OFFICIAL REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES

The Blue Book submitted by General Synod for Synod meetings contained and presented the annual reports of the officers, Boards and Institutions. All documents received were placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Article VI

STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The Statement of the General Council was referred to the Committee on the Minutes of General Synod.

Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., First Vice-President of the Church addressed Synod as the representative from the General Synod on the subject: "The Program of the Church."

Article VII

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. The President: Mimeograph copies of his report were distributed among the delegates. The report was then read by the president. No action being necessary, his report was placed with the Committee on Minutes of General Synod for reference.

To The Reverend Potomac Synod—

Dear Brethren:

In making my first annual report to your reverend body, I am conscious of many misgivings.

One of the first things which I did was to build the Roll of Synod according to the Constitution. A questionnaire was sent to every minister on the Roll of Synod asking for the information which it was believed would be useful to have about each one.

During the Fall the preparation of the programs for the meeting of the Fall Conferences was carried out with the help of material furnished through the General Council and the full co-operation of our Synodical Council, and I may add here that every member of the Synodical Council has shown the highest degree of willingness to co-operate in the work which had to be done.

The Fall Conferences were well attended, and the spirit was most encouraging. I believe that we are getting off to a real new start in Kingdom Building through what our Synod has to contribute.

The largest amount of work in this office comes through the Placement Committee's obligations. A glance at the cost of postage alone will indicate the heavy correspondence entailed. In connection with one church alone, more than one hundred letters were required. Several Synods have considered the question of making the Office of President a full-time task. One has already arranged to do so beginning in January, 1941. I do not mention this as even hinting that our Synod should consider such a proposition at the present time, but I mention it the more fully to call to your attention the large amount of labor which must be done, and to indicate that considerable more might be done if one had the time to do so.

I have been absent from my own pulpit on six different occasions, to conduct elections and installations, and to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Huber Memorial Church of Baltimore. This church is to be congratulated on the splendid progress it has made and the work it is now doing. I could have attended many other special occasions throughout the Synod, but I am sure you will agree that no pastor can afford to be away from his congregation too many times during the year and at the same time accomplish to some degree the work which belongs to him.

Following you will find a list of the official duties of a more or less routine nature:

Ministers Received into Synod

- Oct. 1, '39—Rev. Calvin H. Wingert, Grace Church, Washington, from Norristown, Pa.
- Oct. 1, '39—Rev. John G. Grimmer, Christ Church, Baltimore, from Claysburg, Pa.
- Oct. 25, '39—Rev. Wm. Henry Solly, Shepherdstown, W. Va., from Lancaster Sem.
- Nov. 12, '39—Rev. Edwin L. Werner, U. E. Church, Baltimore, from Lancaster.
- Nov. 19, '39—Rev. J. William Zehring, St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, from Lancaster Synod.
- Mar. 29, '40—Rev. Edgar F. Hoffmeier, Glade Chge., Walkersville, from Mercersburg Synod.

Mar. 29, '40—Rev. Charles W. Levan, (no charge) Walkersville, from Mercersburg, Synod.

Installations

- Oct. 1, '39—Rev. Calvin H. Wingert, Grace Church, Washington, by Pres. S. R. Wagner.
 Oct. 1, '39—Rev. John G. Grimmer, Christ Church, Baltimore, by Pres. S. R. Wagner.
 Oct. 25, '39—Rev. Wm. Henry Solly, Shepherdstown, W. Va., by Virginia Classis.
 Nov. 12, '39—Rev. Edwin L. Werner, U. E. Church, Baltimore, by Rev. Titus Lehmann.
 Apr. 28, '40—Rev. J. William Zehring, St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, by Rev. N. L. Horn.

Ordinations

Nov. 12, '39—Rev. Edwin L. Werner, U. E. Church, Baltimore, by Dr. Th. Herman, Revs. James E. Wagner and Titus Lehmann.

Dismissals

- Jan. 1, '40—Rev. Nelson Cover Brown from Walkersville, Md. to Meyersdale, Pa.
 Jan. 31, '40—Rev. Clark Swartz Smith from Burkittsville, Md. to York, Pa.
 Jan. 15, '40—Rev. Paul B. Rupp from Fort Howard, Md. to Kelly Field, Texas.

Elections

- April 21, '40—Rev. F. Nelson Schlegel, First Church, Washington, D.C.
 April 21, '40—Rev. Russel C. Herbert, Burkittsville-Brunswick Charge.

To be Installed in the near future

Rev. Edgar F. Haffmeier, D.D., Glade Charge, Walkersville, Md.
 Rev. Russell C. Herbert, Burkittsville-Brunswick.

Your Placement Committee has tried only to do what is specified in the Constitution, and has been (I think) successful in doing the work to the satisfaction of the charges that have been needing pastors. At the present time there are no charges within the bounds of our Synod that are not filled or in process of being filled.

Another one of the interesting phases of the work is that of receiving and endeavoring to analyze the Parochial Reports. It has been interesting to read them, but difficult to present to you in brief form a summary of their contents.

Health—A great majority of the Ministers of Potomac Synod have been blessed with good health during 1939. Out of 75 reports received thus far, only 4 cases of physical handicap have been mentioned. Seven ministers claim perfect health during the year.

General Outlook—Most of the reports reveal an encouraging outlook on the part of the ministers, but in many cases this encouragement probably consists, to some extent at least, of faith and hope.

Membership—Majority of reports indicate increases in membership. Rev. G. Siegenthaler (St. Matthew's Church, Baltimore) heads this list with an increase of 86 members during 1939. Rev. Harvey A. Fesperman (Hagerstown) comes next with 40 new members, and Rev. Erwin H. Bueneman (Huber Memorial Church, Baltimore) 37. Rev. Harry A. Behrens of Timberville, with five little country churches, shows an increase of 29 new members.

Attendance—Poor in many cases—but a majority of reports indicate an increase over previous year.

General Problems—The youth problem seems to be one of greatest concern. "No loyalty on the part of young people" and "High Schools make far too great demands on them"—these are quotations from two reports.

There is also the problem of how to arouse a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the work of the denomination, as is evidenced toward the local church. Some feel the need of a Potomac Synodical Fellowship Cabinet.

Finances—Finances, of course, are a problem in many churches. The use of the Duplex Envelopes has helped materially.

Debts—A number of pastors report difficulty in meeting the obligations of the Church on account of heavy debts.

Apportionment—26 churches (26|27 approximately 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %) report apportionment paid in full. Many have paid in part, and only a few report that the congregation is not interested.

Items of Special Interest—Rev. Theodore F. Fischer of Cambridge, deserves special commendation for heroic sacrifices. Also Rev. Irvin L. Rudisill of Edinburg, Va.

One retirement from the active pastorate occurred last July—that of Dr. Henry H. Ranck, who now reports joy in living without the responsibility of active work.

Requests for Leave of Absence—Revs. Chas. F. Brandt, Robert M. Stahl, Samuel A. Troxell, Roy E. Hoke, and J. Edw. Klingaman.

The expense of my office amounted to \$241.85, divided as follows: Secretary \$122.00, Postage \$30.85, Travel \$62.40, and Miscellaneous (including mimeographing, record files, supplies etc.), \$26.60.

The time and place of the Fall Meeting should be determined at this session of Synod, and it seems to me it would be important to have

one conference this Fall in place of three, in order that there might be opportunity for getting acquainted with all the members of the Synod. Our Synod covers a rather extensive territory, which would make extra travel for some of those coming to the Fall Meeting; but I see no other way whereby we may really learn to know each other personally. I submit this suggestion to you for your consideration.

I attended the meeting of the Presidents of all the Synods in Cleveland last December. This meeting was authorized by the General Council, and proved to be worthwhile to the highest degree, in that there was established (as a result of that meeting) the uniformity of methods of keeping records and of the functioning of the Placement Committees, and the aid given to the General Council in the building of the program of Synod. The cost of attending this meeting increased the amount spent for travel by the sum of \$27.75, which will not be an annual item of expense. At this meeting of the Presidents, it was agreed that the major theme for all the Spring Meetings this year should be "Evangelism," and I am sure that anyone who gives any study to the statistics of our merged church, will realize that there is great need for every Synod to do its utmost to bring new members into the Church, for the sake of filling these new members with the spirit of our Lord and Master.

In building the program for this Synod, with the aid of the Synodical Council, we have tried to make it more of a workers conference than the routine of hearing a number of reports, or of having addresses made to us by men who represent our institutions and the Boards of the Church. It is the hope of your Council, therefore, that every member of the Synod will take part in discussing the reports and giving information in regard to what should be the nature of our action.

In appointing the Committees for this meeting, it was left by the Council that smaller committees can do more efficient work than larger ones, and so we have, as far as possible, limited committees to three members.

Our Synod is entitled to send three ministers and three lay delegates to the General Synod. The travel expense of delegates to General Synod is to be on a pro rated basis for the entire Church. Our travel expense this year will be very small because the place of meeting is near by, but we should be quite willing to pay our share to equalize the travel expenses of all the delegates of the whole Church. In providing for the expenses of the delegates to the General Synod, this body should make clear just what is to be inferred or included in the expenses.

Before this meeting adjourns action should be taken authorizing the Kingdom Service Committee in connection with the Synodical Council to levy the apportionment after it has been adopted by the General

Synod, either on the per capita basis or on basis recommend in the report in the Blue Book.

At the meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the General Council, your President made a serious effort to prevent the apportionment for 1941 and 1942 being any higher than it is at present. As the report, however, was concluded and will be sent to the General Synod, it will represent an increase of at least 4%. Should this Synod object to that increase or any other increase which may be added by the General Synod, it should instruct its delegates to use their influence to keep the apportionment at the level of where it has been for the past two years.

It was the custom in the "R" branch of the Church to provide aid for students for the ministry, (a work which all of us who knew it felt was very worthwhile), and now as we approach the dissolution of these Classes, it will be necessary for the new Synods to decide whether or not they will continue this work of beneficiary aid for students of the ministry; and if such aid is to be given, provision for it must be made in the apportionment.

In my work as Chairman of the Placement Committee I have found a very wide-spread desire on the part of congregations not to want to consider calling men who have reached the age of 45 or more years. It seems to me that we ought to endeavor to persuade our people that ministers who have reached the age of even 50 or 60 years are still competent to do excellent work for a number of years to come. In many other professions, such as law, medicine, and teaching, and in the case of business executives, men are better qualified in their advanced years to serve than they were in their permatue years. I feel that we should endeavor to persuade our people of the importance of giving proper consideration to the men who have served well and upon whom the years are now multiplying.

Your attention is called to an article in the Constitution relative to the importance of having a Cabinet in every congregation, "consisting of the Consistory, or Church Council, and the Presidents or duly selected representatives of the various church organizations, to co-ordinate and promote the entire program of the Church." Where this Cabinet has been organized, the reports of the good work that can be done are very encouraging.

Plans are in process of completion for the organizing of the Synodical Youth Fellowship, information about which will no doubt come from some other source.

At the present time it is not possible to give you a Statistical Report. These reports should have been sent to the Secretary of the Church early last January, and from the office of the Secretary we should have received a complete record of the membership of each charge

and other vital information. As recently as April 6th there were still six members of our Synod who had neglected to send in to the General Office their reports for the year 1939, and due to that neglect this Synod has not, as the writing of this report, received the statistics which it should have had more than 30 days ago.

Your attention is also called to the fact that attendance upon the part of pastors and delegates to the Spring Meetings and Fall Meetings is not optional but is a requirement, and members who are unable to attend either of the meetings should report their reasons for not attending in writings, and ask to be excused.

Your Council has appointed the Rev. Harvey S. Shue as Roll Clerk.

There are several committees which be provided for that are not asked in the Constitution. There should be an Auditing Committee, a Committee on Resolutions, one on Leave of Absence, one on Press or Publicity, and a special committee for this year on Anniversaries. Other Advisory member committees ay be found necessary as we proceed with our business.

If the Synod desires to have the minutes of this meeting printed, there should be included in such printing the Minutes of the Organization Meeting held last June, and the number of copies of the minutes should be decided by this body.

The Synod should take note that the Constitution directs that the Treasurer shall be paid a salary. The amount should be determined at this session.

In concluding my report I wish to thank you for the confidence you have had in me, and ask your indulgence and patience for the limited amount of work which I have been able to do.

Praying God's blessing upon each one of you and upon the Charges which you represent, this report is respectfully submitted.
April 24, 1940.

SCOTT R. WAGNER

2. The Secretary, including review of Minutes of the Synod and Necrology.

Dear Brethren:

As Secretary of Potomac Synod, I present the following report which covers the interim since the time of the Organization meeting of Synod June 15, 1939.

The secretorial office involves a threefold responsibility—Secretary of Synod, including the record on Necrology; Secretary of the Synodical Council, which is also the Placement Committee; and assistant to the President of Synod.

This report has to do with the first of these responsibilities.

I. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD

The minutes of the Organization are brief yet much is involved. In addition to the election of the officers of Synod and following committees, Board of Examiners, Kingdom Service, Evangelism, Social Action, National Missions, Board of Christian, all of which will report at this meeting in due order, the particular items of business transacted by Synod was the adoption of the eight items in the report of the Resolutions Committee of which the following need to be brought to the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Instructions regarding the Fall Meeting of Synod.

Attended to—details of which appear in the report of the Synodical Council by the Secretary.

Item 2. (a) An apportionment of 3c. per member authorized.

The churches of Synod were informed regarding this apportionment.

(b) Synodical Council to set apportionment for 1940.

The amount of 3c. per member for the year Feb. 1, 1940 to Jan. 31, 1941 is recommended. Action on (b) was deferred until later in the sessions. The amount of 7c. per member was adopted as per report of Committee on Finance.

Item 3. Instruction regarding provision for expenses.

Adopted as attended to

Item 4. Method of equalization of traveling expenses referred to Synodical Council.

Recommendation—That Synod adopted the method employed formally by the Synod of the Potomac. This was adopted. The details of this method appears in the report of the Synodical Council by its secretary.

Item 6. Instructions to Secretary of the Organization meeting.

Adopted as attended to.

Item 7. Recommendations of Churchmen's Brotherhood referred to Spring Meeting of Synod.

Adopted and referred to the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations.

Item 8. Treasurer instructed to inform each pastor of 3c. per member apportionment.

Adopted as attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN L. HORN

The report was adopted.

2. REPORT ON NECROLOGY

To the Potomac Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: During the interim since the Organization Meeting, June 15, 1939, two of our ministerial brethren were called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. With this

report a brief biographical sketch for each minister deceased in presented—a fuller obituary will be placed with our Committee on Historical Data.

JAMES D. BUHRER

Rev. James D. Buhrer, born May 4, 1868 in Schaffhausen, Switzerland. His parents came to America when he was two years old and settled in Archold, Ohio. He was a graduate of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio. Took graduate work in Cleveland Medical College, Heidelberg University and Chicago University. Received his Ph.D. from the American University. Served as pastor of 2nd Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio and First Church, Washington, D.C. He died December 6, 1939. Interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

JAMES RILEY BERGEY

James Riley Bergey, born in Montgomery Co., Pa., near Shippack. He attended of Ursinus College and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Served as pastor in White Deer Charge, West Milton, Pa., Doylestown, Pa., Altoona, Pa., and Third, Baltimore, Md. Died January 24, 1940. Interment at Shippack, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN L. HORN

The report was adopted by a rising vote with prayer by Revs. Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D. and Charles Enders.

3. THE TREASURER AND AUDITING COMMITTEE

RECEIVED from Charges

June 15th, 1939 to January 31st, 1940	\$693.69
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EXPENSES

Printing and Stationery	\$ 36.98	
Fall Meeting Synod 1939	60.25	
Postage	15.00	
Committee on Evangelism	21.65	
Miscellaneous	16.40	
President Expenses	239.65	
	389.93	389.93
BALANCE		\$303.76

Respectfully,
CHARLES F. KIMPEL, JR., *Treas.*

Gentlemen:

The foregoing receipts and expenses were audited by the following committee and found correct close of year 1939.

Respectfully,

FRANK A. ROSENBERGER

GOTTLIEB SIEGENTHALER

Adopted.

All 106 churches of Synod paid their apportionment of 3c. per member except St. John, Baltimore, Md.

Article VIII

REPORTS

1. THE SYNODICAL COUNCIL—THE SECRETARY REPORTING

Dear Brethren:

Four meetings of the Synodical Council were held during the interim since the Organization Meeting of Synod June 15, 1939.

At the first meeting July 7, 1939, held in Zion Church, Baltimore, Md., special attention was given to the consideration of the articles of the Constitution bearing on the Synod, its meetings, the Synodical Council and its duties as a Council and also as the Placement Committee, and the duties of the President and other officers.

Items in the report of the Resolutions Committee requiring the Council's attention and action were duly considered, and include the following transactions:

Under Item I—Arrangements were made per your instructions for the Fall Meeting of Synod in three sectional centers.

Oct. 17, 1939, in Centenary Church, Winchester, Va.

Oct. 18, 1939, in Grace Church, Frederick, Md.

Oct. 19, 1939, in St. Matthew's Church, Baltimore, Md.

A report of the Fall meeting is herewith submitted:

Fall Meeting of Synod

Potomac Synod's first meeting since its organization in June was held in three sections: Virginia Area, comprising the former Virginia Classis, with 26 Churches and 2,962 members, met in Centenary Church, Winchester, Va., with 58 delegates; Maryland Area, comprising the former Maryland Classis, with 47 Churches and 8,924 members, met in Grace Church, Frederick, Md., with 72 delegates; Baltimore Area, comprising the former Baltimore-Washington Classis and Churches of the former Atlantic District within the bounds of Synod, with 33 Churches and 12,589 members, met in St. Matthew's Church, Baltimore, Md., with 140 delegates.

The theme, "Our Kingdom Task," was the basis for the program in each meeting. President Scott R. Wagner presided at all three conferences and directed their procedure. He was well assisted by his speakers who presented the topics assigned with a force and clarity which struck home. The local pastors cooperated splendidly in arranging for the comfort of delegates.

Revs. Charles Enders, Ernest Dettbarn, and G. Siegenthaler were designated to present the main topics: "The Advance of the Kingdom Waits Upon the Church," "Kingdom Service in Synod and Congregation," and "Evangelism." Rev. Elmer E. Leiphart presented "Evangelism" at Winchester conference.

At Winchester and Frederick there were no evening sessions. Baltimore conference included three sessions. In this area the "E" and "R" Churches are about equally divided and one saw a practical demonstration of the united Church in action. A fine spirit prevailed and there were many favorably comments.

"Stewardship Year—1940" was given special publicity. The importance of Leadership Training Camps was emphasized. The conference theme was well covered and ably presented. At Baltimore the time spent by various groups in sectional conferences was of special interest and help. Many participated in discussion. At Winchester and Frederick these groups were not provided for and discussion took place in open conference. The president presented a definite challenge for action in the local Church, that each Church have as its goal from now on until Easter a five percent increase in membership and ten percent in Sunday School. This challenge was unanimously accepted.

With the whole program for each session centered in the coming of the Kingdom as expressed in the words of Jesus "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," this supreme issue was constantly kept in the forefront as the definite challenge for the denomination, the local Church and organizations therein and for the individual member, that *Our Kingdom Task* may claim the interest, attention, enthusiasm, and liberal support of all in the Church, and that our various Church Boards may undertake their prescribed tasks in Kingdom work unimpeded.

Under item 4. The Council's recommendation regarding the equalization of traveling expenses for delegates to the sessions of Synod is, that Synod adopt the method formerly employed by the Synod of the Potomac which is as follows:

Payment of Delegates' Traveling Expenses

Be it resolved, That the traveling expenses of all delegates to the meetings of Synod be paid out of the contingent fund of Synod upon the following conditions:

1. That the delegates attend all sessions of Synod, unless excused by

the Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses upon a proper form provided for the same, such excuses to be granted upon the following basis: (a) Personal illness. (b) Illness in the family. (c) Imperative pastoral duties or imperative business engagements.

2. That only the Charges that have paid the apportionment for contingent of Synod be entitled to traveling expenses of their delegates.

3. That a space be provided on the registration cards of the delegates for the report of the amount of their traveling expenses to Synod and that delegates fill in this space when they register.

4. Since the majority of delegates travel more than one in an automobile, we recommend a sliding scale on which to base amount of travel expenses as follows:

- a. One delegate in a car, 3 cents per mile.
- b. Two delegates in a car, 3½ cents per mile.
- c. Three delegates in a car, 4 cents per mile.
- d. Four or more in a car, 4½ cents per mile.
- e. Expenses payable to owner or person in charge of car.
- f. Claimant for expenses to specify the names of delegates traveling with him in his car.
- g. Mileage to be reckoned via the most direct, improved highway routes going and returning.

5. That Railroad Fare be still available to such as may travel by train (clerical rate for ministers) and when necessary, sleeping car accommodations, or bus. No charges for meals or other items shall be considered a part of the delegates' expenses.

6. That the Secretary of Synod shall validate all claims for travel expenses, whether by auto, bus or train.

Under Item 8. All pastors were informed of the 3c. per member apportionment adopted by Synod.

Because of the resignation of the Treasurer, J. Travers Thomas, presented July 8, the day after the first meeting of the Synodical Council, a meeting of the Council was held July 11, in the office of Henry W. Schultheis, to act on the resignation. The resignation of Mr. Thomas was accepted and Charles F. Kimpel, Jr., was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the meeting of the Council Feb. 20, 1940 in the Central "Y", Baltimore, Md., the program for these sessions was arranged and the Standing Committees appointed. Rev. Harvey Shue was elected Roll Clerk with an honorarium of \$15. Rev. Ralph E. Hartman host to Synod sat with the Council at this meeting.

NORMAN L. HORN, *Secretary*

Adopted.

2. THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

To the Potomac Synod.

Dear Brethren:

Your Board of Examiners Report.

First, that two candidates for the Ministry, Louis Meid Becker and Christian Neuman, have been referred to us for examination for Licensure. On satisfactory evidence in our hands that the applicants will graduate from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster with a commendable record and upon our personal examination, we find their fitness and preparation for the Ministry satisfactory. We therefore, commend Louis Meid Becker and Christian Neuman to the Synod for Licensure in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

Second, Four students for the Ministry: Addison Groff, Richard Winters, Hiram E. Davis and George Byron Ely, enrolled and admitted to beneficiary aid by the Maryland Classis, have applied for a continuation of aid. Finding the work of these students satisfactory, and funds being available, we recommend that Synod grant these requests.

Third, To continue funds to meet the needs of worthy students for the Ministry, we recommend that Synod set an apportionment of one cent per member for beneficiary aid.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN L. FLICKINGER

GOTTLIEB SIEGENTHALER

RALPH E. HARTMAN

The report was considered as sections:

First—This section of the report was adopted. Students L. Meid Becker and Christian Newman appeared before Synod and each read the formula prepared by General Synod in which each is pledged to the doctrinal standards of the Church.

In this connection, Rev. Edwin L. Werner also came forward and reaffirmed his obligations to Synod. This is in accordance with the action of Synod, regarding a Licentiate ordained between sessions of Synod, namely, "After his ordination he shall, at the next meeting of his Synod, publicly reaffirm his pledge to the doctrinal standards of the Church."

In adopting this section of the report Synod stood in prayer lead by Rev. Gottlieb Siegenthaler.

Second—This Section was adopted and the students listed under the care of Synod.

Third—This section was adopted and the amount referred to the Finance Committee for apportionment.

The report was adopted as whole.

3. THE KINGDOM SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Dear Brethren:

In order to avoid confusion your Synodical Kingdom Service Committee wishes to make it clear that this phase of our denominational program is still in the hands of the Kingdom Service Committees of the former Atlantic District of the "E" group and the former Potomac Synod of the "R" group and will continue to be their responsibility until the end of the year. Nevertheless we feel constrained to give an account of ourselves at this time, for we have been active in the promotional work within the bounds of our new Potomac Synod since last spring, at which time we were elected to this office by this body.

You will, no doubt, recall that the chairman of your Kingdom Service Committee addressed the three groups of our Synod last fall, speaking at Winchester, Va., on October 17, at Frederick, Md., on October 18 and at Baltimore, Md., on October 19. Attention was also called at these group meetings to the Stewardship Year, which is being observed at the present time by our denomination. The chairman of your committee was also privileged to present the cause in a few of our individual churches. The reason for not having been able to contact more congregations during the past year in assisting them to raise their full budget is due to the fact that the members of the Committee have not been invited to come. We wish to assure you that we stand ready at all times to do all within our power to assist in promoting stewardship wherever assistance is desired.

Since the Synods will not meet in business sessions in time to act upon the 1941 apportionment, the General Synod will most likely authorize the Synodical Kingdom Service Committees, with the approval of the Synodical Council, to receive the Synodical Apportionments and distribute them to the congregations. We trust that the congregations will give the Committee their full support in seeking to raise the budget in 1941 by accepting the quotas that shall be assigned to them.

In order to accomplish this we heartily recommend the observance of Stewardship Year during the remaining months of the present year by those churches which have as yet made no special effort along this line.

For the encouragement of those who have perhaps had difficulty in raising their apportionment in the past it should be stated that the Committee on Method of Apportioning the Budget will recommend to the General Synod "that the Apportionment be based on the congregational expenses, less amount paid on interest and principal of indebtedness and improvements for two years, the amount paid on the Apportionment for two years, and the present membership, giving each of these three items equal value." This will, it is hoped, take every congregation out of the realm of "shirkers" and give each one opportuni-

ty to be placed on the honor roll by having contributed what according to fair equalization was rightly expected of them.

The Committee trusts that all of us may continue to consider the forwarding of regular monthly payments for the larger Kingdom work a blessed privilege rather than a duty. We plead for your renewed loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNST J. F. DETTBARN, *Chairman*
 JOHN S. HOLLENBACH
 PAUL G. GABLER
 IRVIN L. RUDERSILL
 RUDOLPH J. C. FLECK
 G. J. STURMFELZ

Before adopting this report, Synod substituted for the method of apportionment as based on the various items designated in the report, the following:

"That the Synodical Council and Kingdom Service Committee, be authorized to distribute the apportionment handed down by General Synod, on the per capita basis."

The report was adopted.

4. THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Only the items of the report are printed.

We present the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That in our preaching we do not think less of the saint in the pew but that we think more of the man who has no acknowledged relationship with Christ; that by preaching and personal interview we may reach him for the Kingdom. We cannot afford to be too busy with other things and neglect this necessary phase of the work of the Gospel Ministry.
2. That in every pastoral charge the membership be reminded that a part of the confirmation vow is "to win others to Christ" and that each congregation have an active membership committee to assist the pastor in this great work.
3. That we set as a goal, a 5% increase in the membership of the churches of the Synod by the next annual meeting of Synod.
4. That real effort be put forth by our pastors and congregations to reclaim and reinterest the indifferent and that this work be a part of the task of the church membership committee.
5. That pastor's training classes seek to enroll all 12 years of age and above and that a thorough course of training be provided over a period of weeks that the youth of the church and adults as well, be properly trained for church membership.

6. That we commend the Commission on Evangelism for the efficient manner in which they have prosecuted their work during the past year.

HAROLD J. CLEM
H. F. FESPERMAN

In connection with this report Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer addressed Synod. The Committee through its chairman conducted a conference on Evangelism in which many of the delegates participated. The items were then considered seriatum. The six items were adopted, and then the report as a whole.

5. THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Items only of the report are printed.

We Recommend:—

1. That we thank the commission for the work it has done.
2. That we encourage the Commission in the preparation and distribution of messages pertaining to the pressing social problems from time to time. And that this commission promptly submit any and all problems to the church for action when such action is deemed necessary.
3. We recommend that necessary funds (if possible) for a more adequate work of this commission be made available.
4. That we as christian ministers and laymen continue to take our stand against war, as well as such phases of our social order that permeates war. And earnestly work and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God which must bring with it social righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,
NEVIN E. SMITH
J. WILLIAM SCHNEBLY
W. M. SCHAUER

The items of the report were considered seriatum and each adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Article IX

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Committees 1 and 2 of the list of committees to be appointed—On minutes of General Synod and On Statement of the General Council and on the Report of the President of Synod, were combined under one committee report. The 25 items of the report were considered seriatim. With some changes and additions to several items, the report as adopted is as follows:

1. In view of the fact that the enrollment of students for the ministry in our three theological seminaries is not sufficiently large to supply the present needs of the church, the Potomac Synod urges its pastors

and congregations to challenge young men to prepare for the ministry and young women to prepare for full time Christian service as parish workers and as missionaries.

2. Since there is a wide-felt need for greater evangelistic effort throughout the Church, the Potomac Synod calls upon its pastors and congregations to cooperate with the Christian Mission which is to be held during the fall and winter of 1940-41 and to encourage personal evangelism in every charge, so that the goal of 5% increase in church membership and of 10% in Sunday School enrollment may be attained.

3. The Potomac Synod rejoices to know that the establishing of war zones by presidential proclamation has prevented any loss of American lives and shipping as a result of the war in Europe and it petitions the President and Congress to make every effort to keep our country out of war.

4. In full sympathy with the war-sufferers in all lands the Potomac Synod in particular expresses its sympathy with the lands that have tried to preserve their neutrality but have become the victims of invasion by force and urges its members to support the agencies that are giving them relief.

5. Deeply conscious of the guilt of all Christians in the present wars by reason of their failure to make a greater contribution to the building of a Christian world order after the World War and of the need of preventing the present wars from delaying further the establishing of a Christian world order and the uniting of all believers in the bond of Christian fellowship, the Potomac Synod would impress upon all of its members the importance of engaging in prayer for a speedy and a just peace, and it petitions the General Synod to appoint a season for the whole Church to unite in repentance for past failures to preserve peace and in prayer for world-peace.

6. Whereas it is very desirable that a unity of spirit be developed in the merged church and such unity can be fostered by a study of common subjects in all parts of the church,

Therefore the Potomac Synod requests the General Council to submit to the synodical council a suggested program for the fall meeting of the synods.

7. Since the Meeting of the Presidents of Synods proved to be so very helpful, the Potomac Synod approves the holding of such meetings in the future and authorizes its synodical council to pay its share of the expenses of such meetings.

8. The Potomac Synod approves the recommendations of the Meeting of the Presidents of Synods concerning Licensure of candidates for the ministry and petitions the General Synod to amend the By-Laws Part III, Article 1, 26c, by adding the following sentence to this section: "After his ordination he shall, at the next meeting of his Synod, pub-

licely reaffirm his pledge to the doctrinal standards of the Church."

9. For the purpose of clarifying the status of ministers on leave of absence the Potomac Synod petitions the General Synod to amend Part III, Article I, Section 36b, by adding the sentence: "A minister on leave of absence shall not be eligible for office in Synod or the Church at large."

10. The Potomac Synod supports the petition of the North Illinois Synod to the effect "that the tenure of office of the Synodical President may be increased from two to four years with the privilege of re-election whenever a Synod has a President on full time."

11. In view of the service which Dr. J. H. Horstmann, retiring associate editor of the Messenger has rendered the Church both as editor and as a secretary of the Commission of Church Union, the Potomac Synod herewith voices its appreciation of such services and wishes him God's richest blessing for the enjoyment of his retirement.

12. Since a church paper is one of the best promotional agencies of the Church in developing denominational loyalty and furthering Kingdom support, the Potomac Synod instructs its synodical council to consider way and means for increasing the number of subscribers in our area and urges all pastors and delegates to promote the interests of *The Messenger* and, where there are German readers, also of the "Friedensbote" and the "Kirchenzeitung" in their congregations.

13. The Potomac Synod calls the attention of its members to the celebration of the 215th Anniversary of the beginnings of the Reformed Church, the 100th Anniversary of the forming of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of our Hungarian work, and urges them to plan local and community celebrations of these anniversaries.

14. The Potomac Synod accepts the plan of the General Council for bonding the treasurers of Synod and sets the amount of bond for its treasurer at \$2,000.

15. In view of the fact that the Evangelical Synod had the system of placing seminary graduates through the District Presidents into congregations and continuing them in such a charge for at least two years under orders of the District President, the Potomac Synod recommends this system of placing seminary graduates to the General Synod for study as to its feasibility for the merged church.

16. Any pastor not attending the spring or fall meeting of the Potomac Synod, or any charge not represented at the spring or fall meeting, shall in writing state the reason for such absence and request to be excused.

17. The Potomac Synod recommends that vacant congregations in seeking a pastor do not give primary consideration to youth but rather to ability and experience as being more important.

18. The Potomac Synod accepts its President's recommendation that the fall meeting of Synod be held as one conference and that it be held in Washington, D. C. in the first full week in October.

19. The Potomac Synod requests that in the case of the death of a minister the nearest pastor immediately notify the President of the Synod so that notice of death and time and place of funeral may be given to all members of the Synod.

20. In case a charge fails to pay its synodical administration fund for any year it shall not be entitled to have the traveling expenses of its delegate to the next spring meeting of Synod paid by the Synod.

21. The Potomac Synod authorizes the printing of the minutes of this meeting and of the Organization Meeting of June 1939 as a matter of historical record and for distribution. The Synod shall pay for copies of the Synodical Minutes for all ministers in the Synod and for delegates from each charge and officers of the General Synod, but that Congregations desiring additional copies be permitted to order them through the Secretary and pay for them at cost. The secretary shall order as many copies as shall be ordered within 30 days after the close of Synod.

22. The Potomac Synod authorizes the payment of \$35.00 per delegate to the meeting of the General Synod for prorating traveling expenses and such additional payments as may be necessary to pay for lodging and meals of delegates to General Synod.

23. The Potomac Synod thanks its President and the other members of the synodical council for their services in this past year, which were particularly difficult because of the problems involved in setting up the new organization. It votes honorarium of \$100 for the President and of \$50.00 for its secretary and sets the salary of its treasurer at \$25.00 per annum.

24. The Potomac Synod instructs its delegates to the General Synod to endeavor to keep the apportionment for 1941 and 1942 to the total amount of the apportionment of the two branches of the church for 1940.

25. We recommend that the Synodical Council issue a bulletin or letter quarterly to keep members of the Synod informed as to pastoral changes and other matters of interest.

CHARLES ENDERS
JOHN S. HOLLENBACH

2. ON OVERTURES

To The Potomac Synod:—

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Overtures would submit the following report:—

Item I—Overture from the Board of Pensions and Relief that the

Potomac Synod overture General Synod at its next meeting in Lancaster, Pa., June 19, 1940 to amend By-Law 105 of the By-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to read as follows: "The Board of Pensions and Relief shall consist of twelve members, of whom eight shall be ministers, and four shall be lay members. Ten of the members of the Board shall be elected by the General Synod and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council."

We recommend that the overture to the General Synod be made.

Item and recommendation adopted.

Item II—Overture from the Board of Directors of the Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman Orphanage that Potomac Synod approve the amending of the charter, Article 6, regarding the membership of the Board; and that Potomac Synod elect two ministers and two laymen to represent Synod on the Board.

We recommend that Synod approve of the amending of the charter and accepts its share of responsibility in case of the orphanage and that the request for representation be referred to Committee on Nominations.

Item and recommendation adopted and the Directors to be elected—2 Ministers and 2 laymen—be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item III—Overture from Mercersburg College that Synod elect three members to the Board of Regents—said members may be elected from beyond their geographical boundaries.

We recommend that the request be granted and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item and recommendation adopted and the 3 members to be elected to the Board of Regents be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item IV—Overture from Board of Directors of Hood College that Synod elect one member to its Board of Directors to serve term of three years.

We recommend that this request be granted and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item and recommendation adopted and the request that one member be elected to the Board of Directors be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item V—Overture from the Stated Clerk of the former Synod of the Potomac calling the attention of Synod to action taken at the organization meeting last June on Item 5 of the report of Historical Society—ie., "That committees on Historical Data be set up in the new Synods."

We recommend the appointment by the Synodical Council of such a committee of three members.

Item and recommendation adopted and the chair appointed

Revs. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., Manfred Manrodt and Elder Harold J. Clem, as the Committee.

Item VI—(a) Overture from Maryland Classis that Synod make arrangements for the continued support of students for the ministry—A. K. Groff, Hiram E. Davis, Richard H. Winters. (b) Overture from Geo. H. Ely, Frederick, Md., requesting enrollment as a student for the ministry in Fall, 1941, to receive beneficiary aid.

We recommend the reference of both these overtures to the Board of Examiners of Synod.

Item and recommendation adopted and reference to Board of Examiners.

Item VII—Overture from the Maryland Classis that Synod initiate contact with the Anti-Saloon League of the three states involved in the new Synod with a view to continue the same relationship as before.

We recommend the appointment of three representatives—one to each State league where organized.

Item and recommendation adopted, and Rev. Nevin E. Smith was appointed representative for Virginia, William H. Solly for West Virginia and Mrs. Manfred Monrodt for Maryland.

Item VIII—Overture from Maryland Classis that Synod initiate contact with the Lord's Day Alliance of the three states involved in the new Synod, with the view to a continuance of the same relationship as before.

We recommend the appointment of three representatives—one to each state where the Lord's Day Alliance is established.

Item and recommendation adopted and Rev. John S. Hollenbach was appointed representative for Maryland, Rev. Irvin L. Rudisill for Virginia and Elder Authur T. Brown for West Virginia.

Item IX—Overture from the Maryland Classis that Synod assume the payment of premiums for Ministerial Sustentation as was the custom of that Classis for many years.

We recommend that in the interest of uniformity through the Evangelical and Reformed Church in this matter that the pastors involved in this overture assume the payment of their own premiums to Ministerial Sustentation Fund.

Item and Recommendation adopted.

Item X—Overture signed by thirty members of the Ponds ville, Md. Union Church, to have the Rev. Geo. W. Kerstetter appointed as the pastor.

We recommend that Synod commend Rev. Kerstetter for his fine work at the Ponds ville, Md. Union Church, (and that Synod grant him

permission to continue as the pastor) and that this work be referred to Synodical Committee on National Missions for further action.

Item and recommendation as changed was adopted.

Item XI—An overture from the Lay member of the Council that Article I, Sect. 27 of the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church should be changed to read as follows:

“A Synod shall be composed of the Synodical Council, and all the Ministers, and one delegate from every charge within a designated territory.”

We recommend that Synod overture the General Synod at its next meeting to make the article in question read as follows: “A Synod shall be composed of all ministers, one lay delegate from every charge within a designated territory and the lay members of the Synodical Council.”

Item and recommendation adopted.

Item XII—Communications relative to the appointment of a committee on Publicity for the Synod. We recommend the appointment of a permanent Publicity Committee, the personnel of which should include three members, appointed by the Council.

Item and recommendation as changed adopted and Rev. John B. Frantz, Rev. Norman L. Horn and Elder Edgar Hartung appointed the committee.

Item XIII—Overtures from the following churches for Sustentation for 1941—

Sabillasville charge, Md.—Rev. D. X. Dass	\$150
Mt. Pleasant Charge, Md.—Rev. Geo. K. Ely	300
St. James, Lovettsville, Va.—Rev. K. B. Shoffner	300
Manor Charge, Md.—Rev. H. S. Shue	300
Christ's Church, Funkstown, Md.—Rev. Edw. T. Plitt	150
St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, Md.—Rev. J. W. Zehring	600

We recommend the following:

(a) That a special committee be appointed at this Synod to work with a view of the re-alignment of the Charges to make each self-supporting; and that this committee confer with the Board of National Missions toward caring for the Sustentation of the charges involved.

(b) In the interim, that Synod should grant the following amounts for 1941—

Sabillasville Charge	\$150
Christ's Church, Funkstown, Md.	150
Mt. Pleasant Charge, Md.	300

In reference to the Manor Charge, Md.—since the request is considerably more than the amount formerly were commend etacoin shrdulthe erably more than the amount formerly received—we recommend \$150.

In reference to the St. James, Lovettsville, Va., church—since the request is a new one we recommend \$150.

In reference to the St. Paul's, Ridgely, Md. Church—since the request comes as result of a wholly inadequate salary, we recommend \$500.

The said recommendations shall be referred to the Finance Committee.

The recommendation under this item was changed to read—That a committee of five be appointed to whom the whole matter of the requests for sustentation from the various charges be referred, to report at an adjourned meeting at the time of the Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C. in October, and adopted.

Committee appointed: Revs. Addison H. Groff, Henri L. G. Kieffer, Charles Enders and Elders Henry Schultheis and Harry Brindle.

Item XIV—Invitation from Hood College to hold the next annual meeting on its campus at any time between June 11 to June 21, 1941. Due to having a smaller Synod a somewhat large charge for use of the campus facilities must be asked.

We recommend Synod accept said invitation for week of June 15, 1941 and the officers of Synod confer with college authorities regarding arrangements.

Item and recommendation adopted.

Respectfully,

REV. FRANK A. ROSENBERGER

REV. ELMER E. LEIPHART

ELDER J. A. RAUSENBERGER

The report was adopted as a whole.

3. ON NATIONAL MISSIONS

To The Potomac Synod:—

Your Committee submits the following report:

Inasmuch as the Committee on National Missions in the former Synod of the Potomac, and that of the Atlantic District are still functioning (especially the latter) the work of your Committee has been limited to new work within the area of our present Synod. For this reason there is only one project requiring a report.

On October 12, 1939, your Committee received a request from the "Joint Executive Committee of the Board of National Missions" of our denomination to investigate possibilities of new work in Washington, D. C.

Early in November 1939 your Committee went to Washington and, together with Rev. Charles E. Enders, Pastor of Concordia Church and a member of the "E" Board of Home Missions, visited two communities which eventually may need further church facilities. Following

this visit your Committee met at a luncheon with the late Dr. James D. Buhner, Rev. Calvin H. Wingert, and Brother Enders, the pastors of our three churches in Washington. Various aspects of the project were discussed at considerable length.

The first field visited is located in Arlington County across the Potomac River. In a section of several square miles a number of building projects have been completed, and others are contemplated. A city of thousands of inhabitants is springing up in an area which but a short time ago was rural and barren. There are few churches in that area, most of them left-overs from the former period. Even if every one of these churches were wide-awake and missionary-minded, they could not possibly do justice to the large and increasing population moving in. A limited number of the members of our Washington churches live in this section and might possibly serve as a nucleus upon which to begin new work.

The second field is located in a section of the city which has been a suburban development for a number of years. Several churches are already in the field, but new building projects are being completed and more are contemplated. The population in this area is bound to increase and there will be a need for additional church facilities. More members of our own churches live in this area than in the Arlington area.

Your Committee submitted a report of this investigation to the "Joint Executive Committee of the Board of National Missions" and recommended that the Board take the necessary steps to make a detailed survey of the area in the Arlington section.

By mutual understanding it is agreed that this work is entirely under the auspices of your Synod's Committee on National Missions and the united Board of National Missions of the denomination. However, under the present organizational set-up separate action on our recommendation is required by the Executive Committee of the "E" Board and by the Executive Committee of the "R" Board.

The Executive Committee of the "E" Board and that of the "R" Board have voted to authorize the employment of a middler from Lancaster Seminary to make such a survey as early as possible after the close of the Seminary this spring.

As Christian we feel responsible not only to members of our own denomination who are moving into this area, but also to the thousands of unchurched people who should be served with God's Word and Christian fellowship.

We would at this time also refer to the future work of this Committee. When, at the end of 1940, all the mission charges within the bounds of our Synod, will come under the care of this Committee, the personnel of this Committee will be found inadequate to handle the huge task. We, therefore, feel that an enlargement of this Committee is not only desirable but necessary.

Regarding the annual reports on National Missions found on pages 61 to 80 in the Blue Book, we urge every Pastor and delegate to read these reports and thus become acquainted with the background and specific interests of our Home Mission Boards.

We recommend that:

1. a) Synod support the efforts now being made to study the situation in the Washington area and, if the findings warrant further action, to have a mission started.
b) any new work to be started shall be subject to the approval of the Synod or the Synodical Council.
2. The President be authorized to appoint two additional members to the Committee so that there can be a better geographical representation and more efficient service rendered.
3. Synod accept the plan for merging of the Home Mission Boards of the former "E" and "R" Churches as outlined on pages 59 and 60 of the Blue Book.
4. Synod is not yet ready to organize a special committee for Rural Work as desired by our National Committee on Rural Work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. FRANTZ, *Secretary*

MANFRED MANRODT, *Chairman*

(Lay delegate prevented from attending on account of illness).

Each item was considered separately. Item 1 adopted with the following addition—"Any new work to be started be subject to the approval of the Synod or Synodical Council.

Item 2 adopted and the chair appointed Rev. Harry G. Yaggi and Elder George H. Haines as the two additional members of the committee.

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 10 of the Committee on Overtures regarding the work of Rev. Kerstetter at Ponds ville, Md., was referred to this committee. They submitted the following recommendation which was adopted:

The petition of the Ponds ville Union Church which has been turned over to your Committee on National Missions has been considered, and the matter taken up personally with Brother Kerstetter.

Inasmuch as Brother Kerstetter is a regularly ordained minister and able to carry on his pastoral and missionary activity without our recognition, your Board sees no need of accepting him on a special basis.

Upon the superficial investigation which we have been able to make by this time, your Committee does not see its way clear in any way to adopt this free-lance missionary undertaking, but is willing to study the situation more thoroughly if Synod so desires. However, since we

gather that the work is not without blessing, we commend it to the benevolent consideration of the churches of that locality.

The report was adopted as a whole.

4. ON INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Only the resolutions are printed.

Your committee offers the following resolutions:

1. That we here record our deep gratitude to God for the wonderful way in which he is opening the non-christian lands to the preaching of the Gospel.

2. That we here heartily commend our missionaries, their helpers, and the native christians for their loyalty and devotion to the cause of our Holy Religion under most trying circumstances, being faithful witnesses at all times, and thereby commending the Gospel to all those among whom they are laboring to the end that they may be saved.

3. That we here commend our missionary leaders for the wise ways in which they are adapting their work to the rapidly changing conditions of life today.

4. That we here commend especially our missionaries in China for their loyalty in standing by our work in that war-torn land, for going with the native christians as they are driven here and there by invading armies, and for the helpful ways in which they are seeking to give relief to the refugees who have become so numerous in our mission fields in that unhappy land.

5. That we here commend the Boards for reducing the debts, bringing the expenditures within income, and thereby relieving the church of the payments of much interest money.

6. That we here express our sincere thanks to the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, The Woman's Guild, and the Girl's Missionary Guild for the timely help in the way of money, prayers, and the spreading of information which they have so unselfishly given to this important phase of our work over a long period of years. It is our hope that the merger of these fine organizations will result in richer blessings to all. It is our prayer that the union may be consummated in love.

7. That we here challenge all our pastors, congregations, and people for a more liberal support, for an increase in the number of prayers for Missions, and in a more-wide use of the missionary literature and visual aids in the way of moving pictures of the Church so that this work of bringing souls into covenant relationship with Jesus Christ may go on in ever-increasing volume in all the world.

8. That we commend to all our congregations, Sunday Schools, and auxiliary organizations the use of the Epiphany season of the church as a period for missionary emphasis; that we urge the holding of a

school of missions in every congregation; and that we also suggest the sending of delegates to the several missionary conferences of the church as most suitable and effective means of building up a loyal support of the missionary enterprise.

9. That we commend the Boards for the special missionary material they have provided for use on International Missions Sunday; that we call upon all our churches to observe that day in a special way; and that we challenge all our people to make special offerings for missions on that day.

10. That we commend to our congregations, Sunday Schools, and societies the support of Bible women, nurses, and helpers as practical ways of aiding the missionary cause.

11. That we urge all our missionary organizations to cooperate with similar organizations in other communities in the observance of the World's Day of Prayer for Missions.

12. In order that there might be a channel through which our Board of International Missions may reach the members of our congregations with the sources of furloughed missionaries, your committee recommends that Synod's Committee on International Missions be made a Standing Committee.

13. That we here in Synod assembled call ourselves anew to the great task of making Christ King in all the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. GLUCK, *Chairman*
GOTTLIEB SIEGENTHALER
EUGENE A. SPESARD

The 13 items of the report were considered item by item and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

5. ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That Synod commends the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church upon its splendid success in its publications of "Youth" magazine and the other Church School publications, and the Church School Hymnal called "Christian Hymnways" and that it urges members of Synod to avail themselves of these publications.

2. That Synod compliments the Board of Christian Education upon its management of its properties, so that it has been able to show a slight profit after many years of deficits and it urges members of the Synod to purchase Church and Church School supplies through one of the Houses operated by our church.

3. That Synod greatly appreciates the work done by the board in this past year in the field of Leadership training and student work and that Synod rejoices with the board in the growth they have shown

in these fields and especially in participation in the Camp program.

4. That Synod heartily indorse the Leadership training camp at Fannettsburg, Pa. between August 12-24, and that it urge the cooperation of the ministers in recruiting attendance so that the program of Leadership Training might be strengthened.

5. That Synod grant the Committee on Christian Education of the Potomac Synod authority to work with the Committee on Christian Education of the Mercersburg Synod in choosing a suitable camp site looking toward the future purchase of such a site and its development into a camp grounds for these two Synods.

Further, that it sanction the establishment of a Camp Site Fund in which such funds as are voluntarily given may be placed, so that some money may be on hand when a suitable site has been selected.

6. That Synod heartily endorse the organizational meeting of the "Youth Fellowship" of the Potomac Synod to take place on May 19th at Grace Church in Washington.

7. That Synod recommend to each church that it avail itself of the opportunity of added Leadership Training by sending representatives to the Conference on Christian Education to be held in Frederick, Md., Saturday, June 1st.

ARTHUR W. NEWELL, *Chairman*
W. R. STRIETELMEIER
ADDISON GROFF
WILLIAM BARNHART
H. K. DELAUTER

The 7 items of the report were considered seriatim and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

6. ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

To The Potomac Synod:

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee on Educational Institutions has before it the reports of the educational institutions of our church and of the Commission on Higher Education as presented in the Blue Book. A study of these reports reveals that the institutions will be related to the church in various ways. In some cases the General Synod is directly responsible for the election of Board members, in others there is a relationship to certain of the Synods. In still others the institutions are governed by self-perpetuating Boards but on a church-related basis. All of the institutions by the terms of the constitution of our church cooperate with one another and with the church at large in the Commission on Higher Education.

Your committee recommends:

1. That our pastors and people be urged to keep in mind the great

need of the church for a thoroughly trained Christian leadership and that our choicest young men be urged and assisted to study for the ministry.

2. That our educational institutions whose continued existence is menaced by the growing tendency towards the secularization of education be commended to the generous support of our people, and that pastors bring to the special attention of their people the ultimate significance of present-day tendencies in public education.

3. That every effort be made in our churches to keep our youth informed about what our own church institutions have to offer to the end that attendance at our church-related colleges be urged and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY I. STAHR
ERVIN H. BUENEMAN
HARRY BRINDLE

In connection with this report Dr. Henry I. Stahr, President of Hood College and Dr. H. J. Benchoff, Headmaster of Massanutten Academy, addressed Synod.

The report was adopted.

7. ON PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief begs to report there has been placed in our hands for consideration: (1) The Statement of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the U.S. ; (2) The Statement of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America; (3) The Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, as printed in the Blue Book of the Synods, and (4) An Overture from Pacific Northwest Synod concerning the Pension Plan. After careful consideration of these documents your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Potomac Synod hereby records its gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His blessings upon this deserving work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief, and also expresses its thanks to our pastors and people for their support of this Christlike service of our Church by their prayers, time and money.

2. Potomac Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Board of Pensions and Relief and by the Board of Ministerial Relief, and commends them for their efforts to unite their work under the Board of Pensions and Relief of the General Synod.

3. Potomac Synod urges its pastors and people to provide more

justly and adequately for our aged and disabled ministers and widows of ministers.

4. Potomac Synod believes and recommends that our Church should endeavor to provide Ministerial Pensions and Relief for our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of ministers as follows: \$1,000 a year for an aged or disabled minister and his wife; \$700 a year for an aged or disabled minister, and the same amount for a widow of a minister. The Church should also provide adequately for the orphans of our ministers.

5. Potomac Synod herby overtures General Synod at its biennial meeting in Lancaster, Pa., beginning June 19, 1940, to provide through the Apportionment enough money to give the Relief annuitants of the "E" and "R" groups at least as much Ministerial Relief during the years 1941 and 1942 as they received during 1939.

6. Potomac Synod believes in a pension for our ministers because: (1) It is Christian; (2) It is social justice; (3) It is a payment due for services rendered; (4) It is needed, and (5) It is the best possible economic security the Church can provide for a minister and his family in time of his old age, disability or death.

7. Our Synod approves of the Church Pension Fund as published on pages 90 to 102 in the Blue Book for the 1940 meetings of the Synods, and recommends to our Consistories and Congregation the study and adoption of the "Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund".

8. Our Synod refers the overture from the Pacific Northwest Synod to the Board of Pensions and Relief and to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

9. Potomac Synod recommends to all of its pastors and people the giving of Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds and bequests to the new Board of Pensions and Relief.

10. Potomac Synod requests each pastor to present the worthy cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief to his people during the month of September.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BARNHART

JOHN SCHAUER

Rev. E. L. McLean addressed Synod in connection with the reading of this report. It was adopted as a whole.

8. ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

To The Potomac Synod:

Dear Brethren:

Benevolent Institution remains under the Jurisdiction of Potomac Synod, namely HOMEWOOD.

We are happy to report that Homewood dedicated to the brightening of the eventide has fulfilled its task within its limitations. We

learn from the report of the Superintendent and the Trustees that many more apply for admission to the Home than can be cared for. There is urgent need for more room and more adequate equipment in this "house of mercy".

We recommend:

1. That Synod, hereby, urges every congregation to give the Superintendent of Homewood an opportunity to present the mission and the needs of the Home.
2. That Synod request the pastors to keep before their congregations Homewood's urgent need of a new or an enlarged building in order that funds may be provided to meet this need.
3. That the congregations in the Synod be urged to make special offerings for Homewood, especially on Mother's Day and that members note the Donations Days and visit the Home.
4. That Synod endorse the "Homewood Circle" plan and commend the organization of Auxiliaries.

G. L. FLICKENINGER

J. D. KEHOE

F. A. SHANK

Rev. Walter R. Hartzell, Supt. of Homewood addressed Synod in connection with the consideration of this report. It was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

9. ON AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

To The Reverend Potomac Synod:

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee on Auxiliary Organizations begs leave to make the following report. (this report will follow the order given in the Blue Book)

1. Woman's Guild

Since June 24, 1934, when the Board of Directors and the Woman's Missionary Society met in joint session in Cleveland, Ohio, to present the work, policy and purpose of each national organization, unbelievable progress has been made. Each year this commission met and last year, 1939, in Cleveland again, before 661 delegates from all sections of our church, the organization of the new Woman's Guild was consummated. We rejoice in the splendid work done. We congratulate them.

We Recommend

1. That we, as pastors and lay delegate, not only be sympathetic toward this movement, but that we use our every influence to support and encourage its work. And to discourage among our people although

that the work formerly done by the separate groups will be in any wise hindered by the merger.

2. Woman's Missionary Society

This report is both comprehensive and challenging. We appreciate the statistical data which shows the number of people in our church actually engaged in this work. The educational program carried on by an efficient and effective net work of Secretaries has been a great help to the women of the local church group. It has stimulated interest and enlisted more and more women in better causes. We sincerely hope and pray that support, organic, financial and spiritual will continue to be theirs, and that the work begun as well as the work planned, may be carried to its full fruition.

We Recommend

1. That we read and use as often as possible the worth while Packet materials in our church program. (Puppit)
2. That as pastors we neglect no opportunity to educate our people in this Missionary phase of our church.
3. That we look upon conditions in our mission fields, not as a failure of our missionary enterprise, but as a greater challenge.

3. Woman's Union

This is another auxiliary report in which real progress has been noticed. A busy, and a year of advancement in every department has been the reward of the tireless leaders of this organization. We appreciate the thought and sincerity given to such projects as naturally fall under the supervision of this body. We appreciate their wise and thoughtful use of funds for student aid, the printing of worth-while pamphlets, their assistance to other reliefs and worth-while endeavors. We especially commend them for perpetuating the memory of Rev. H. L. Streich, in the form of an endowment fund. This fund will provide aid for students in Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary.

We Recommend

1. That we help, encourage and support the work this organization is doing, and that we pray for a successful carrying on of these endeavors under the banner of the Guild.

4. Churchmen's Brotherhood

We note with pleasure that this part of the church program is growing. Both offices report expansion. We note also that the lack of finances in the Eastern section has necessitated the making of a loan. The Western office reports enough funds to carry on, but not enough to permit proper growth. We commend the Western group for

their Laymen Leadership Training Courses in which leaders are prepared for important roles in the work. Your committee is convinced that this work is important and that the growth and forward movement of our church depends upon and equal harnessing of our Man Power as well as our Women Power.

We recommend

1. That the church continue its financial help to these groups, so this work may continue.
2. That Brotherhoods be organized wherever such organizations would seem feasible.
3. That the brotherhood continue its interest in the boys of our church, by including them in their programs.
4. That retreats and congresses be held for men for the joint purpose of information and inspiration.
5. That we keep definitely in mind the second National Convention to be held in Chicago, in August, and urge attendance of the same.

5. Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association

This Committee thanks the writers of this report for the historical data contained therein. We thank it also for its splendid explanation of its operations, as well as the types of protection and classes of Certificates.

We recommend

1. That we read carefully this report, and acquaint ourselves with this association and the splendid record it has made. (this especially for the R. men)
2. That we, whenever possible, deal at home, or in other words patronize this organization.

Respectfully,

NEVIN E. SMITH
 MARTHA MANRODT
 EMMA LINDAUER
 C. T. SCHAEFER

The report on each organization was considered separately.

1. The Woman's Guild. Report and recommendation adopted.
2. Woman's Missionary Society. Report and recommendations adopted.
3. The Woman's Union. Report and recommendation adopted.
4. Churchmen's Brotherhood. Report and 5 recommendations adopted.
5. Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association. Report and recommendations adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

10. ON NOMINATIONS

Directors of Hoffman Orphanage: Rev. A. M. Gluck, Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier, Rev. John David Kehoe, Elder Paul C. E. Hauser and Elder L. K. Woodward.

Regents of Mercersburg Academy: Rev. Joseph H. Apple, Elder Henry Schultheis and Elder Daniel A. Stickell.

Directors of Hood College: Rev. Ralph E. Hartman and Elder R. Paul Smith.

Kingdom Service Committee: Elder J. Wilbur McBride and Rev. Irwin Rudisill.

Committee on Evangelism: Elder H. J. Clem and Elder A. E. Fisher.

Committee on Social Action: Elder J. Wm. Schnebley.

Committee on Christian Education: Elder H. K. Delauter.

Committee on National Missions: Elder H. F. Dunkhorst.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL GABLER

E. LOUIS HIGBEE

HERMAN H. VORDEMBERGE

Adopted with instruction to have mimeograph copies made for ballots.

11. ON ELECTIONS

The Committee appointed for this purpose distributed and collected the ballots at the times appointed. The report of the result of the election of delegates to General Synod was made Wednesday morning as follows:

Delegates, Ministers

Scott R. Wagner, D.D.

Charles Enders

Aaron M. Gluck, D.D.

Lay Delegates

Henry W. Schultheis

Harry Brindle

A. Leroy McCardell

Alternates

Harvey A. Fesperman

Titus Lehman

Gottlieb Siegenthaler

Alternates

Eugene Spessard

J. W. Schnebly

Harold J. Clem

The results of the election as scheduled for Wednesday morning and reported at the afternoon session are as follows:

Directors of Hoffman Orphanage:—Revs. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., and Elders Paul C. E. Hauser and L. K. Woodward.

Regents of Mercersburg Academy: Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D.D., and Elders Henry W. Schultheis and Daniel A. Stickell.

Directors of Hood College: Rev. Ralph E. Hartman.

Kingdom Service Committee: Rev. Irvin Rudisill and Elder J. Wilbur McBride.

Committee on Evangelism: Elder H. J. Clem.

Committee on Social Action: Elder J. William Schnebly.

Committee on Christian Education: Elder H. K. Delauter.

Committee on National Mission: Elder H. F. Dunkhorst.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON E. GROFF

CLAUDE E. CORL

P. S. MICHEL

The report was adopted.

12. ON FINANCE

Dear Brethern:—We beg to submit the following report. Your committee presents the following appropriations for apportionment among the charges of the Synod:

Respident's expenses	\$ 225.00
Delegates to General Synod	500.00
Honorariums	150.00
Treasurer's Salary	25.00
Printing	350.00
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Total	\$1250.00

Apportioned on the per capita basis it is six cents per member. This together with the one cent per member for student aid, makes a total of seven cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY G. YAGGI

JOHN B. FRANTZ

HENRY W. SCHULTHEIS

The report was adopted.

In connection with this report Synod took action authorizing the Treasurer to borrow an amount of money not to exceed \$500.00 Also that the Treasurer inform the churches of the amount of their apportionment on the basis of seven cents per member.

13. ON HISTORICAL DATA

To Potomac Synod:

Dear Brethren:—

Your Committee on historical data offers the following as its re-

port covering the past Synodical Year:

Obituaries of the following brethren who died during the year were prepared: Rev. James D. Buhner, Ph.D.; Rev. James Riley Bergey. Copies of these obituaries were sent to Lancaster, Pa., to be placed in the fire-proof vault of the Fackenthal Library of F. & M. College, where they will be properly preserved, and where they can be available to any one desiring the information they contain.

Your Committee takes pleasure in reporting the publication of "The History of the Southern Synod" by Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D. This book tells in a very interesting way the story of the beginnings of our Church in North Carolina, the history of the Classis of North Carolina, ending with its merger with Southern Evangelical Congregations into the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It is a most interesting, informative, and inspiring volume. Our thanks are hereby extended to Dr. Leonard for his splendid work. We hope it will have a wide sale.

Your Committee also desires to report that a brief historical sketch of the Synod of the Potomac has been completed. It will be presented to that body when there is a meeting. The sketch is in type-written form.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of the Reformed Church in the U. S. was held at the Theological Seminary building in Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday, May 10, 1939. An interesting paper telling the story of the different efforts toward a union of all the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System was read. A Committee was appointed to study the matter of extending the work of the Society to the new united Church. The Committee is to report at the meeting that is to be held next week. We are hoping that a way will be found to carry on. The address at the coming meeting next week will be made by Dr. George W. Richards. The paper will deal with the life and labors of Jonathan Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. GLUCK

MANFELD ALLENRODT

HAROLD J. CLEM

Adopted.

14. ON ADVISORY MEMBERS

(See under Article II)

Adopted.

15. ON PUBLICITY

To The Potomac Synod:

Your committee has made a special effort to secure as much pub-

licity for the Synod as possible. Arrangements were made with the local papers, and through them, with the Associated Press, to carry the items of importance of Synod from day to day. A report of this meeting will appear in *The Messenger*.

During the coming year it shall be the purpose of your committee to send news items to papers in various part of our Synod covering events that are of interest and importance to the members of our churches within the bounds of Potomac Synod. It is our conviction that more effective work can be accomplished in the Synod if our members and ministers are kept informed of important events through the medium of our newspapers and church publications.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN B. FRANTZ, *Chairman*
 NORMAN L. HORN
 EDGAR HARTUNG

Adopted.

16. ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(See under Article II where figures with (*) indicate excused members.)

Adopted.

17. ON ANNIVERSARIES

To The Potomac Synod:—

The attention of Synod is called to the anniversaries of three important historical events in the history of our denomination that deserve church-wide observance during this year of 1940.

It is 215 years ago (October 15, 1725) that the first communion service of the Reformed Church in the U. S. was held at Falkner Swamp, Pa., which is generally regarded as the beginning of the Reformed branch of our church in the United States.

It is 100 years ago (October 15, 1840) that the Evangelical Society of the West, the parent body of the Evangelical Synod of North America, came into being at Gravois Settlement, now Mehlville, Missouri.

It is 50 years ago (October 12, 1890) that the Hungarian Church was organized as a part of the larger work of the Reformed Church in the U. S., through the establishment of the first Hungarian Church in this country at Cleveland, Ohio.

By striking coincident, the origin of the three branches of our Church took place during the month of October. October 13, 1940 has been selected as Anniversary Sunday, and the week of that Sunday may be designated as Anniversary Week.

We recommend that pastors and consistories observe these anniversaries as they see fit, presenting to their people the historical in-

formation promised by the Committee on Promotion of the Committee on Anniversary Celebrations.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH E. HARTMAN
HARRY G. YAGGI
A. LEROY M. CORDELL

Adopted.

18. ON RESOLUTIONS

To The Reverend Potomac Synod:
Dear Brethren:—

In the first Annual Meeting of Potomac Synod we have had the benefit of the worshipful Sanctuary of Grace Church, Frederick and the use of the adequate facilities of its entire church building. We have also enjoyed the genuine hospitality of its congregation, the music presented by the organist, who played at every service, the choir, and the excellent meals provided by the women.

We therefore recommend that we extend our heartily thanks to the pastor Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, the congregation; organist, Mrs. Paul Strine choir and women of the church for all they contributed to the comfort, enjoyment and convenience of Synod.

As a contribution to the expenses incurred in entertaining Synod we recommend that the treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the treasurer of Grace Church the sum of \$50.00.

We also recommend that Synod express its appreciation of the generous service rendered by the newspapers of Frederick and other communities in giving full accounts of the proceedings in their columns.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. HOFFMEIER
R. C. HERBERT

Adopted.

Article X

EXTRA-DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS

By action of Synod representatives were appointed to contact with the Anti-Saloon League and the Lord's Day Alliance in the three states involved in this Synod—Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. (See Item 7 and 8 in the report on Overtures.

Synod's action regarding recognition of the Council of Churches and

Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware: That in the interest of cooperative interdenominational work as represented by the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, such time be given for its presentation of our mutual work together in building the Kingdom of God as the Synodical Council may be able to give.

Article XI

ELECTIONS

The officers of Synod are elected for two years.

Article XII

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Action of Synod regarding material for printed minutes: That all reports which merely repeat information given in the Blue Book, shall be omitted from the printed minutes and all informational reports of Synod Committees be edited by the President and the Secretary so that all vital information will be retained in the printed minutes.

Article XIII

Adjournment

The Minutes were read and approved at the opening of each session after the first and at the close of the last session. Similar attention was given to the presence of the quorum, at the same time through the Roll Clerk. The Committee on Excuses reported with the final roll. The report is indicated in the figures and letters with the names of members who attended. See Article II.

After the motion for adjournment was adopted, Synod then adjourned its first annual meeting finally at 3:25 P.M. Wednesday, to meet in adjourned session at the time of the Fall Meeting in October, Washington, D.C.

In adjourning, Synod gathered about the chancel, united in repeating the Apostles Creed, offered the Lord's Prayer, sang the L.M. Doxology, and received the Benediction from the President.

SCOTT R. WAGNER, D.D., *President*

NORMAN L. HORN, *Secretary*

Attest: Official Copy of the original minutes.

Officers and Synodical Council

President:—Rev. Scott R. Wagner, D.D. Vice-President:—Rev. Titus Lehmann. Secretary:—Norman L. Horn. Treasurer:—Mr. Charles F. Kimpel, Jr. Lay Member:—Mr. Henry W. Schulthesis.

The Synodical Council is also the Placement Committee. Officers are elected for two years.

Committees Elected by Synod

Board of Examiners:—The president of Synod is a member by virtue of his office. Revs. Stephen L. Flickinger, D.D., Ralph E. Hartman, Gottlieb Siegenthaler, Mr. Charles F. Kimpel, Jr. The Board is elected for two years.

Kingdom Service:—Rev. Irvin L. Rudisill, Mr. J. Wilbur McBride, 1943; Revs. Ernst J. F. Dettbarn, Paul G. Gabler, 1942; Rev. John S. Hollenbach, Mr. George Sturmfelz, 1941.

Evangelism:—Mr. Harold J. Clem, 1943; Rev. Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., 1942; Rev. Erwin Bueneman, 1941.

Social Action:—Mr. J. William Schnebley, 1943; Rev. Nevin E. Smith, 1942; Rev. John Schauer, 1941.

National Missions:—Rev. Harry G. Yaggi, Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst, 1943; Rev. Manfred Manrodt, Mr. George H. Haines, 1942; Rev. John B. Frantz, 1941.

Christian Education:—Mr. H. K. Delauter, 1945; Rev. Arthur Newell, 1944; Rev. Addison H. Groff, 1943; Rev. William R. Barnhart, 1942; Rev. William R. Stritelmeier, 1941.

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Director of Hood College:—Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, 1943.

Anti Saloon League:—Mrs. Manfred Manrodt for Md.; Rev. Nevin E. Smith for Va.; Rev. William H. Scholly for W. Va.

Lord's Day Alliance:—Rev. John S. Hollenbach for Md.; Rev. Irvin L. Rudisill for Va.; Mr. Arthur I. Brown for W. Va.

ROSTER OF POTOMAC SYNOD

Place	Church	Minister and Address	No. in Con- gregation
Adamstown, Md.	Trinity	Harvey S. Shue, Adamstown, Md.	130
	St. John		7
Annapolis, Md.	St. Martin	Harry G. Yaggi, 16 Francis St., Annapolis, Md.	150
Ardmore, Md.	Union Evang.	(Chas. Enders, Supply, 1920 G St., Wash., D.C.), Ardmore, Md.	15
Baltimore, Md.	Bethel	W. R. Strietelmeier, 2 S. Ellwood Ave., Baltimore, Md.	234
	Christ	John G. Grimmer, 1308 Beason St., Baltimore, Md.	123
	Faith	F. A. Rosenberger, 329 University Pkwy., Baltimore, Md.	409
	First and St. Stephen	J. Paul Kehm, York and Stoneleigh Rds., Baltimore, Md.	191
	First United	Carl T. Schaefer, 3123 Shannon Drive, Baltimore, Md.	604
	Friedens	Manfred Manrodt, 819 N. Patterson Pk. Ave., Baltimore, Md.	210
	Grace	Paul L. Althouse, 103 W. Clement St., Baltimore, Md.	354
	Huber Memorial	Erwin H. Bueneman, 2827 Alameda Blvd., Baltimore, Md.	811
	Immanuel	Julius F. Grauel, 2427 Arunah Ave., Baltimore, Md.	454
	Messiah	John L. Barnhart, D.D., 3408 Edgewood Road, Baltimore, Md.	340
	Messiah (Woodlawn)	Christian Neumann 44 Madison St., Annapolis, Md.	105
	Morrel Park	John David Kehoe, 1804 Wickes Ave., Baltimore, Md.	264
	St. John's Concordia	E. J. F. Dettbarn, 2005 Bryant Ave., Baltimore, Md.	410
	St. John	Wm. Kochheim, 2526 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md.	1079
	St. Luke	Paul G. Gabler, 106 E. 32 St., Baltimore, Md.	542
	St. Mark	John R. T. Hedeman, 2130 E. Hoffman St., Baltimore, Md.	440
	St. Matthew	G. Siegenthaler, 2221 Kentucky Ave., Baltimore, Md.	974
	St. Paul	John B. Frantz, 2428 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md.	351
	Third	Fredrick W. Bald, (supply) Baltimore, Md.	186
	Trinity	C. Talmage King, 5715 Rusk Ave., Baltimore, Md.	122
	United	Melville H. Way, 2423 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, Md.	260
	United Evang.	Titus Lehmann, 945 S. East Ave., Baltimore, Md.	1103
		Edwin L. Werner (Assistant Pastor) U.E. Church, East Ave. and Dillon St., Baltimore, Md.	
	Zion	Norman L. Horn, 3000 Iona Terrace, Baltimore, Md.	210
Boonsboro, Md.	Trinity	Addison H. Groff, Boonsboro, Md.	87
	Christ		85
	Mt. Moriah		36
	Mt. Vernon		54
Bridgewater, Va.	St. Michael	H. R. Lequear, Bridgewater, Va.	79
	Brown Memorial		120
	Frieden		76
Burkittsville, Md.	Resurrection	Russel C. Herbert, Burkittsville, Md.	56
	First		97
Cambridge, Md.	Immanuel	Theodore F. Fischer, 304 Peach Blossom Ave., Cambridge, Md.	158
Cavetown, Md.	Christ	Edward T. Plitt, Cavetown, Md.	244
	St. James		24

Place	Church	Minister and Address	No. in Congregation
Clearspring, Md.	St. John	J. Wade Huffman, Clearspring, Md.	158
	St. Paul		208
Edinburg, Va.	St. John	Irvin L. Rudisill, Edinburg, Va.	60
	St. Paul		51
	Christ		48
Emmitsburg, Md.	Incarnation	E. Lewis Higbee, Emmitsburg, Md.	172
Frederick, Md.	Evangelical	H. L. G. Kieffer, D.D., Frederick, Md.	719
	Grace	Ralph E. Hartman, 507 Elm St., Frederick, Md.	729
Funkstown, Md.	Christ	(E. T. Plitt, Supply, Cavetown, Md.) Funkstown, Md.	59
Hagerstown, Md.	Christ	Harvey A. Fesperman, D.D., 52 Broadway, Hagerstown, Md.	815
	Salem		150
	Zion	Scott R. Wagner, D.D., 229 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md.	699
Harrisonburg, Va.	St. Stephen	J. Silor Garrison, D.D., Harrisonburg, Va.	125
Jacksonville, Md.	First	(J. Paul Kehm, Supply, see Baltimore, Md.)	37
Jefferson, Md.	Jefferson	Claude H. Corl, Jefferson, Md.	203
	Mt. Zion		39
Lewistown, Md.	Grace	Seward R. Kresge, Lewistown, Md.	40
	St. Paul		107
	Zion		102
Lovettsville, Va.	St. James	Kendall B. Shoffner, Box 102, Lovettsville, Va.	134
Manchester, Md.	Trinity	John S. Hollenbach, Manchester, Md.	172
	Lazarus		193
	St. Mark		56
Martinsburg, W. Va.	Christ	Aaron M. Gluck, D.D., 123 E. Burke St., Martinsburg, W. Va.	440
Middlebrook, Va.	St. John	Lee A. Peeler, D.D., M.B. Star Route, Staunton, Va.)	193
Middletown, Md.	Christ	Philip E. Saylor, Middletown, Md.	575
Mill Creek, Va.	Emmanuel	H. A. Behrens, Timberville, Va.	31
	Grace		119
	St. John		80
Mt. Crawford, Va.	Trinity	Harvey A. Welker, Box 53, Mt. Crawford, Va.	139
	St. Andrew		62
	St. Paul		38
Mt. Pleasant, Md.	Mt. Pleasant	George K. Ely, Frederick, Md.	64
	Grace Trinity		55
Richmond, Va.	St. John	Arthur Wm. Newell, 1803 Floyd Ave., Richmond, Va.	556
Ridgely, Md.	St. Paul	J. William Zehring, Ridgely, Md.	75
Roanoke, Va.	St. Paul	Elmer E. Leiphart, 1124 1st St., S.W., Roanoke, Va.	180
Sabillasville, Md.	St. John	Darwin Xavier Gass, Sabillasville, Md.	84
	Jacob		35
	St. Stephen		70

Place	Church	Minister and Address	No. in Congregation
Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Christ	Wm. H. Solly, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	108
	Grace		20
Silver Run, Md.	St. Mary	C. Earl Gardner, R.D. No. 1, Westminster, Md.	535
Stemmers Run, Md.*	Zion	John W. Schauer, Stemmers Run, Md.	320
Taneytown, Md.	Grace	Guy P. Bready, Taneytown, Md.	425
	Grace (Keysville)		73
Thurmont, Md.	Trinity	Edwin D. Bright, Thurmont, Md.	209
	Apple		34
	Mt. Tabor		58
	St. John		34
Timberville, Va.	St. Luke	Harry A. Behrens, Timberville, Md.	164
	Trinity		106
Toms Brook, Va.	St. John	Chas. E. Robb, Toms Brook, Va.	127
	Emmanuel		100
Walkersville, Md.	Glade	Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., Walkersville, Md.	154
	St. John		91
Washington, D.C.	Concordia	Chas. Enders, 1920 G St., Wash., D.C.	538
	First	F. Nelsen Schlegel, Washington D.C.	378
	Grace	Calvin H. Wingert, 1626 Primrose St., N.W., Washington, D.C.	438
Westminster, Md.	St. Paul	Nevin E. Smith, 17 Bond St., Westminster, Md.	299
	Emmanuel	Miles S. Reifsnyder, R.D. No. 7, Westminster, Md.	270
	St. Benjamin	Chas. B. Rebert, R.D. No. 2, Westminster, Md.	149
	St. Matthew		153
	Jerusalem		64
Winchester, Va.	Centenary	S. L. Flickinger, D.D., 209 N. Washington St., Winchester, Va.	208
Woodstock, Va.	St. Paul	Wm. T. Brundick, 551 Main St., S., Woodstock, Va.	150
	Mt. Calvary		50

* Not yet admitted in the Evangelical Reformed Church.

 Ministers Without Charges

Baltimore, Md.	Frederick W. Bald	3604 Gwynn Oak Ave., Baltimore, Md.
	Chas. F. Brandt	5933 Marluth Ave., Baltimore, Md.
	F. A. Giese	806 N. Hilton St., Baltimore, Md.
	Edw. R. Hamme	3208 Clifftmont Ave., Baltimore, Md.
	John H. Jeffries	4412 Forestview Ave., Baltimore, Md.
	Calvin S. Slagle, D.D.	2610 Shirley Ave., Baltimore, Md.
	Robert M. Stahl	4301 Fordham Road, Carroll Station, Baltimore, Md.
	Samuel A. Troxell	701 St. George's Road, Baltimore, Md.
Emory, Va.	Roy E. Hoke	Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.
Frederick, Md.	Joseph H. Apple, LL.D.	323 N. College Parkway, Frederick, Md.
	Prof. Wm. R. Barnhart, D.D. ...	300 Upper College Terrace, Frederick, Md.
	Peter E. Heimer, Ph.D.	c/o Y. M. C. A., Frederick, Md.
	Henry H. Ranck, D.D.	313 W. College Terrace, Frederick, Md.
	G. Nevin Rebert	1005 Motter Ave., Frederick, Md.
	Chas. D. Shaffer	P.O. Box 30 (Sec'y Y. M. C. A.), Frederick, Md.
	Henry I. Stahr, D.D.	President Hood College, Frederick, Md.
Front Royal, Va.	Benjamin K. Hay	
Hagerstown, Md.	Walter R. Hartzell	1807 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, Md.
	Geo. W. Kerstetter	843 Maryland Ave., Hagerstown, Md.
Harrisonburg, Va.	Border L. Stanley	126 N. High St., Harrisonburg, Va.
Richmond, Va.	Oscar Guthe	4304 Augusta Ave., Richmond, Va.
Shepherdstown, W. Va. .	Joseph E. Guy	
Walkersville, Md.	Atvill Conner, D.D.	
	Chas. W. Levan, D.D.	
Washington, D.C.	John F. Tapy	German Orphans' Home, Washington, D. C.
Winchester, Va.	J. Edw. Klingaman	Route 1, Winchester, Va.
Woodstock, Va.	Arthur W. Barley	R. F. D., Woodstock, Va.
St. Paris, Ohio	George R. Snyder	Missionary (China) St. Paris, Ohio
Shanghai, China	R. Pierce Beaver, Ph.D.	Missionary (China) Shanghai, China.
Bisrampur, C.P., via	Emil W. Menzel	Missionary (China) Bisrampur, C.P., via Bhatapara, India.
Bhatapara, India		

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