

**Council Minutes**  
**Forty-sixth Meeting**  
meeting at  
**Shiloh Orthodox Presbyterian Church**  


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**Raleigh, North Carolina**  
**November 9, 2021, 2:00 PM**

**ARTICLE 1 CALL TO ORDER**

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of NAPARC is convened at Shiloh Orthodox Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The Chairman, Rev. Dr. L. Anthony Curto, calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomes the delegates, observers, and visitors. He reads Psalm 122 and he leads in prayer. Rev. Matthew Holst of the host congregation makes announcements regarding meals and meeting rooms.

**ARTICLE 2 ROLL CALL**

A. Member Churches

The Chairman calls upon the delegations to introduce themselves. The following are present.

MEMBER CHURCH	DELEGATES
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)	Rev. Bill Barron Rev. Patrick Malphrus Rev. Dr. Kyle Sims Rev. Soku (Seth) Yi
Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)	Rev Steve Vandavelde Rev. Marc Jagt Mr. Gerrit Bos
Reformed Church of Quebec / Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)	No delegate
Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA)	Mr. Edward Laman Rev. Gerald R. Procee Mr. Bert deJong Rev. David Van Brugge
Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)	Mr. James Beeke Mr. Corney Les Rev. Bartel Elshout Dr. Adriaan Neele
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	Dr. S. Steve Park Rev. Ryan H. Kim
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) (KPCA)	Rev. Nathan Hahn Rev. Ji Ho Jeong Rev. Andy Tschong
Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Mr. Mark T. Bube Dr. L. Anthony Curto Rev. Matthew Holst Mr. David P. Nakhla
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Dr. Bryan Chapell Mr. James “Brad” Isbell Dr. L. Roy Taylor Jr.
Presbyterian Reformed Church (PresRC)	Rev. Tim Worrell Rev. Michael Ives Mr. Jeff George

Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	Rev. Michael McGee Rev. Travis Grassmid Mr. Dennis Luquette Dr. J.P. Mosley
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA)	Rev. J. Bruce Martin Mr. Drew Gordon Mr. Dean McHenry Rev. Bruce Parnell
United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA)	Rev. Todd De Rooy Rev. Robert M. Godfrey Rev. Casey Freswick Rev. Daniel Ventura

**B. Official Observers**

The Chairman calls upon the observer non-Member Churches to introduce their representatives. The following are present.

OBSERVER CHURCH	OBSERVERS
Protestant Reformed Churches in America (PRCA)	Rev. Bill Bruinsma Rev. Ken Koole
Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)	Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Backus Rev. Tito Lyro Rev. Leonard Pine

**ARTICLE 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2019)**

Recommendation 1 of the Interim Committee to approve the 2019 Minutes is taken up and seconded. The motion is adopted.

**ARTICLE 4 COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING REPORT OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE)**

**A. The following communications have been received.**

1. NAPARC 2021 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches and published with the Council Docket except for the ERQ which is unable to send a delegation this year.
2. Church Reports for 2021 were received (*Bylaws* III.2.c) from all churches and published with the Council Docket.
3. The Foreign Mission Consultation report was received from Mr. Mark Bube and published with the Council Docket.
4. The Website Committee Report was received on time (*Bylaws* III.2.c) and published with the Council Docket.

**B. The Report of the Interim Committee from earlier today is received. It contains the following recommendations which it adopted and recommends to the Council for inclusion in the docket.**

1. The Interim Committee approved the 2019 NAPARC Council Minutes and recommends their approval by the Council.
2. The Interim Committee approves the Treasurer's Report and recommends the Treasurer's Report to be received by the Council.
3. The Interim Committee approves the Treasurer's Budget and recommends it to the Council for adoption with an increase for meeting expenses from \$7,000 to \$8,000.
4. The Interim Committee approves the work of the Website Committee and their budget request for \$350 and recommends the budget request to the Council for adoption.
5. The Interim Committee approves the *Question and Prayer Assignment Proposal* and recommends it to the Council for adoption.

6. The Interim Committee recommends to the Council for discussion the following topics gleaned from this year's church reports with the second topic to be taken up at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. [To be taken up under New Business]  
From the HRC
  - a. If there is interest, we could report on the development and launching of the Fraser Valley Reformed Christian Counselling Society (FRC, HRC, RCNA, Can Ref and URC churches in the Fraser Valley area.
  - b. [At 2 p.m. Wednesday] Pre-submitted request to provide a "Stephen Institute" Steering Committee Concept Presentation regarding the possibility of forming an educational institute (online courses) leading to a university college recommended by NAPARC Churches to ascertain initial reflections and feedback from NAPARC church delegates. (See attached letter, page 8.)
7. The Interim Committee recommends to the Council the following slate of officers to be elected:
  - a. Chairman – Dr. Bryan Chapell of the Presbyterian Church in America.
  - b. Vice Chairman – Rev. Michael Ives
  - c. Secretary – Rev. Ralph Pontier
  - d. Treasurer – Rev. Todd De Rooy
8. The Interim Committee recommends to the Council that the Council Docket be adopted with the addition of the recommendations of the Interim Committee.
9. The Interim Committee informs the Council that it has approved a motion to extend invitations to the Protestant Reformed Churches in America and the Bible Presbyterian Church to send (at their own expense) official observers to NAPARC 2022. [*Bylaws* VI.4.l&m give authority to the Interim Committee to extend invitations to non-Member Churches.]

**ARTICLE 5 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

Recommendation 8 of the Interim Committee to approve the Docket with addition of the recommendations of the Interim Committee is taken up and supported. The recommendation is adopted.

**ARTICLE 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. Recommendation 9 of the Interim Committee to elect a slate of officers is taken up. The entire slate is elected.
- B. The following are elected as officers for the coming year.
  1. Chairman – Dr. Bryan Chapell of the Presbyterian Church in America.
  2. Vice-Chairman – Rev. Michael Ives of the Presbyterian Reformed Church.
  3. Secretary – Rev. Ralph Pontier
  4. Treasurer – Rev. Todd De Rooy
- C. Dr. Bryan Chapell assumes the chair.

**ARTICLE 7 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATES APPOINTED TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE**

In anticipation that current members of the Interim Committee may plan to be replaced before the next Council, the following are appointed to the Interim Committee to replace those presently serving. There are None.

**ARTICLE 8 REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES**

- A. Recommendation 5 of the Interim Committee to approve the *Question and Prayer Assignment Proposals* is taken up. The schedule, as distributed with the Docket, is adopted.
- B. The Chairman calls upon each Member Church to give its report which is followed by questions from the appointed questioner, questions from the floor, and by prayer.

The Reporter	The Questioner and the One Who Prays
ARPC – Rev. Patrick Malphrus	PresRC - Rev. Tim Worrell
CanRC – Rev. Marc Jagt	RCUS – Rev. Michael McGee
ERQ – (no delegate, cf. printed report)	URCNA – Rev. Casey Freswick
FRCNA – Mr. Edward Laman	RPCNA – Mr. Dean McHenry
HRC – Mr. James Beeke	URCNA – Rev. Robert Godfrey
KAPC – Rev. Dr. S. Steve Park	ARP – Rev. Bill Barron
KPCA – Kosin – Rev. Andy Tschong	CanRC – Rev. Marc Jagt
OPC – Mr. Mark Bube	FRCNA – Mr. Bert deJong
PCA – Dr. Bryan Chapell	HRC – Rev. Bart Elshout

- C. The Council recesses for supper. The host church serves a delicious BBQ meal. The delegates, guests, and visitors gather for a devotional service with Mr. Mark Bube presiding and with Rev. Matthew Holst preaching. His text is Psalm 93 on the theme, “The Lord Reigns.”
- D. The Council reconvenes at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. The Vice-Chairman Rev. Michael Ives leads in prayer.
- E. The reports of the Member Churches continue.
- F. The PCA continues to answer questions on their report.

The Reporter	The Questioner Who Also Prays
PresRC – Rev. Michael Ives	KAPC – Rev. Ryan H. Kim
RCUS – Rev. Michael McGee	KPCA (Kosin) – Rev. Andy Tschong
RPCNA – Rev. J. Bruce Martin	OPC – Mr. David P. Nakhla
URCNA – Rev. Daniel Ventura	PCA – Mr. Brad Isbell

**ARTICLE 9 REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL OBSERVER CHURCHES**

- A. The Chairman calls upon each invited Observer Church to give a report which is followed by questions from the appointed questioner, questions from the floor, and by prayer.

The Reporter	The Questioner Who Also Prays
PRCA – Rev. Ken Koole	RPCNA – Rev. Bruce Parnell

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- B. The assembly breaks for lunch and reconvenes at 2:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE 10 NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The orders of the day are altered to allow “New Business” to be taken up early.
- B. Recommendation 6 of the Interim Committee is taken up and adopted. Discussion is held on the following topic.
  - 1. A Steering Committee Concept Presentation regarding the possibility of forming an educational institute (online courses) leading to a university college recommended by NAPARC Churches to ascertain initial reflections and feedback from NAPARC church delegates. In a society that is becoming increasingly hostile to biblical values and Reformed standards, and particularly so in higher education, a number of brothers from a variety of NAPARC churches have formed a steering committee and developed a 3-step plan to provide solid biblical, reformed education for college/university-age young people from NAPARC churches. The New College for biblical, reformed, experiential, and practical education in a post- Christian Culture. Dr. Joel Beeke speaks about the need of the hour, the opportunity before us, and what is requested of others who can help. Dr. Adriaan Neele presents a power point presentation on behalf of the Steering Committee of The New College. He addresses vision, purpose, uniqueness, and planning.
    - a. Step 1 – Provide one and then more online courses in reformed/ biblical apologetics, worldview, current issues, etc.

- b. Step 2 – Develop an on-site and online junior college with a two-year, accredited general studies program (associate degree) with credits transferrable to other colleges/universities and higher degrees.
  - c. Step 3 – Establish an on-site and online college with accredited four-year degrees (bachelor degrees) with degree recognition by universities.
2. Mr. James Beeke entertains questions and comments.
- a. Q. How long until this is a four year college? A. Depends on model of government. To offer recognized, accredited degrees takes a long time, perhaps four years would be the earliest. Step 2 above is much easier to set up and would be very valuable for students who would then transfer to an accredited school for a specialized degree.
  - b. Q. Do you think this is necessary for students who have attended Christian schools K-12? A. Yes, definitely. Many HS graduates of our Christian schools are not prepared for the onslaught of unbelief they encounter at secular colleges and universities.
  - c. Q. Do you think secular colleges and universities will accept transfer credits from New College? And, are you aware of a group in Ohio attempting to do something similar? A. Regarding transfer credits, there are six accrediting agencies recognized by the US government. Three of those have united into the largest accrediting agency in the world. It is called Cognia. Accreditation is possible with Cognia for Christian schools. James Beeke has worked the last 20 years in accreditation and is confident they will be able to be accredited. When it comes time to offer four year degrees they would, at first, do it in cooperation with an already accredited college or university. They will look into the group in Ohio.

**ARTICLE 11 REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL OBSERVER CHURCHES (CONTINUED FROM ART. 9)**

- A. The Chairman calls upon the invited Observer Church to give a report which is followed by questions from the appointed questioner, questions from the floor, and by prayer.

The Reporter	The Questioner Who Also Prays
BPC – Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Backus	OPC – Rev. Dr. L. Anthony Curto

**ARTICLE 12 DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRESS TOWARD ORGANIC UNION (AS PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM COMMITTEE)**

No topic for discussion has been proposed by the Interim Committee.

**ARTICLE 13 FINANCIAL MATTERS (TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDITORS' REPORT)**

- A. Interim Committee Recommendation 2 to consider the Treasurer's Report for adoption is taken up.
- 1. The recommendation to receive the Treasurer's Report is adopted.
  - 2. The Treasurer reads his report and answers questions.
- B. The Internal Audit Committee (last year's Chairman and Vice-Chairman) report that the financial records are in good order. It is moved and supported to approve the internal review of the treasurer's records by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. The motion is adopted.

**ARTICLE 14 REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OPERATING COMMITTEES**

- A. Interim Committee Recommendation 4 to receive the Website Committee report and approve the budget request is taken up.
- 1. Mr. Mark Bube, Chairman of the Website Committee, presents the committee's report and request for a budget of \$350.
  - 2. The recommendation to receive the report of the Website Committee and approve the Website Committee's budget is adopted.

**ARTICLE 15 OLD BUSINESS (NONE)**

**ARTICLE 16    REPORTS OF STUDY COMMITTEES (NONE)**

**ARTICLE 17    REPORTS OF CONFERENCES (NONE)**

**ARTICLE 18    REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS (AND, WHERE CONVENIENT, APPOINTMENT OF HOST AND CONVENER FOR NEXT CONSULTATION)**

- A. World Missions
  - 1. Mr. Mark Bube presents the report which was attached to the Docket (page 43) and answers questions.
  - 2. The next such NAPARC Joint Consultation is scheduled for September 20-23, 2022, concurrently with the ICRC World Mission Agency Consultation, in the same place, with Mr. Bube as the chairman and the Rev. Douglas B. Clawson as the secretary for the world mission agencies, and Mr. David P. Nakhla as the chairman for the diaconal mission agencies.
  - 3. Rev. Bruce Parnell announces the possibility of a future consultation on theological education on pastoral internships. Anyone interested should contact him.
- B. Christian/Church Education – none
- C. Relief/Diaconal Ministries – none
- D. Theological Training – none
- E. Youth Ministries – none

**ARTICLE 19    ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT (2022) MEETING**

- A. The next scheduled host (in the alpha listing) is Presbyterian Church in America.
- B. Place: Atlanta, Georgia at a venue near the airport yet to be determined.
- C. Date: Second Tuesday of November (*Bylaws* I.1): November 8-10, 2022
- D. Invitees: The Interim Committee has approved inviting official observers from the Protestant Reformed Churches in America and the Bible Presbyterian Church.
- E. The secretary is instructed to communicate with the Presbytery of the United States of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) regarding whether they are the highest assembly of their denomination and therefore eligible by NAPARC's Constitution and By-laws for membership, or whether they are a lower assembly of their denomination and therefore not eligible for membership.

**ARTICLE 20    BUDGET**

- A. Interim Committee Recommendation 3 that the Treasurer's budget be approved is taken up.
  - 1. The Treasurer explains the budget and answers questions. The dues remain the same at \$1,000US per Member Church.
  - 2. A motion is made and supported to approve the budget for 2022 with the amount for Annual Meeting Expenses raised from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The motion is adopted.

**ARTICLE 21    ADJOURNMENT**

- A. A motion is made and supported to adjourn. The motion is adopted at 3:57 p.m.
- B. Mr. James Beeke leads in closing prayer.
- C. After adjournment, the delegates, observers, and other guests enjoy a delicious meal at Bloomsburry Bistro. After dinner, Dr. Jonathan Master, President of Greenville Seminary speaks on, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Ralph A. Pontier  
NAPARC Secretary