

2007
Abstract of the Minutes

SOUTH CENTRAL CLASSIS

The Reformed Church in the United States

Spring Meeting
March 27-28, 2007
Emmanuel Reformed Church
Sutton, NE

Fall Meeting
October 9-10, 2006
Trinity Covenant Reformed Church
Colorado Springs, CO

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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PRESIDENT	The Reverend Mr. Ron Morris
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Interchurch Relations	<u>B. Grossmann</u> , M. Powell, E. Starks, H. Yoder.
Candidates & Credentials	<u>H. Van Stedum</u> , M. Koerner, D. Fagrey, D. McPherson, S. Gross, J. Johnson.
Executive Committee	<u>R. Morris</u> , S. Gross, D. Fagrey
Heidelberg Youth Camp	<u>R. Gallimore</u> , M. Powell, S. Henry, B. Freeman.

** replaced by Loren Huber from Hope RCUS, Sutton by executive circular 22:3.

2007 CLASSIS GUIDELINE FOR GIVING

	Guideline	Per Communicant (1044)
Classical Dues	\$7,500.00	\$7.18
Missions	\$36,746.00	\$35.20
Benevolence	\$9,000.00	\$8.62
Heidelberg Seminary	\$ 8,352.00	\$8.00
New Geneva Seminary	\$4,176	\$4.00
 Total	 \$65,774.00	 \$63.00

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Stated supply: Elder Sam Powell (wife, Susan)

COLORADO SPRINGS (www.trinityrcus.com)

Trinity Covenant RCUS. Phone: **(719) 590-1477**.

We meet at 2511 N. Logan Ave at Grace PCA (mail: 6050 Del Paz Dr. 80918)

Worship: 11:30AM. Sun school: 1:00PM. Wed. Bible: 7:00PM at 6050 Del Paz Dr.

Pastor: C.W. "Bud" Powell, Jr. (wife, Penny)

GREELEY (www.reformedgreeley.org)

Grace RCUS. Phone: **(970) 336-9927**.

1501 10th Ave. Greeley, CO 80631.

Worship 11AM, Sunday school 10AM

Pastor: Jon Blair (wife, Wendy)

KARVAL

Blue Cliff Community RCUS. Phone: **(719) 775-8842**.

Mail: 2600 State Road 71, Ordway, CO 81063.

Worship: 12:15PM; Sunday School 11:00AM

Pastor: Matthew Powell (wife, Andrea).

LIMON

Providence Reformed Chapel. Phone: **(719) 775-8842**.

725 Michigan Ave. Mail: P.O. Box 848, Limon, CO 80828.

Worship: 9:00AM; Sunday School: 10:30AM

Pastor: Matthew Powell

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN (www.stjohnrcus.inetnebr.com)

St. John's RCUS. Phone: **(402) 477-7289**

1101 South 26th St. Lincoln, NE 68502.

Worship: 10:30 AM; S. School 9:30 AM. July & August Worship: 10AM. No SS.

Pastor: Maynard Koerner (wife, Marcia)

SUTTON

Emmanuel RCUS. Phone: **(402) 773-4218**

110 South Way Ave. Mail: PO Box 362, Lincoln, NE 68979

Worship: 10:30 AM; Sunday School 9:30 AM

Pastor: Dan Rogers (wife, Kelani).

SUTTON

Hope RCUS. Phone: **(402) 773-4330**.

311 E. Hickory. Mail: PO Box 372, Sutton, NE 68979

Worship: 10:30AM; S. School 9:15AM; Family Bible Study 6:30PM (2nd & 4th Sun.)

Pastor: Darrell Kingswood (wife, Lori)

SOUTH DAKOTA

MENNO

Zion RCUS. Phone: **(605) 387-2816**
220 South Pine, Menno, SD 57045. Mail: P.O. Box 387, Menno, SD 57045.
Worship: 10:30 AM; Sunday School 9:30 AM
Pastor: Scott Henry (wife, Maria)

MITCHELL (www.gracereformed.com)

Grace RCUS. Phone: **(605) 996-7439**.
1021 South Davison (mail: PO Box 252), Mitchell, SD 57301.
Worship: 10:00 AM; Sunday School 9:00 AM
Pastor: Ron Morris (wife, Sherrie)

RAPID CITY (www.rcusrapidcity.com)

Grace RCUS. Phone: **(605) 399-1711**.
5626 North Haines Ave. Rapid City, SD 57701
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Pastor: David Fagrey (wife, Bonnie)

SIOUX FALLS (www.trinityrcus.org)

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Pastor: Herman Van Stedum (wife, Phyllis)

VERMILLION

Providence RCUS. Phone: **(605) 624-4337**.
830 E. Madison. Vermillion, SD 57069.
Worship: 10:30 AM, Sunday School 9:30 AM, Wed. Bible: 7:30 PM
Pastor: Robert Grossmann (wife, Polly)

WYOMING

ROCK SPRINGS

Providence RCUS. Phone: **(307) 362-5107**.
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Worship: 10AM, Sunday School 11:30AM
Pastor: Paul Henderson (wife, Tina).

SERVICES

- The body met for worship on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Darrell Kingswood conducting and Rev. Paul Henderson preaching from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 with a sermon entitled “Waging Vigorous Warfare.”
- At 9:50 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, Rev. Maynard Koerner led the body in a devotion from Acts 20:28.

- Closing devotions on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. were led by Elder Fred Hofmann, who expounded on Jonah 4, and led the body in prayer.

ORGANIZATION

The President of Classis, Rev. Ron Morris, called the body to order on Tuesday March 27th, 2007, at 8:30 p.m. The sessions were well attended by all delegates, the opening roll call showing 13 Ministers and 11 Elders present and the closing roll call showing 13 Ministers and 13 Elders.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	The Reverend Mr. Ron Morris
Vice-President	The Reverend Mr. Maynard Koerner
Stated Clerk	The Reverend Mr. David Fagrey
Treasurer	Elder Mr. Spencer Gross

The President appointed Rev. Scott Henry to be the Reformed Herald reporter.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Benevolence	D. Kingswood, J. Blair, M. Koerner.
Education and Student Aid	H. Van Stedum , W. Embree, L. Ochsner.
Examination and Licensure	M. Koerner, H. Van Stedum, D. Fagrey, S. Gross, D.McPherson.
Finances	S. Henry, D. Rogers, S. Gross, R. Gallimore.
Ministerial Aid	P. Henderson, L. Huber, J. Rydell.
Missions	M. Koerner, S. Henry, G. Maassen.
Overtures	M. Powell, R. Grossmann, G. McClay.
Publications	C.W. Powell, D. Kingswood, L. Lee.
Services	W. Embree, C.W. Powell, T. Schieffelin.
Judicial	R. Grossmann, J. Blair, D. Rogers, E. Shriver.
Nominations	D. Rogers, P. Henderson, E. Starks.
Minutes of Synod	D. Fagrey, M. Powell, P. Tallman.

PRESENTATION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee's (referred to Overtures)

Executive Circulars Volume 21, Numbers 1-7

Number 1

May 27, 2006

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

There is one item that needs your attention.

A. The Call, Acceptance, and Resignation of Rev. Jon Blair.

The executive committee has received the following documents and has found them to be in order:

- (1) Call of a minister from Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO, dated April 20, 2006, to Rev. Jon Blair, Rock Springs, WY.
- (2) Letter from Rev. Jon Blair, stating his acceptance of the call from Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO dated April 24, 2006.
- (3) Resignation of Rev. Jon Blair from Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY, dated May 23, 2006, with his last Sunday in the pulpit being June 18, 2006.
- (4) Acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Jon Blair from the Consistory of Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY, dated May 23, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

Having examined the particulars of said call in accordance with article 28, the executive committee recommends that Classis approve this call, and that the pulpit of Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY be declared vacant as of June 19, 2006.

Number 2

July 31, 2006

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

The following items pertain to a Fall Classis Meeting:

- A. The Candidates and Credentials Committee has requested a fall classis meeting in order to administer two exams: an ordination exam for Licentiate Scott Henry, and a licensure exam for student under care Sam Powell.

The Candidates and Credentials Committee proposes the following schedule:

- (1) Scott Henry's ordination exam

English Bible	10 minutes	Koerner
Hermeneutics	10 minutes	Van Stedum
Ethics	10 minutes	Fagrey
Confessions	10 minutes	McPherson
Pratica	10 minutes	Gross

(2) Sam Powell's licensure exam

Piety and Intent	15 minutes	Gross
English Bible	15 minutes	Van Stedum
Historical Philosophy	15 minutes	Fagrey
Apologetics	15 minutes	Fagrey
Church History	15 minutes	Koerner
Hermeneutics	15 minutes	Fagrey
Prolegomena-doctrine of Scripture	20 minutes	Fagrey
Theology proper-doctrine of God	20 minutes	Van Stedum
Anthropology	20 minutes	Koerner
Christology	20 minutes	Koerner
Soteriology	20 minutes	Fagrey
Ecclesiology	20 minutes	Koerner
Eschatology	20 minutes	Van Stedum
Creeds	15 minutes	Gross
Practica	20 minutes	McPherson

Original Languages: Fagrey (completed prior to Classis)

Exegetical Papers: Fagrey (completed prior to Classis)

Sermon assignment: Koerner (assignment was completed at Spring Classis).

Constitution: Fagrey (written exam completed prior to Classis)

B. Hosting the Fall Classis meeting.

The Executive committee has received an invitation from Trinity Covenant Church in Colorado Springs, CO, to host a fall Classis meeting on Oct 9-10.

C. Proposed order of the day

Monday, Oct. 9

5:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Call to order and housing assignments

7:30 p.m. Ordination exam of Scott Henry

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:00 a.m. Call to order

8:15 a.m. Licensure exam of Sam Powell.

9:25 a.m. recess

9:45 a.m. Licensure exam continued

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Licensure exam continued

3:30 p.m. recess

3:45 p.m. Licensure exam continued if necessary, otherwise other business if necessary

D. Proposed order of business

II. Organization.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Defining the Bar of the House

XIX. Reports of Standing Committees (ONLY THOSE THAT ARE NECESSARY).

- A. Benevolences.
- B. Education and Student Aid.
- C. Examination and Licensure.
- D. Finances.
- E. Judicial.
- F. Ministerial Aid.
- G. Missions.
- H. Nominations.
- I. Overtures.
- J. Publications.
- K. Services.
- L. Minutes of Synod.

XXI. Reading of the Minutes (after each Business Day).

XXII. Adjournment.

- A. Roll Call.
- B. Devotions (elder from host church).
- C. Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction.

Recommendation #1: That Classis hold a fall classis meeting to examine Scott Henry and Sam Powell.

Recommendation #2: That Classis hold its fall meeting at Colorado Springs, CO on Oct. 9-10.

Recommendation #3: That Classis adopt the proposed order of the day and order of business.

Number 3

August 19, 2006

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

There is one item that needs your attention.

- A. Installation of Rev. Jon Blair.

The Consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO has requested that Rev. Jon Blair be installed as their Pastor on September 10th, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., and that the installation

committee consist of Rev. C.W. Powell, Rev. Paul Henderson, and the elders of the Greeley charge.

RECOMMENDATION

That the installation of Rev. Jon Blair as Pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on September 10th, 2006 in Greeley, CO; that the committee consist of Rev. C.W. Powell, Chairman, Rev. Paul Henderson, and the elders of the Greeley charge; and that this committee report, through its Chairman, to the Executive Committee of South Central Classis on the completion of its assignment.

Number 4

September 21, 2006

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

There is one item that needs your attention.

B. The seating of Albert Haller as elder.

The executive committee received the following letter from the consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO:

Rev Fagrey,

Jim Connelly, our elder *primarius*, and Phil Tallman, our elder *secundus*, are both unable to attend the planned fall Classis meeting. At our September 14 Consistory meeting we agreed by common consent to seek the permission of Classis to send Albert Haller as our elder delegate to this Classis meeting scheduled for October 9-10 at Trinity Covenant RCUS in Colorado Springs.

We ask that this request be granted.

Sincerely,

Daniel Thomas
Consistory Secretary
Grace Reformed Church, RCUS
Greeley, CO

RECOMMENDATION

That the request from the consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO be granted that Albert Haller be their elder delegate at the upcoming fall Classis meeting in Colorado Springs, October 9-10, 2006.

Number 5

December 1, 2006

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

There are items that need your attention.

A. The Call, Acceptance, and Resignation of Rev. Paul Henderson.

The executive committee has received the following documents and has found them to be in order:

- (5) Call of a minister from Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY, dated November [no day specified], 2006, to Rev. Paul Henderson, Yuba City, CA.
- (6) Letter from Rev. Paul Henderson, stating his acceptance of the call from Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY dated Nov. 7, 2006.
- (7) Resignation of Rev. Paul Henderson from First Reformed Church, Yuba City, CA dated Nov. 8, 2006, with his last Sunday in the pulpit being Nov. 26, 2006.
- (8) Acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Paul Henderson from the Consistory of First Reformed Church, Yuba City, CA dated Nov. 8, 2006.

B. A report from the Candidates and Credentials Committee, dated Nov. 23, 2006:

The Candidates and Credentials Committee of the South Central Classis met with Rev. Paul Henderson by Conference phone call on Nov. 21, 2006. The committee conducted an interview with Rev. Henderson concerning his continued orthodoxy since his Licensure and Ordination exam and concerning his intent. This interview was conducted at the request of the executive committee to determine the appropriateness of receiving the ministerial credentials of Rev. Paul Henderson from the Western Classis. The Committee found the interview to be satisfactory and recommends that Rev. Henderson be received as a minister of the South Central Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Maynard Koerner, Chairman
Rev. Herman Van Stedum
Rev. David Fagrey
Elder Dave McPherson
Elder Spencer Gross

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Having examined the particulars of said call in accordance with article 28, the executive committee recommends that Classis approve this call.
2. That Rev. Paul Henderson be received as a minister of the South Central Classis, pending reception of his credentials from the Western Classis.

Number 6

February 1, 2007

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

There are two items that need your attention

A. The Installation of Rev. Paul Henderson

The Consistory of Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY has requested that Rev. Paul Henderson be installed as their Pastor on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., and that the installation committee consist of Rev. Jon Blair, Rev. Larry Johnson (of the URC in Doon, IA), and the elders of the Rock Springs charge.

B. 2007 Spring Meeting of South Central Classis at Emmanuel Reformed Church, Sutton NE.

1. Date and Time: The spring meeting of Classis will commence on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. with a worship service.
2. Statistics and Credentials: You will find enclosed with this mailing one set of forms consisting of Membership and Financial Statistics and Credentials of Elders to Classis. According to the Standing Rules of Classis (#2 & #3) these are to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk no later than **two weeks** before the Classis meets. This means they must be in the Clerk's hands by **March 13, 2007**. It would, however, be appreciated by the Clerk if these documents can get to him as early as possible.
3. Parochial Reports: According to Standing Rule #2 Parochial Reports are to be **sent to the President two weeks** before Classis (by **March 13, 2007**). It would, however, be appreciated by the President if these reports can get to him as early as possible.
4. Reports and Recommendations of Permanent and Special Committees: According to Standing Rule #17 the Reports of the Permanent and Special Committees are to be completed and **mailed to all the Consistories** of all the Churches **four weeks** prior to the Classis Meeting, thus by **February 27, 2007** with **one copy** to be sent **to the Stated Clerk**. Excuses for this requirement are to be made only on written request to the Executive Committee.
5. PLEASE SEND AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ALL REPORTS TO THE CLERK.
6. Accommodations: Please fill out enclosed Lodging request forms and send in ASAP.
7. Miscellaneous: The Schedule of Services, Order of the Day, and Agenda.

8. Committees.

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Heidelberg Youth Camp	<u>R. Gallimore</u> , M. Powell, D. Rogers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the installation of Rev. Paul Henderson as Pastor of Providence Reformed Church, Rock Springs, WY be conducted at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 in Rock Springs, WY; that the committee consist of Rev. Jon Blair, Chairman, Rev. Larry Johnson, and the elders of the Rock Springs charge; and that this committee report, through its Chairman, to the Executive Committee of South Central Classis on the completion of its assignment.

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Esteemed Fathers and Brothers:

According to the by-laws, overtures received 4 weeks prior to the Spring Classis meeting are to be circularized. The executive committee received three such overtures:

- 1) From the Consistory of Providence Reformed Church, Limon, CO: A request that Classis approve the constitution of Providence Reformed Church, Limon, CO.
- 2) From the Consistory of Zion Reformed Church in Menno, SD: A request that the South Central Classis overture Synod to establish Heidelberg Theological Seminary as a Seminary of the RCUS and provide oversight by means of a Board of Visitors.
- 3) From the Consistory of High Plains Reformed Church, Calhan, CO: A request that Classis declare the pulpit of High Plains Reformed Church, Calhan, CO vacant as of May 1, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Mr. Ron Morris
President

The Reverend Mr. David Fagrey
Stated Clerk

Mr. Spencer Gross
Elder Member

MISSIONS

(referred to Standing Missions)

Calhan, Colorado

In 2004, Classis agreed to allow Elder Sam Powell of the Colorado Springs congregation to go to Calhan as an “Exhorting Elder” for a duration “not to exceed 3 years.” Elder Powell has been working on his degree at New Geneva Theological Seminary and faithfully preaching the Word at Calhan for these past three years. Elder Powell sustained his licensure examination in the fall of 2006 and subsequently accepted a call to Yuba City, California. The Calhan congregation will be seeking someone to fill the pulpit there soon.

They currently have 41 members with an average weekly attendance of between 25 - 30. They have a Sunday School program as well as a Sunday evening Bible study. They have a

parsonage valued at approximately \$165,000 and owe a little over \$100,000 on that with a mortgage payment of \$1042.86/month. The actual church building is a former Lutheran building which has been remodeled that they own debt free.

The congregation at Calhan went for their first 2 years with full funding and then took a reduction the next year and another reduction the year after that. They currently are receiving \$14,400 from both Classis and Synod. With Elder Powell's departure and the subsequent search for a pastor, the congregation feels that it would be unwise at this point to take a further reduction at this time. They are requesting the same funding in 2008 from Classis and Synod respectively.

When Elder Powell departs from Calhan, strong, seasoned leadership will be lacking there. It is recommended that the permanent missions committee work closely with Calhan to find a new pastor, and it may be wise for them to go back under the oversight of a more veteran consistory such as Colorado Springs and/or Blue Cliff.

Greeley, Colorado

The Greeley, Colorado congregation has turned a new chapter with the calling of their new pastor, Rev. Jon Blair. After years of faithful ministry, the Rev. Gene Sawtelle retired. The congregation invited Rev. Blair to preach a trial sermon and voted to call him as their pastor. Even with a pastoral change, things seem to be going well in Greeley.

Their building is older but very quaint. They originally had a debt of \$210,000 but have whittled that away to \$76,000. They currently have an \$1800 per month payment, but, with some re-financing, could get that down to \$1000 per month. They did receive the missions offering this past year and expressed deep gratitude.

A major re-modeling of the parsonage basement was undertaken. The parsonage sits next to the church building and is also an older building. The work done on the inside is quite nice and the basement now has two bedrooms, a full bathroom, a large family room, and a kitchenette. The congregation plans on redoing the conference room at the church in the near future.

They currently average about 40 - 50 people per Sunday with 40 communicant members. They have Sunday School classes for adults and 3 children's classes. To keep teachers from experiencing "burn out" they have created a teacher rotation at about every three months. They have Catechism classes on Tuesday afternoons with 4 currently enrolled. On Wednesday evening they have a family prayer and Bible study. Their covenant youth fellowship once per month on the first Sunday. They also have a College and Career fellowship. The Men are reading through Calvin's Institutes. They currently have one family in membership classes. They participate in communion on a quarterly basis.

Giving was slightly down this past year but the consistory does not think that will be an issue. They are a very giving congregation and even made headlines as far away as South Dakota when the Greeley congregation took up an offering to help the effort in South Dakota to ban abortion statewide.

Greeley began taking reductions in missions support in 2007 and are taking an additional 10% cut for 2008. They are requesting \$12, 227 respectively from both Classis and Synod for 2008.

Vermillion, SD

The year 2006 has seen several changes in the congregation at Vermillion while, at the same time, the normal activities of the Church have gone on with regularity and enthusiasm.

There were no Catechism classes this past year since the youth in that age group have all been confirmed. They did conduct an energetic and profitable Vacation Bible School and the Sunday School children provided the congregation a meaningful Christmas program.

The Scott Henry family moved to Menno, SD, where Scott took over the pastorate after graduating from Heidelberg Seminary. James Grossmann was transferred to Ashley, ND, RCUS, where he supplies the pulpit there and that of Hosmer, SD, as a student for the ministry. One member was removed by disciplinary erasure. Also, two of their younger members moved out of state. Nevertheless church attendance remains constant with the addition of several college students, and a family from Yankton that is becoming more and more active in the work. This family came in response to the radio program which broadcasts over a 5 state region. There continues to be a good response to the broadcast including a second individual man from Yankton who now attends very often. Another couple was married in the church and is currently undergoing church membership studies. A real sadness to the congregation was that the Chinese USD students who had been attending regularly decided to leave the fellowship in order to meet with other Chinese in the area. It is suspected that there may have been some political pressure on them to do so.

The congregation has a regular attendance of around 31-35 per Sunday with a membership of 22 communicants, and 30 baptized members. Giving has been good and faithful. The congregation believes that they can take an additional 10% decrease in funding and are requesting \$5720 from Synod and Classis respectively.

Regional Home Missionary

At the 2006 Spring meeting of the South Central Classis, Classis approved the following recommendation: "That the permanent home missions committee reestablish the missionary at large program to be funded by guideline dollars with the goal of establishing mission works in areas such as Denver or Omaha, with a working program to be presented at the next Spring Classis meeting."

Your committee regrets to inform you that no consensus on a workable plan emerged from our discussions this year. We recommend that the issue continue to be examined in the years to come.

Recommendations:

1. That High Plains Reformed Church, Calhan, CO be given \$14,400 from SSC for 2008
2. That SCC overture Synod on behalf of Calhan for \$14,400 in 2008.
3. That Grace Reformed Church, Greeley, CO be given \$12,227 from SCC for 2008.
4. That SCC overture Synod on behalf of Greeley for \$12,227 in 2008.
5. That Providence Reformed Church, Vermillion, SD be given \$ 5720 from SCC for 2008.
6. That SCC overture Synod on behalf of Vermillion for \$5,720 in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ron Morris

Rev. C. W. Powell
Rev. Dan Rogers
Elder Gary Maassen

PUBLICATIONS
(referred to Standing Publications)

Esteemed Fathers and Brothers,

Your Permanent Publications Committee had no business brought before it during the past year, and therefore did not meet and did no business.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Darrell Kingswood, Rev. Howard Hart, Lon Ochsner.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(referred to Education and Student Aid)

Dear Brothers:

The Permanent Christian Education Committee of South Central Classis had no business come before it, therefore, your committee did not meet and did no business.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. C.W. Powell, Rev. Jon Blair, D. Mettler, T. Schieffelin.

INTERCHURCH RELATIONS
(referred to Overtures)

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren,

In 2006, I received invitations to the annual meetings of Classis Alberta (CanRC), and the Presbytery of the Rockies (OPC). I was unable to attend either meeting, and I received no volunteers. I have not yet received the invitation to the spring meetings of 2007, but I do know that presbytery of the Rockies meets the first week of April. Classis Alberta normally meets in the summer.

I received invitations to the fall meeting and the upcoming spring meeting of the Central Classis of the URC. Since both meetings coincided exactly with our meetings, it was not possible to send a delegate.

Appropriate greetings in the Lord were sent to each body on behalf of the South Central Classis.

I have received complete minutes from the fall meeting of Central Classis, and a complete agenda for the upcoming spring meeting. If anyone would like copies of them, please let me know.

I sent invitations to the Presbytery of the Rockies (OPC), Classis Alberta (CanRC), Central Classis (URC) and the PRCNA to both our fall 2006 meeting and the upcoming annual meeting. As of this writing, Rev. Mr. Reuben Bredenhof of the CanRC is planning to attend our annual meeting.

I updated each body with the primary decisions of both the spring and the fall 2006 meetings.

I have not been on top of all of this as much as I would have liked; I do beg your forgiveness and indulgence.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Sam Powell, Chairman

Rev. Warren Embree

Rev. Robert Grossman

CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS

(referred to Examination and Licensure)

During the past Classical year your committee has met twice by conference phone call and has conducted business by personal contact and by phone. Activities of the committee include maintaining contact of students under care, conducting an ordination exam of Licentiate Scott Henry, a licensure exam of student Sam Powell, and conducting an interview of Rev. Paul Henderson in connection with his being dismissed to the South Central Classis.

Regarding students under care:

Andrew McIntyre: Mr. McIntyre requested that he be removed from the role of students under care. This was done by action of South Central Classis at its fall meeting.

James Grossmann: Mr. Grossmann did a summer internship with Salem-Ebenezer Reformed Church of Manitowoc, WI under the oversight of Rev. Kyle Sorensen. The chairman of the committee conferred

with Rev. Sorensen concerning Mr. Grossmann's work. The committee also received a written report from Rev. Sorensen. The chairman also spoke with professor Venema and received a written report concerning Mr. Grossmann's work at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. All of this showed progress on the part of Mr. Grossmann. Following his internship at Wisconsin, Mr. Grossmann began filling the pulpit at Ashley, ND. Since that time he has been released as a student under care of South Central Classis so that he might be received as a student under care of the Northern Plains Classis.

Richard Stetler: Mr. Stetler received a call from Eureka Reformed Church and sustained a licensure exam by the Northern Plains Classis.

Sam Powell: The committee has had ongoing contact with Mr. Powell, primarily through committee member David Fagrey. Mr. Powell sustained a licensure examination at the fall meeting of South Central Classis. He will provide a report as a licentiate to this Classis meeting. Mr. Powell has received a call from First Reformed Church of Yuba City, CA. He has accepted the call.

James Connelly: Mr. Connelly has enrolled at Heidelberg Theological Seminary. He will complete his first year of studies this May. Your chairman has regular contact with Mr. Connelly as a student in the classroom. Mr. Connelly and his wife have had to deal with a couple difficult issues in their life this past year. Shortly after the beginning of the fall semester their daughter was taken from this life. Recently Mrs. Connelly's Mother passed on. These have created some extra difficulties. Mr. Connelly has been able to continue with his studies. Please pray for healing for the Connelly's.

Your committee has also been informed that the South Central Classis has received a letter of dismission of Rev. George Horner from the Western Classis. Since there was no time issue involved the committee determined to postpone interviewing Rev. Horner until the Spring Classis meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Maynard Koerner, chairman, Rev. Herman Van Stedum, Rev. David Fagrey, Elder Spencer Gross, and Elder Dave McPherson

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President's Report on the State of the Church

In the Apostle Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians he writes, "But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us" (1 Thess 2:7-8 NKJV). In this passage Paul is reminding his readers of the love and affection he had for them as he ministered to them. He says that he was gentle like a nursing mother is toward her child. The word translated "gentle" is a word that can be translated "childish". This has led some of Paul's critics to complain that Paul has mixed his metaphors, saying that he was "childish" with them like a nursing mother. But if one will simply allow the imagery to work, it makes perfectly good sense; Paul is saying that just as a nursing mother will utter baby talk, possibly make funny noises or faces to bring comfort to her baby, so Paul would minister to the Thessalonians in a way that ministered to them at a place in which they were.

Paul goes on to remind them that he not only preached the gospel of God to them. He imparted his very life to them. Paul loved his people and Paul's people knew it.

In these two verses Paul addresses a couple of issues. The first one is expecting people to be farther along than they currently are. When working with new believers or people who are new to the Reformed faith, it can take years to get them to truly understand and appreciate Reformed distinctives. This takes much patience on the part of the pastor. Sometimes issues such as predestination or infant baptism are things that people just cannot get their minds around. It is at times like this that the pastor, without compromising, must gently continue to preach, teach and pray.

Secondly, Paul says that he poured his life into the Thessalonians. He did not view the ministry simply as a career. It was a part of his very being. He lived it night and day. Paul invested his life into the lives of his congregation and they knew it. Because of this he was able to effectively minister to them. Let us be imitators of Paul as we patiently disciple God's people and love them with affection.

I believe that these two qualities of patient discipleship without compromise and affectionate love for God's people will be of major significance in the years to come for our denomination. I believe I can say without fear of much contradiction that the RCUS has been for many years now a rural, German Reformed denomination. It has been evident for a while now that this is changing primarily because of demographics. We can no longer depend on kids growing up in our churches, getting confirmed, marrying, taking over the farm and becoming mainstays in our congregations. Our rural communities are shrinking, our kids are moving to bigger cities, and often they are not going to RCUS congregations. In light of this we must ask ourselves how are we going to proceed in the years to come? The answer may be in our text: Patient discipleship without compromise and a deep, committed love for people. We must continue to go into the larger metropolitan areas and evangelize unbelievers. It will take years for some of these people to fully appreciate our distinctives, but they will if we are patient with them and love them sincerely.

As we have prepared for this Classis meeting I have spoken with several of you about different, unrelated matters. But in the course of conversation the question I always get asked is, "What are the hot topics going to be at Classis this year?" As far as I can tell, our "hot topics" will be two. One will be the issue of Heidelberg Seminary and the other will be the issue of missions.

Regarding the Seminary, there are strong feelings on both sides of the issue. Let me try to explain both sides. Those opposed to having a denominational seminary cite a number of reasons for their disapproval. They point out that it can be an expensive endeavor. They also would argue that a denominational seminary is unnecessary. We already have a number of seminaries including Mid America, New Geneva, Westminster, Greenville and City Seminary in Sacramento. None of these seminaries is the perfect seminary, but what makes us think that Heidelberg will be? Another criticism of a denominational seminary is the historical record. Many denominations have been ruined because of the influence of their own seminary. The critics point to Mercersburg in our own history or give other examples of denominations that drifted off because of the teachings coming from the seminary.

On the other hand, we have people who feel just as strongly about having a denominational seminary as those who feel we shouldn't. For example, the proponents of the seminary will say that biblically, it is the role of the Church to teach and to train ministers. This is not something that should be "farmed out" or out-sourced to independent schools. Also,

this side will argue that our own seminary will not be perfect, but none of the other schools can really communicate our own distinctives the way that our own seminary could. Some might say that Mid America is more Dutch, New Geneva is more PCA, Greenville is more Puritan, etc., but none of them have the exact same distinctives as we have. Our own seminary, staffed by men from within our own tradition, could safeguard our denomination for the years to come. As I said, this may be a “hot topic” but our principles of patience and love will come into play here as well. Let us patiently hear all of the arguments and let us proceed in a manner of brotherly love.

The second “hot topic” will be that of missions. At last year’s Classis we decided to re-institute the Regional Home Missionary program with Denver and/or Omaha as our target areas. Having served on the Home Missions Committee for the past 7 years I can tell you that the continual problems we face in the RCUS when it comes to missions are money and man-power. It can be expensive to start a church and our resources are limited. Therefore we don’t want to proceed in the wrong way. Also, not just anyone has the gifts to go into a major metropolitan area and collect a congregation of people.

This past year we have had an ordained RCUS minister living in Denver. It was thought by some on the committee that in God’s Providence this was the direction to go. However, others on the committee felt uneasy about how this man ended up in Denver and questioned whether or not he was the right choice to plant a church there. At present, no alternative plan is forthcoming. The next Missions Committee will have this on which to work.

In conclusion, we must have patience and love. Patience to work with people over the long haul and a committed love for people that will encourage them to be committed to us. This goes for our congregations as well as our deliberations here. Whether we’re discussing the seminary or missions or whatever else it might be, let our conversations be seasoned with grace and in all things may God receive the glory.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Ron Morris

Classis Action: The report is to be spread in the minutes, printed in the Abstract, and sent to the Reformed Herald

Stated Clerk’s Report on the Minutes

The following items refer to duties performed by myself, which reference either to the spring 2006 Abstract or Circulars that have been sent since the spring 2006 meeting.

1. Page 37 of the Abstract, Recommendation #1 of the Standing Benevolence report requesting aid from Synod for Trinity Covenant, Colorado Springs, CO, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
2. Page 37 of the Abstract, Recommendation #2, of the Standing Benevolence report requesting aid from Synod for Mrs. Amy Stevens, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
3. Page 37 of the Abstract, Recommendation #1, of the Standing Education and Student Aid requesting aid from Synod for Sam Powell, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
4. Page 38 of the Abstract, Recommendation #4, of the Standing Ministerial Aid report requesting aid from Synod for Mrs. Kay Savage, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.

5. Page 38 of the Abstract, Recommendation #1, of the Standing Ministerial Aid report requesting aid from Synod for Mrs. Virginia Hoeflinger, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
6. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #2, of the Standing Ministerial Aid report requesting aid from Synod for Rev. & Mrs. Howard Hart, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
7. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #3, of the Standing Ministerial Aid report requesting aid from Synod for Mrs. Phyllis Grossmann, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
8. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #5, of the Standing Ministerial Aid report requesting aid from Synod for Rev. & Mrs. Gene Sawtelle, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
9. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #6, of the Standing Missions requesting aid from Synod for 50% of Calhan's 2007 obligation, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
10. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #2, of the Standing Missions requesting aid from Synod for 50% of Greeley's 2007 obligation, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
11. Page 39 of the Abstract, Recommendation #4, of the Standing Missions requesting aid from Synod for 50% of Vermillion's 2007 obligation, a letter was sent April 10, 2006.
12. Page 36 of the Abstract, in regards to report of the Special Committee to Investigate Membership of Ministers, the clerk failed to note Classis' action with respect to this report, but a letter was sent, April 10, 2007, indicating Classis' action to overture Synod to adopt the report of the committee to investigate the membership of ministers.
13. With respect to action taken at the Fall Classis meeting, Oct. 9-10, 2006, a letter was sent to the stated clerk of Synod, requesting student aid from Synod for Jim Connelly.

Respectfully submitted, David Fagrey

Classis Action: The report was adopted

Execute Committee's Report on its Minutes

The clerk moved that Executive Circulars Volume 21, Numbers 1 – 7 constitute the Execute Committee's Report on its Minutes.

Classis Action: The motion carried.

Executive Committee of Synod's Report

The Clerk read the report.

Classis Action: Referred to Overtures

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Com. #	Guide Lines	Received	Over	Short
South Central Classis	1071	\$66,712.59	\$66,430.19		\$282.40

Church				
Trinity Covenant				
Colorado Springs	42	\$2,618.18	\$2,618.18	
Blue Cliff				
Limon	20	\$1,245.80	\$372.54	\$873.26
St. Johns RCUS				
Lincoln, NE	92	\$5,730.68	\$5,730.68	
Emmanuel RCUS				
Sutton, NE	138	\$8,596.02	\$8,596.02	
Hope RCUS				
Sutton, NE	226	\$14,077.554	\$14,077.54	
Zion RCUS				
Menno, SD	170	\$10,589.30	\$10,589.40	
Grace Reformed				
Mitchell, SD	70	\$4,360.30	\$4,360.30	
Grace Reformed				
Rapid City, SD	55	\$3,425.95	\$3,425.95	
Trinity Reformed				
Sioux Falls, SD	108	\$6,727.32	\$6,727.32	\$328.66
Providence Reformed				
Rock Springs, WY	35	\$2,180.15	\$2,180.15	
Grace Reformed				
Greeley, CO	36	\$2,242.44	\$2,672.64	\$430.20
Providence Reformed				
Vermillion, SD	22	\$1,370.38	\$1,370.38	
High Plains Reformed				
Calhan, CO	36	\$2,242.44	\$2,242.44	
Providence Reformed				
Limon, CO	21	\$1,308.09	\$1,140.09	\$168.00
Totals of all Income		\$66,712.59	\$66,430.19	\$282.40

Budget based on 1071 members

Budget Expenditures

	Budget	Paid	Over/Short
Blue Cliff	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Providence Reformed, Limon	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Grace Reformed, Greeley	\$14,985.00	\$14,985.00	
Providence Reformed, Vermillion	\$9,720.00	\$9,720.00	
High Plains Reformed Chapel, Calhan	\$14,440.00	\$14,440.04	\$0.04.
Heidelberg Reformed Seminary	\$8,568.00	\$8,568.00	
Classis Expense	\$7,000.00		
Mileage		\$6,999.68	
Honorarium		\$600.00	
Postage		\$64.00	

Printing		\$241.80	
Conference Call		\$132.00	
Lodging		\$129.36	
Fund Balance			(\$1,166.84)

TOTAL	\$66,712.59	\$67,879.84	\$1,167.25
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Permanent Education Fund \$477.93

Special Fund
(Piper Jaffrey Transferred to checking) \$1,691.00

Guidelines

	Budget	Received	Over	Short
Classical Dues \$6.54 per com.	\$7,000.00	\$7,441.08	\$441.08	
Missions \$36.55 per com.	\$39,145.00	\$38,724.92		\$420.08
Benevolence \$11.20 per com.	\$12,000.00	\$12,018.14	\$18.14	
Heidelberg Seminary \$8.00 per com.	\$8,568.00	\$8,246.10		\$321.90
Guidelines Total (\$62.29 per com.)	\$66,712.59	\$66,430.19		\$282.40

Total Income \$66,430.19
(Based on 1071 Communicant Members)

	Checkbook
Beginning Balance	\$23,160.53
Interest Income	\$335.83
Permanent Education	\$477.93
Bank Charges	\$(98.40)
Fund Balance	\$(1,166.84)
Cash in Piper Jaffrey	\$1,691.06
Total Checking	\$24,400.11

Classis Action: The report was referred to Finances

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF MINISTERS

The Ministers of the Word individually read their reports, giving an account of their labors and the status of their charges.

Classis Action: On all the reports – take note, except Rev. Maynard Koerner’s which was referred to Missions, and Elder Sam Powell’s which was referred to Education and Student Aid.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDERS (ARTICLE 81, RCUS ONSTITUTION)

The President addressed the Questions of Article 81 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States to the Elder Delegates of each congregation.

The following answers were given:

1. *Are the doctrines of the Gospel preached in your charge in their purity, agreeably to the Word of God?* All answered, “Yes.”
2. *Is careful attention given to the instruction of the youth for confirmation, the reception of members into the Church, and the Christian nurture of the members?* All answered, “Yes.”
3. *In providing spiritual nurture for the congregation*
 - a. *Is visitation faithfully performed?* All answered, “Yes,” except Sam Powell who answered “no.”
 - b. *Is Christian discipline exercised according to the constitution?* All answered, “Yes,” except Sam Powell who answered “no.”
4. *Are the sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord’s Supper properly administered in accordance with the constitution?* All answered, “Yes.”
5. *In providing for the furtherance of Christian stewardship:*
 - a. *Are the apportionments for the Classis paid according to the Guidelines for Giving?* All Answered, “Yes,” except for Harold Yoder who answered “yes” for Limon and “no” for Blue Cliff.
 - b. *Are these moneys sent promptly to the Classis treasurer?* All answered, “Yes.”
 - c. *Are the apportionments for the Synod paid according to the Guideline for Giving?* All answered, “Yes,” except Lon Ochsner who answered “no,” Dan Griess who answered “no”, Sam Powell who answered “no,” and Harold Yoder who answered “yes” for Limon and “no” for Blue Cliff.
 - d. *Are these moneys sent promptly to the Synod treasurer?* All answered, “Yes,” except Sam Powell who answered “no.”
6. *Are the church records properly kept?* All answered, “Yes.”
- 7a. *Is the temporal contract between minister and people fulfilled in your charge?* All answered, “Yes.”
- 7b. *Is the temporal contract between minister and people adequate to meet his temporal needs?* All answered, “Yes.”

REPORT OF NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Stated Clerk handed out the report of the statistics as they were sent to him. This report appears in the Appendix to this Abstract.

Classis Action: The report was adopted as will be corrected.

REPORTS FROM CLASSIS' FRATERNAL DELEGATES

There were no reports

ADDRESSES BY DELEGATES FROM OTHER REFORMED CHURCHES AND VISITORS

- Rev. Rueben Bredenhof, fraternal delegate from the Canadian Reformed Churches, Classis Alberta, addressed the body. Rev. Bob Grossmann gave a response.
- Sam Powell read a letter from Rev. Doug Barnes on behalf Classis Central of the United Reformed Churches in North America.
- Ray Schnabel addressed the body concerning Heidelberg Theological Seminary.
- Rev. Bob Grossmann gave the registrar's report from Heidelberg Theological Seminary.
- C.W. Powell gave a report concerning New Geneva Theological Seminary.

EXAMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

There were no examinations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Heidelberg Youth Camp

March 1, 2007

A meeting of the Heidelberg Youth Camp Committee was held March 1, 2007. Committee members present were Elder Roger Gallimore, chair; Rev. Dan Rogers of the South Central Classis; and Rev. Lee Johnson, Elder David Roggenkamp and Elder Tom Ochsner of Northern Plains Classis. Rev. Rogers opened in prayer. HYC 2007 will be held July 23-27 at Camp Bob Marshall in the Black Hills.

1. HYC 2006 evaluation results were reviewed. It was noted that the evaluation results were about as stellar as evaluations get. Nonetheless, the following changes for HYC 2007 were made following the review:
 - Change the crafts projects. There were 1-2 counselors identified in the evaluations as being particularly suited to planning for different craft projects.
 - Bring back the talent show with a new format. A limited number of performances would be available and must be reserved and approved in advance.

2. The 2006 finance report was reviewed, which showed a net gain of \$293.78. The camp account remains in good shape with a balance of \$4,558.68. Camp fees will remain the same at \$123 per camper. However, camper registrations and fees received after June 1 will be \$145.
3. The theme for HYC 2007 will be *Always Ready*. This theme of apologetics will focus on defending the truth of those issues that covenant youth most commonly face today. The objective for each lesson is to give each camper the practical tools for giving a defense. The following lesson topics will be given:
 - Islam vs. Christianity
 - Combating Relativism
 - Defending Scripture
 - Evolution vs. Creation
 - Defending Truth With Your Lifestyle
 - Defending the Reformed Faith
4. Rev. Lee Johnson volunteered to recruit speakers for each of the lessons and worship services.
5. The offering was discussed. It was decided that committee members will consider different options of where to give the offering and then confer via email prior to the summer.
6. The closing night slideshow was discussed. It was decided to have 2-3 photographers take pictures during the week and one person organize all the pictures into the slideshow.
7. Rev. Lee Johnson closed the meeting in prayer.

Recommendations:

1. That Classis approve the 2007 Heidelberg Youth Camp proposed budget and camper fees.
2. That Classis approve the report as a whole of the Heidelberg Youth Camp.

Camp Budget 2007

Balance Forward	\$4,264.90	
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget 2007</u>
Camp Fees	\$16,575.50	\$16,595.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship Offering	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$4.77	\$5.00
Camp Store Sales	\$728.97	\$730.00
Total Revenue	\$18,309.24	\$18,330.00

Expenses

Facility Use	\$10,470.00	\$10,470.00
Food	\$3,136.32	\$3,200.00
T-Shirts	\$1,801.25	\$1,870.00
Crafts	\$382.21	\$400.00
Supplies	\$284.78	\$300.00
Promotion	\$85.64	\$100.00
Custer State Park Fees	\$12.00	\$20.00
Postage	\$11.97	\$20.00
Administration	\$146.23	\$200.00
Equipment	\$161.10	\$200.00
Camp Store Supplies	\$523.96	\$550.00
Worship Offering	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,015.46</u>	<u>\$18,330.00</u>
Revenue Less Expense	\$293.78	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$4,558.68	

*Proposed 2007 fees @ \$123 per camper for those who register and pay by June 1.
After June 1 the fee will be \$145. Adult volunteers continue to be free.
This is no change from 2006. Fees are based on 134 campers and 29 adults.*

Classis Action: The report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Benevolence

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. From overture 11, that Classis continue to support Heidelberg Seminary at \$8 per communicant member as per current guidelines.
2. From overture 15, that Classis provide benevolent support for Providence Reformed Chapel of Limon, CO in the amount of \$375 per month, and for Blue Cliff Community Reformed Church of Karval, CO in the amount of \$375 per month. Note that this is a 25% decrease from the previous year.
3. From overture 17, that a Classis guideline for New Geneva Seminary be set at \$4 per communicant member for the coming classical year.
4. From overture 19, that Classis overture Synod on behalf of Mrs. Amy Stevens for aid in the amount of \$1000.00 per month.
5. From overture 22, that Classis overture Synod to provide benevolent aid in the amount of \$8700 to Trinity Reformed Church of Colorado Springs, CO, for the next synodical year.

Classis Action: All the recommendations and the report were adopted.

Education and Student Aid

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. From overture 6, contingent upon Randy McGinnis being received as a student under care, that Classis overture Synod for student aid for Mr. McGinnis in the amount of \$4800 for tuition to Heidelberg Theological Seminary for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. From overture 7, that Classis overture Synod for student aid for Jim Connelly in the amount of \$4800 for tuition to Heidelberg Theological Seminary for the 2007-2008 school year.
3. From overture 9, that Classis approve the request for funds to be paid to Randy McGinnis for an internship at St. John's Reformed Church, and that they be paid by benevolence.
4. From overture 2, that the request to designate Heidelberg Theological Seminary as a denominational seminary be forwarded to Synod.

Classis Action: Recommendations 1-2 approved, 3-4 defeated, and the report was adopted. Rev. Warren Embree moved from the floor that Classis overture Synod for student aid for Sam Powell in the amount of \$4700 for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried.

Examination and Licensure

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. In reference to overture 20, that Classis receive the credentials of Rev. George Horner from the Western Classis.
2. In reference to overture 8, we recommend denial of this request at this time.
3. In reference to overture 5, that Classis dismiss Licentiate Sam Powell to the Western Classis.

Classis Action: All recommendations and the report were adopted.

Finances

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. That mileage be paid according to the following amounts:
Gary Maassen: \$199.98, Jon Blair: \$280.50, C.W. Powell: \$326.70, Scott Henry: \$155.10, Sam Powell: \$306.90, Earl Starks: \$435.60, Roger Gallimore: \$364.98, Maynard Koerner: \$52.14, Matthew Powell: \$280.50, George Horner: \$330.80, for a total of \$2,732.70.
2. From overture 12, that the Classis expense fund be raised to \$7500 for the next classical year.
3. That the following guidelines be approved:

		Per Communicant (1044)
Classical Dues	\$7,500.00	\$7.18
Missions	\$36,746.00	\$35.20
Benevolence	\$9,000.00	\$8.62
Heidelberg Seminary	\$ 8,352.00	\$8.00
New Geneva Seminary	\$4,176	\$4.00
Total	\$65,774.00	\$63.00

Classis Action: All recommendations and the report were adopted.

Judicial

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. That the pulpit of High Plains Reformed Church at Calhan be declared vacant as of June 1, 2007, and that a special committee of Classis consisting of Revs. Jon Blair, chairman, Rev. Dan Rogers and an Elder from Greeley visit with the Consistory and Congregation in Calhan to assess the situation of the Church there and to report to the Executive and Permanent Missions Committees on its findings. This Committee will continue or be dissolved by Classical circular as the needs require.
2. That the Constitution of Providence Reformed Church of Limon, CO be approved with the recommendation that a quorum for a congregation meeting be defined as a majority of the voting members.
3. That Providence Reformed Church of Limon, CO be enrolled as a member congregation of the South Central Classis of the RCUS.
4. That Classis nominations Committee regularly consider the workload borne by Classical delegates during the year and refrain from recommending that Executive Committee members be appointed as chairman of a permanent or special committee of Classis.

Classis Action: All recommendations and the report were adopted.

Ministerial Aid

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. That Classis request aid from Synod in the amount of \$1000 per month for Mrs. Virginia Hoeflinger for the next synodical year.
2. That Classis increase its support for minister's widows to \$1200 per month.
3. That Classis request aid from Synod in the amount of \$1200 per month for Mrs. Kay Savage for the next synodical year.
4. That Classis request aid from Synod in the amount of \$1000 per month for Mrs. Phyllis Grossmann for the next synodical year.
5. That Classis request aid from Synod in the amount of \$1350 per month for Rev. Howard Hart for the next synodical year.

Classis Action: recommendations 1, 3-5 were adopted, #2 out of order, the report was adopted.

Home Missions

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. That High Plains Reformed Church of Calhan be given \$14,400.00 from South Central Classis for 2008.
2. That Classis overture Synod on behalf of Calhan for \$14,400.00 in 2008.
3. That Grace Reformed Church of Greeley be given \$12,257.00 from South Central Classis for 2008.
4. That South Central Classis overture Synod Home Missions on behalf of Greeley for \$12,257.00 in 2008.

5. That Providence Reformed Church of Vermillion be given \$5,720.00 from South Central Classis for 2008.
6. That South Central Classis overture Synod on behalf of Vermillion for \$5,720.00 in 2008.
7. Concerning the request from Calhan. Take note.
8. With respect to the parochial report of Rev. Koerner concerning a Bible study in Omaha, NE. Take note.
9. That Rev. George Horner seek membership in a local RCUS congregation and work with that consistory concerning any contacts in Denver.

Classis Action: All the recommendations and the report were adopted.

Nominations

Missions	<u>D. Rogers</u> , P. Henderson, C.W. Powell, G. Maassen, P. Tallman.
Publications	<u>D. Kingswood</u> , P. Henderson, D. Griess.
Christian Education	<u>C.W. Powell</u> , J. Blair, T. Schieffelin.
Interchurch Relations	<u>B. Grossmann</u> , M. Powell, E. Starks, H. Yoder.
Candidates & Credentials	<u>H. Van Stedum</u> , M. Koerner, D. Fagrey, D. McPherson, S. Gross, J. Johnson.
Executive Committee	<u>R. Morris</u> , S. Gross, D. Fagrey
Heidelberg Youth Camp	<u>R. Gallimore</u> , M. Powell, S. Henry, B. Freeman.

Classis Action: The report was adopted.

Overtures

The committee brought the recommendations:

1. That overture 1 be referred to Judicial and Missions.
2. That overtures 2, 6-8 be referred to Education and Student Aid.
3. That overtures 3 and 18 be referred to Judicial
4. Concerning overture 4, take note.
5. That overtures 5, 9, and 20 be referred to Examination and Licensure.
6. That overtures 10, 13-14 and 16 be referred to Ministerial Aid.
7. That overtures 11-12, 15, 17, and 19 be referred to Benevolence.
8. That overture 21 be referred to Ministerial Aid
9. That overture 22 be referred to Benevolence.
10. That the excuses of Elder Brian Freeman and Rev. Warren Embree (see overtures 23-24) be approved.

Classis Action: All recommendations and the report were adopted.

Publications

The committee reported receiving no business that required action.

Classis Action: The report was adopted.

Services

The committee brought the following recommendations:

1. That the following text be printed in the April 1st bulletin of Emmanuel Reformed Church to express appreciation of Classis for hosting the 2007 Spring meeting: The delegates and visitors to the South Central Classis extend our gratitude and thanksgiving to the Pastor, Consistory, and congregation of Emmanuel Reformed Church for their wonderful hospitality and fellowship at our Spring Classis meeting. God bless you all!

Classis Action: The recommendations and the report were adopted.

Minutes of Synod

The committee reported having received no business that required action.

Classis Action: the report was adopted

ADJOURNMENT

The body adjourned to the 2008 Spring Classis meeting according to Standing Rule 22.

APPENDICES 2006 MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

	Colorado Springs, CO Trinity Covenant	Greeley, CO Grace Reformed	Blue Cliff Community Karval, CO	High Plains Reformed Calhan, CO	Providence Reformed Limon, CO	Lincoln, NE St John's Reformed	Emmanuel Reformed Sutton, NE	Hope Reformed Sutton, NE
Number of Elders	2	2	2	3	1	4	3	4
Number of Deacons	2	2	2	2	1	4	3	4
Communicant Members Last Year	42	36	19	36	21	92	138	226
Received by Confirmation	0	2	2	0	0	1	3	3
Received by Letter of Transfer	3	6	0	0	0	7	0	0
Received by Profession of Faith	1	1	0	5	1	3	1	0
Total Members Received	4	9	2	5	1	11	4	3
Total Old/New Members	46	45	21	41	22	103	142	229
Lost by Dismissal	7	3	0	3	0	3	0	8
Lost by Erasure or Discipline	0	2	0	10	0	1	9	16
Lost by Death	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3
Total Members Lost	7	5	0	13	0	6	13	27
Communicant Members This Year	39	40	21	28	22	97	129	202

Unconfirmed Members	14	9	4	14	14	34	27	51
Total Baptized Members	53	49	25	42	36	131	156	253
Number of Families	23	22	8	12	8	50	64	97
Number of Children in SS	18	8	4	9	13	20	22	61
Number of Adults Baptized	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Number of Infants Baptized	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3
Total Number of Baptism	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	3
Number Received Lord's Supper	35	42	21	36	22	91	128	170
Times Lord's Supper Served	12	4	12	3	12	6	6	6

Financial Statistics

Receipts from Regular Offerings	61,166	56,731	30,518	38,819	42,838	100,285	62,926	123,389
Receipts from Special Offerings	2,952	56,651	128	4,083	262	2,738	28,947	10,742
Receipts from other sources	9,104	34,612	2,850	29,733	7,375	0	7103	30,028
Total Receipts	73,222	147,994	33496	72,635	50475	103,023	98976	164,213
Budgeted Synodical Funds	9,057	7,454	3,710	5,323	3327	20,018	15,295	28,460
Budgeted Classical Funds	2,162	2,673	1,304	2,242	1216	5,731	8,596	14,078
Giving to Non-Guideline Causes	0	100	220	0	232	320	0	0
Non-RCUS Benevolent Causes	1,663	3,732	368	0	1,897	2731	3,678	8387
Other General Expenses	47,524	143,227	34,374	70,461	36,491	73,048	73,554	100,477
Total Disbursements	60,406	157,186	39976	78,026	43163	101848	101123	151402
Value of Church Building	0	192,000	0	152000	40000	110000	522000	400000
Value of Parsonage	0	158,000	0	165000	0	99100	157000	60000
Improvements on Church Property	0	13,880	0	5,256	1,033	11,590	5,332	8882
Present Property Debts	0	97,789	0	111,143	9,059	5,000	0	0
Debt Payments in the Past Year	0	51,920	0	5,508	4,851	5,000	0	0
Giving to Synod Per Communicant	232	207	195	148	158	217	111	126
Giving to Classis Per Communicant	55	74	69	62	58	62	62	62
Total Giving to RCUS	267	284	275	210	227	283	173	188

	Zion Reformed Church	Manno, SD	Mitchell, SD	Rapid City, SD	Grace Reformed	Sioux Falls, SD	Trinity Reformed	Providence Reformed	Vermillion, SD	Rock Springs, WY	Providence Reformed	TOTAL 2006	TOTAL 2005	Percent Change
Number of Elders	4	3	2	5	2	3	40	43	-7%					
Number of Deacons	4	2	2	5	1	1	35	35	0%					
Communicant Members Last Year	170	70	56	108	22	35	1064	1049	1%					
Received by Confirmation	4	2	2	0	0	2	21	37	-43%					
Received by Letter of Transfer	3	0	2	6	0	0	27	23	17%					
Received by Profession of Faith	2	2	0	0	0	1	17	10	70%					
Total Members Received	9	4	4	6	0	3	65	70	-7%					
Total Old/New Members	179	74	60	114	24	38	1138	1134	0%					
Lost by Dismissal	2	2	6	0	1	5	40	38	5%					
Lost by Erasure or Discipline	1	1	0	0	1	1	42	14	200%					
Lost by Death	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	10	20%					
Total Members Lost	5	4	6	0	2	6	94	62	52%					
Communicant Members This Year	174	70	54	114	22	32	1044	1071	-3%					
Unconfirmed Members	31	34	36	51	8	9	336	348	-3%					
Total Baptized Members	205	104	90	165	30	41	1380	1419	-3%					
Number of Families	92	40	27	61	10	18	532	545	-2%					
Number of Children in SS	24	33	27	40	4	4	287	302	-5%					
Number of Adults Baptized	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0%					

Number of Infants Baptized	1	5	2	5	0	1	22	18	22%
Total Number of Baptism	1	5	2	5	0	2	24	20	20%
Number Received Lord's Supper	156	69	54	111	24	30	989	1019	-3%
Times Lord's Supper Served	4	6	8	6	4	8	97	102	-5%

Financial Statistics

Receipts from Regular Offerings	108,935	83,135	139,160	157,141	50,244	91,794	1147081	1079792	6%
Receipts from Special Offerings	28,638	5,942	0	7,023	4,286	660	153052	96,762	58%
Receipts from other sources	2,426	0	0	1,592	19,767	0	144590	200,564	-28%
Total Receipts	139,999	89,077	139,160	165,756	74,297	92454	1444777	1377118	5%
Budgeted Synodical Funds	35,658	14,402	11,874	23,111	4,743	7536	189968	189,957	0%
Budgeted Classical Funds	10,589	4,360	3,426	7,056	1,370	2,180	66983	77,789	-14%
Giving to Non-Guideline Causes	14,086	1000	0	1,437	500	0	17895	23,260	-23%
Non-RCUS Benevolent Causes	0	0	6200	4,920	0	0	33576	15,458	117%
Other General Expenses	74,946	55,398	112,547	116,286	61,542	49,389	1049264	942,159	11%
Total Disbursements	135279	74,162	134,047	152810	68655	59105	1357188	1248623	9%
Value of Church Building	500000	260000	500,000	467,401	300000	170000	3285043	3298946	0%
Value of Parsonage	75,000	150,000	180,000	154,350	125000	include	1323450	1266800	4%
Improvements on Church Property	14,000	4,527	0	13140	5,625	0	83265	258,952	-68%
Present Property Debts	0	40,000	120,906	67,039	0	50,953	501889	673,773	-26%
Debt Payments in the Past Year	0	3,843	27,686	38,928	0	8,507	146243	179,598	-19%
Giving to Synod Per Communicant	210	206	216	214	216	215	179	181	-1%
Giving to Classis Per Communicant								74	
Total Giving to RCUS	355	282	278	293	301	278	258	277	-7%

NECROLOGIES

Donald W. Ochsner

Emmanuel Reformed Church
Sutton, Nebraska

Donald W. Ochsner was born December 5, 1925 at Stockham, NE to William J. and Lillie (Griess) Ochsner. He received his education in Stockham and was confirmed at the Emmanuel Reformed Church on March 29, 1942.

On June 1, 1947, he married Helen Meyer at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton. He farmed and owned a swine operation until he retired and moved to Sutton at the age of 68. Don's faith in the lord was a very important part of his life, along with expressing his love for his family. He enjoyed the company of friends, hunting, fishing, flying and traveling.

He was a member of the South Central Pork Producers and had been recognized by them on the cover of the Nebraska Farmers Magazine for his swine production. He was a Board Member with Nebraska Hog Cholera Eradication, Farm Bureau and the Eldorado Co-op. Don had also been a Fontanelle Hybrid dealer.

Don was a member of Emmanuel Reformed Church where he served as an Elder and Deacon. Don loved the Lord Jesus and His Word and was actively involved in Bible Study and the life of the church. Don went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at the age of 81.

Harold Unterseher

Emmanuel Reformed Church, Sutton, Nebraska

Harold Henry Unterseher was born to Ludwick Gottlieb and Christine (Ackerman) Unterseher on March 20, 1920. Harold married Marjorie Bruning on September 18, 1942, at Walla Walla, Washington. At that time Harold was serving with the U.S. Army during World War II. He served from April 1942 to November 1945. Harold received the Good Conduct Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star. Harold and Marjorie observed their 64th wedding anniversary on September 18, four days before his death.

Harold farmed near Sutton and Grafton, Nebraska. After moving to Grafton in 1962, he worked for the village of Grafton and B.H.& L. Grain Elevator, and Sutton Co-op Grain Company. He was a member of the Grafton Fire Department from the early 1950's until 1988; he also served as fire chief. Harold was a member of the Grafton VFW and a 46-year member of the Sutton American Legion Post #61.

Harold was a lifelong member of Emmanuel Reformed Church of Sutton where he was baptized, confirmed, and served as a Deacon and Elder (1987-93). Harold faithfully attended church and cared for his shut-in wife for many years. Harold went to be with his Lord on September 22, 2006 at the age of 86 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

STANDING RULES

1. Classical dues shall be due on the first of December and are to be paid not later than the Thirty-First of December of the current year (1960, '64, '68, '87).
2. The Parochial Reports and Statistics shall be forwarded two weeks before the Spring Meeting of Classis; the Parochial Reports to the President of the Executive Committee and the statistics to the Stated Clerk (1976, '77, '87).
3. The writ of certification for delegate elders for the Classical year shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk two weeks before the Spring Meeting of Classis.
4. All congregations shall present an accurate report on confirmation instruction, Sunday School and weekday school. The period of instruction shall, if possible, be so extended that the pupils memorize and are able to recite the entire Catechism before confirmation. The course of instruction shall include Bible history, Catechism, Bible readings and the study of books and contents of the Bible; also singing, and preferably, Psalm-hymns.
5. The Standing Rules shall be read during the second session of the Spring Meeting (1932, '87).

6. If pastors, elders, and members of congregations request information from the Executive Committee of Classis concerning constitutional matters and procedures, as provided in Article 91, the answer shall, if the request is in order and in written form, be presented to the parties concerned only in written form and relevant only to the item in question (1933).

7. Delegate travel to Classis meetings shall be paid at the rate of thirty-three cents (.33) per running mile to each charge, if travel is by automobile. When distance and time require delegates to use public transportation to Classis, they shall be granted full fare (1965, '74, '80, '83, '94, 2006).

8. The Treasurer shall reimburse travel in behalf of Classis at thirty-three cents (.33) per running mile, also if several ride together in one car; or if by public transportation, the actual fare (1936, '54, '74, '80, '94, 2006).

9. Travel reimbursement shall be paid only those delegates to Classis whose congregations have paid the Classical dues in full to the Classis Treasurer, and those delegates who have attended all sessions of Classis or have been properly excused by Classis (1937, '67).

10. The President of the Executive Committee of Classis shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), the Stated Clerk shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), and the Treasurer shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the Classical year (1960, '61, '65, '78, '84, '87, '90, 2003).

11. The monies sent to the Treasurer shall be made out in check form and designated for which fund and how much for each fund (1957).

12. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to advance the actual fare for public transportation to qualified candidates preaching trial sermons in our vacancies (1958, '87).

13. The Stated Clerk shall prepare for publication an abstract of the Classis minutes. The Spring Abstract shall include a cumulative index of resolutions and positions taken by Classis (1959, '87, '90).

14. The Classis shall have Permanent Committees as follows: Executive, Missions, Christian Education, Candidates and Credentials, Interchurch Relations, and Publications; and the Standing Committee of Nominations each year is to nominate men to serve on these committees (1961, '80, '85, '87, '91).

15. Nominations for all officers of Classis shall be made by secret ballot. All names appearing on the nominating ballot shall be candidates and, if there is no election on the first electing ballot, on each succeeding ballot the two candidates with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped until there is an election. (1962, '80, '87, '88).

16. Every charge that will not have an elder delegate at the Spring Meeting of Classis shall, before the date of the meeting, send in the answers to the questions placed before the elders

according to Article 81 of the constitution. This copy shall be signed by all the elders of the charge and sent to the Stated Clerk (1963, '87).

17. The reports and recommendations of the Permanent and Special Committees of Classis shall be completed and mailed to all the Consistories of all the churches, with two copies to be sent to the Stated Clerk, four weeks prior to the meeting of Classis to which these reports and recommendations are to be presented. Excuses for this requirement are to be made only on written request to the Executive Committee of Classis by the chairman of the committee involved, at least two weeks before the meeting of Classis (1963, '70, '79, '82, '87, '90).

18. The services of Classis shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and these proposed services shall be circularized before Classis (1966, '72).

19. Students that are under the care of Classis shall be urged to attend only such seminaries approved by Classis. Only students who attend approved institutions shall be eligible for student aid while preparing for the Christian Ministry (1978, '87).

20. Classis shall require candidates for the ministry to complete an eight-month internship before his ordination exam. The internship shall be spent with a pastor who has served at least 5 years in the RCUS. The pastor shall provide a written evaluation of the candidate to the Candidates and Credentials committee. During this internship particular emphasis shall be placed on learning the peculiarities and practices of the RCUS. This internship requirement may be fulfilled either before or after the candidate has received a call or is licensed (1979, '87, '95).

21. Overtures sent to the Stated Clerk of Classis four weeks in advance of the Classis meeting shall be circularized, but overtures may be submitted to Classis at anytime (1986, '87).

22. The Spring Meeting of Classis shall be held at least one month before the annual meeting of Synod and shall start the 4th Tuesday of March opening with a worship service at 7:00 p.m., but if the 4th Tuesday is in the week before Easter, Classis shall meet the 3rd Tuesday of March. (1987, 2001, 2002).

23. Members of Classis submitting reports, overtures, and correspondence to Classis which will either be circularized or printed in Classis Minutes and Abstracts and which express personal opinions potentially offensive or slanderous against another brother or sister or to other members of Classis, shall govern themselves by I Peter 4:8 (1991).

24. All requests for reimbursement of expenses be made on the standard reimbursement form. Letters of explanation may be appended but do not substitute for reimbursement forms. Receipts must be attached (1997).

INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS

(Spring 1986, Abstract p. 110)

The body voted "South Central Classis" as the official name for Classis.

(Spring 1987, Abstract p. 5)

The following guidelines were adopted by Classis for delegates from the Classis to corresponding bodies:

1. ATTENDANCE: Be present at as many of the sessions as possible, register arrival with the Stated Clerk, hold private conversations with as many delegates as possible, and try to establish good relations between the Classis and the church which is being visited.
2. PREPARATION: Request reports, agendas, etc. from the Church which is being visited, be prepared to address actions taken by Classis or Synod, and take the current Abstract.
3. ADDRESSING THE BODY: Have a prepared address to present, seek to commend the body in the spirit of Philippians 4:8, inform the body of significant developments in the Classis and Synod, keep personal remarks to a minimum, and make clear which remarks are personal, and try to avoid negative criticisms. If a rebuke is needed refer the matter to the Interchurch Relations Committee.
4. STANDING COMMITTEES: Attend as many Standing Committee meetings as possible.
5. DECISIONS: Get as many copies of reports as possible and report any significant actions taken by the body.
6. REPORT: The report is to be sent to the Interchurch Relations Committee within one month of the meeting and is to include all actions taken by the body as well as any comments which the delegate thinks would be helpful to the Committee and Classis.
7. EXPENSES: Travel expenses are to be paid by the Classis and should be submitted to the Interchurch Relations Committee and the Classis Treasurer.

(Fall 1987, Abstract p. 5)

That all reports from the Permanent Committee's be on 8 1/2" by 11" paper in order to better fit the Minutes.

(Fall 1987, Abstract p.9)

That as soon as it is conveniently possible after each meeting of the South Central Classis, the Clerk of Classis send an Abstract of the Classis minutes to each Classis delegate. This Abstract does not have to be in a formally published form.

(Spring 1988, Abstract p. 23)

The Classis does not see any theological problem with using one or many cups for communion; in light of the uncertainties concerning the transmission of AIDS, it may be advisable to use individual cups.

(Spring 1989, Abstract p. 25)

That the Classis use a double entry ledger for Classis records.

(Spring 1989, Abstract pp. 27-28)

The following procedures be used in calling an organizing pastor to a new mission work:

- a. The Consistory overseeing the mission work shall select a pastoral candidate in consultation with the members of the mission work and the Classis Home Missions Committee.
- b. The members of the proposed mission work, under the supervision of the Consistory, shall vote on calling the candidate.
- c. The Consistory shall extend the call.
- d. The organizing pastor shall work under the oversight of the Consistory as long as the work is unorganized.
- e. The mission work shall be under the oversight of the Classis Home Missions Committee as long as it has the status of a Mission Church.

(Spring 1990, Abstract p. 27)

That all congregations - new and old - should see themselves as actively involved in the whole ministry of the church and should strive to meet the annual guidelines for giving.

(Spring 1991, Abstract p. 20)

That a congregation requiring voting members to sign the constitution of a local congregation is not contradictory with the Constitution of the RCUS or Scripture.

(Spring 1991, Abstract p. 21)

That the Permanent Home Missions Committee of Classis and the Permanent Foreign Missions Committee of Classis be combined into one Permanent Missions Committee, allowing either interest to be addressed by Classis.

(Fall 1991, Abstract p. 22)

That no official stance be taken on the matter of fundraising.

That no constitutional impediment is found regarding using the word "Presbyterian" in the name of one of our churches.

(Spring 1992, Abstract p. 41)

All bills submitted to the Treasurer must be signed by the one submitting the bill.

The Treasurer should inform the Finance Committee of those churches that have failed to pay their Classical dues.

(Spring 1997, Abstract p. 33)

That the position papers of the Reformed Church in the United States be declared to be pastoral and advisory, giving the present consensus of the RCUS regarding the teaching of Scripture, and are of lesser authority than the Three Forms of Unity and the Constitution. Recommendations which make judicial decisions in connection with such papers are binding.

(Spring 2007, Abstract)

That Classis nominations Committee regularly consider the workload borne by Classical delegates during the year and refrain from recommending that Executive Committee members be appointed as chairman of a permanent or special committee of Classis.

**Abstract of the Minutes
Fall Meeting of South Central Classis**

October 9-10, 2006
Trinity Covenant Reformed Church, Colorado Springs, CO

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Examination and Licensure

The committee brought the following recommendations:

4. That the ordination exam of Licentiate Scott Henry be sustained.
5. That the licensure exam of Sam Powell be sustained.
6. That Classis establish a special committee for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Scott Henry. The Committee shall be Rev. Maynard Koerner, Rev. Robert Grossmann, Rev. Gary Mancilas, and the elders of Zion Reformed Church. This service of ordination shall take place at Zion Reformed Church, Menno, SD on Oct. 22, 2006.
7. That the name of Richard Stetler be removed from the role of students under care of South Central Classis.
8. That the name of Andrew McIntyre be removed from the role of students under care of South Central Classis, at his request.
9. That we commend James Grossmann to the northern Plains Classis as a student under care, and that his name be removed from the role of students under care of the South Central Classis.

Classis Action: all the recommendations and the report were adopted.

Overtures

The committee brought the recommendations:

11. That overtures 1-4 be referred to standing Examination and Licensure.
12. That overture 5 be referred to Standing Education and Student Aid
13. That overture 6 be referred to Standing missions.

Classis Action: all recommendations and the report were adopted.

Finances

The committee brought the following recommendation:

1. That mileage be paid according to the following amounts:
Maynard Koerner: \$358.40, Ron Morris: \$224.00, Jon Blair: \$85.12, James Connelly: \$85.12, Sam Powell: \$44.80, Spencer Gross: \$224.00, Dan Mettler: \$432.00, Robert Grossmann: \$240.00, Dave McPherson: \$343.04, Dan Rogers: \$323.20, Earl Starks: \$366.80, for a total of \$2664.48.

Classis Action: the recommendation and the report were adopted.

Education and Student Aid

The committee brought the following recommendation:

That Classis overture Synod for student aid for Jim Connelly in the amount of \$4,800 for tuition for two semesters (2006-2007).

Classis Action: The recommendation and report were adopted.

Home Missions

The following motion carried: that Classis give Rev. George Horner permission to preach occasionally within the bounds of South Central Classis, that his activities be supervised by the Executive Committee, and that the matter be considered at the Spring Classis.

Classis Action: The report was adopted.
