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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE SUMMARY OF THE 58TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOREA

Date : September 20 - 24, 1973
Place : Sae Moon An (West Gate) Church, Seoul
Members : Commissioners - Pastors 166, Elders 166

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator : Rev. Ho Choon Yu	Vice-Moderator : Rev. Sang Kun Lee
Stated Clerk : Rev. En Shik Em	Assistant S.C. : Elder Kyu Suk Lee
Recording Sec. : Rev. Tu Bong Kim	" R.S. : Rev. Kwang Hun Kim
Treasurer : Elder Seh Hwan Cho	" Tr. : Elder Sung Sup Kim

II. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEES

Polity Committee - Chairman: Kwang Hyun Kim	Secretary: Jong Kuen Yoon
Rules Committee - " : Hong Ki Park	" : Won Won Kim
Finance Committee- " : Yung Tu Choi	" : Jong Mun Kwon
Evangelism Comm. - " : Chi Yel Pang	" : Yong Oh Moon
Society Committee- " : Sung Soo Kim	" : Yung Ghul Moon
Education Comm. - " : Won Suk Hahn	" : Yung Mae Chai
Rural Committee - " : Si Won Kim	" : Chang Suu Ahn
Theo. Ed. Comm. - " : Koo Chan Suh	" : Kwang Soo Kim
Chaplaincy Comm. - " : Kwon Yung Cha	" : Bong Turk Guang
Examination Comm.- " : Jae Ho Kim	" : Kyung Won An
North Korea Evangelism Action Committee - " : Jo Joon Park	" : Jae Sang No
Lay Leadership Comm.- " : Jong Lee Kim	" : Suk Kyu Park
Women Leadership Comm.- " : Sung Hi Lee	" : Seh Won Lee
Kitok Kongho, Press- " : Chang Kun Choi	" : Yung Jih Park
Judicial Bureau - Chief : Byung Kil Em	" : Bong Kyu Song
North Korea Church Action Committee - " : Won Won Eyo	" : Ki Un Lee

III. Major Decisions 1. General Assembly

- a) Voted to accept the President of Theological Seminary as a Non-voting member of the General Assembly.
- b) Voted to accept the Chief Chaplain of Army of our denomination as a Non-voting member of the General Assembly.

2. Presbytery

- a) Voted to accept the Commissioners of the merged presbyteries of Ham Nam and Hwang Hae as members.
- b) Voted to agree to divide the Kyung Ki Presbytery into three presbyteries:
Kyung Ki Presbytery (Kyung Sah, Kyung Nam District - Convener Sung Hui Cho)
Kyung Ki East (Kyung Tong, Kyung Dong District - Convener En Shik Em)
Kyung Ki West (Kyung Sa, Kyung Sah District - Convener Sung Hi Kwak)

- e) Voted to direct the Korean Church in Taiwan found by our missionary to affiliate with the Taiwan Presbyterian Church.
- d) Voted to refer the request to organize a presbytery of the Korean Churches in America to the Officers of the General Assembly to study carefully and take appropriate action.
- e) Voted to organize a committee on Chaplaincy Work in each presbyteries before the Fall Presbytery Meetings.
- f) Voted to refer the matter of selecting a Special Committee of 3 for the reconciliation of the Kyung Puk Presbytery to the Officers of the General Assembly. Selected - Elder Seh Hwan Cho, Rev. Man Jai Kim and Rev. Taik Jin Em.

3. Pastors

- a) Voted to allow those who have served as an evangelist for more than 10 years who are about 40 years of age and have a middle school education and above to take the Pastor's Examination after two years of study at the Theological Seminary. The period of study shall be from 1974 to 1976.
- b) Voted to call the Chaplains of schools that have no direct relations with Presbyteries or General Assembly as an Evangelism Pastors through the Evangelism Committee of the Presbyteries.

4. Elders

- a) Voted to turn down the request to establish a system of Women Elders.

5. Theological Education

- a) Voted to transfer the running of the Pastor's Summer School and the Evangelist's Educational Training from the Education Department of the General Assembly to the Theological Seminary, under the direction of the Theological Education Committee.
- b) Voted to refer the request to establish a Department of Rural Leader Development in the Seminary to the Board of the Seminary.
- c) Voted to change the present Sunday for the Seminary to the 3rd Sunday of May.
- d) Voted to refer the matter of Professor Moon, Hee Suk of the Seminary to the Board of the Seminary to take action and report to the next General Assembly.

6. Evangelism

- a) Voted to ask Rev. Hyung Tai Kim to study the Mission Policy of Presbyterian Churches in Europe.
- b) Voted to accept the Plan of Self-Support for the Non self supporting

rural churches.

7. Finance

- a) Voted to request each Presbytery to be responsible for assisting the living subsidies of the Army Chaplains who are related them.
- b) Voted to support the General Assembly Theological Seminary with a Sunday Offering from the churches whose administration budget is less than one million won and 1% of their budget from those churches whose budget is more than one million won.
- c) Voted to make 300,000 won available for the Special Action Committee of 10 on the Christian Schools.
- d) Voted to raise the Presbytery Assessments 50% over the previous year.

8. Judicial

- a) Charge by Seoul East Presbytery of disobeying a decision of the Presbytery by Rev. Sung Kyu Lee of Ui Jung Bu Church, was resolved by the accuser's withdrawing the case.
- b) Charge by Presbytery of disobeying a decision by Rev. In Koo Yoon, the Chairman of the Kyung Nam Christian Educational Foundation was withdrawn from trial when the Presbytery dropped the charge.
- c) Charge of disobeying a decision of the Presbytery by Elder Chang Sung Lee of Pusan Tong Song Church was tabled for one year since the former Chief of Judicial Bureau Mu Bong Kin is going to America to reconcile the case.
- d) Charge of disobeying a decision of the Presbytery by Rev. Myung Joon Bai and Kyun Myung Jun was tabled to be handled later.
- e) Charge by Elder Chang Sung Lee of Sung Tong Church Pusan against the former Chief of the Judicial Bureau Mu Bong Kin was dismissed as unconstitutional.

9. Constitution

- a) Voted to refer the matter of amending items 1 & 2, of Article 25, Chapter 5 of the Constitution to the Constitution Amendment Committee.
- b) Voted to refer the matter of shortening the practice period for those who have passed the Pastoral Examinations to one year to the Constitution Amendment Committee.
- c) Voted to refer the request to end the retirement system for Women Evangelists, Deacons and Elders to the Constitution Amendment Committee.
- d) Voted to agree to discuss the amended items of the Constitution with presbyteries.

10. Rules

- a) Voted to refer the matter of unifying the forms of administration at the Congregation, Presbytery and General Assembly level to the Officers of the General Assembly.
- b) Voted to refer the request to establish a rule to retire at the age of 55 for the office employees of the General Assembly to the Officers of the General Assembly to study one more year.
- c) Voted to refer the request to establish a rule not to allow General Assembly office employees to be elected as Commissioners to the Polity Committee to study one more year.
- d) Voted to refer the matter of amending the rules for the General Assembly to the Rules Committee to study one more year.
- e) Voted to agree to elect 5 people as an Advisory Committee to the Rules Committee. They are : Sin Myung Kang, Kwang Hyun Kim, Chong Dai Kim, Wan Suk Han and Jae Ho Kim.

11. Organization

- a) Voted to refer the request to change the name and plan of organization for the Laymen's Association to the Association to study one more year.
- b) Voted to receive an agreement and have it notarized from those who are appointed to serve on the Boards of Juridical Persons related to the Church.
- c) Voted to delay the implementation of b) for one year in respect of appointees to School Juridical Persons.

12. Matters for Negotiation

- a) Voted to agree to select 10 people to negotiate with the proper Government authorities for approval to include Scripture in the regular curriculum at Christian Schools. Elected members are : Moderator, General Secretary, Chong Dai Kim, Nak Joon Paik, Sin Myung Kang, Wan Suk Han, Kyung Chik Han, Hyung Tai Kim, Hyung Nam Kim and Sung C. Chun.
- b) Voted to refer the matter of an appeal to the Government to reconsider the ceremony at Hyun Choong Sa (Adm. Soon Sin Lee's Shrine) and National Flag ceremony to the Officers of the General Assembly to make such an appeal after careful study has been given.
- c) Voted to refer the matter of Reuniting the Presbyterian Churches to the following people for positive action; Moderator, ViceModerator, Sin Myung Kang, Kwang Hyun Kim and Hyung Nam Kim.
- d) Voted to refer the matter of negotiating with Government authorities for repairing or building churches that are in the " Green Belt Areas " to the Officers of the General Assembly and the Juridical Foundation Chairman.

- e) Voted to refer the matter of keeping Sunday free from the New Village Movement activities to the Officers of the General Assembly to negotiate with the Government.
- f) Voted to refer the matter of making an appeal for the repatriation of Koreans in Sakhalin Island and for improvement in discriminatory treatment of Koreans living in Japan to the Officers of the General Assembly for action.

13. Other Matters

- a) Voted to refer the matters of printed material on Crooked Way, Elder Jae Ho Kim, Elder Ahn Kim and also the case of a Leadership Development student who had to return before completing his studies to the Officers of the General Assembly to select an investigation committee of 5 to investigate and report to Next General Assembly.

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Note : This is an unofficial translation of the Summary of the 58th General Assembly done by Mr. Woonchun Shim of the Office of the Representative in Korea of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.