

**The Reformed Episcopal Church
52nd General Council
October 22-24, 2008**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

To the 52nd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The event of September 11, 2001 caused the General Committee to decide to change the location of the 50th General Council from Victoria, BC to Houston, TX. The General Committee, in planning for 2008, felt it only right and proper that now that travel situations have changed, the 52nd General Council be held at Church of our Lord in Victoria, BC. By now you no doubt have enjoyed the climate and the scenery, and we trust that our time spent in sessions will be productive and our fellowship sweet.

The Order of Business and the Program Schedule embodied in this report, have been developed in conjunction with communication from the Presiding Bishop, the bishops of the church, and the review of the General Committee to whom this report was presented at several of the General Committee meetings. The Order of Business follows the accustomed format, with only such minor modifications as were deemed necessary to organize the 52nd General Council.

Accordingly, the attached Order of Business, Program Schedule and Rules of Order for the Conduct of Business are recommended for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Royal U.. Grote, Jr.
Program Committee Chairman

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The report numbers listed correspond to the page numbers on the bottom of printed report pages. For example, report 1C, will correspond to the report whose page numbers are listed 1C-1, 1C-2, etc. Although each report is assigned a report number, there may not actually be a printed report provided.

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B. Declaration by the Secretary of a Quorum	
C. Report of the Committee on Program	1C
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E. Election of Officers	
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G. Report of the General Committee	1G
2) REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES	
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C. Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund/General Council	2C
D. The Budget	2D
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F. Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief/Publication Society	2F
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3) REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS	
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A. Report of the Committee on Nominations	4A
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5) REPORTS OF DIOCESAN BISHOPS & STANDING COMMITTEES	
A. Diocese of Eastern Canada	5A
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Action Required: Confirmation of Election of Bishop Co-Adjutor	
D. Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic	5D
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6) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE

A. Committee on Interchurch Relations	6A
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H. Committee on Memorials	6H
I. Committee on Christian Education	6I
J. Committee on Press Relations	6J
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7) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE

8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9) NEW BUSINESS

10) ADJOURNMENT

[NOTE:

1. The Chair may alter the schedule of Business at his discretion.
2. Unfinished business, new business, and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair beginning with the second day and regularly thereafter.]

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Theme: “...INTO ALL THE WORLD...”

*Partners in a Global Fellowship
Fulfilling a Global Commission*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Note: All Church services and Business Sessions will be held at Church of our Lord.

• Tuesday, October 21st

- 12:00p – Registration table for Diocese of Mid-America Representatives will be open
- 1:00p – 102nd Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America Business Session
(This is not for General Council Representatives)
- 5:00p – 45 minute Orientation Session for New Deputies and Clergy
(Bishop Grote will explain how business is conducted at General Council)

- General Council Registration table will be open in Cridge Hall from 3p to 5p
- General Council Choir – Evening rehearsal time to be announced

• Wednesday, October 22nd

- 8:00a – General Council Registration table will be open in Cridge Hall
- 9:00a – Opening Communion Service (Dr. Justyn Terry – “The Gospel is God’s Gift” (Gal. 1:11-21))
General Council Choir will sing
- 11:30a – Lunch Break (Lunch is NOT provided)
- 1:30p – 1st Business Session
- 5:00p – Dinner on your own to enjoy one of the many fine Restaurants in Victoria

- General Council Choir – Evening rehearsal time to be announced

• Thursday, October 23rd

- 7:00a – Holy Communion Service (For those who desire to attend)
- 9:00a – Morning Prayer (Dr. Justyn Terry – “The Gospel is about Justifying Sinners” (Gal. 2:11-21))
Diocese of Southeast Choir will sing
- 10:30a – 2nd Business Session
- 12:00p – Lunch Break (Lunch is NOT provided)
- 2:00p – 3rd Business Session
- 4:00p – Personal time
- 5:30p – Bus transportation to the Banquet in Sydney, BC
The banquet and bus transportation is only for those individuals who have registered and paid
The busses should return to Victoria between 9 and 10 PM (approximately).

• Friday, October 24th

- 7:00a – Holy Communion (For those who desire to attend)
- 9:00a – Morning Prayer (Dr. Justyn Terry – “The Gospel brings Freedom” - (Gal.3:23-29))
General Council Choir will sing
- 10:30a – 4th Business Session
- 12:00p – Lunch Break (Lunch is NOT provided)
- 2:00p – 5th Business Session (if needed)
- 4:00p – Adjournment (Dinner on your own)

RULES OF ORDER
FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS
OF THE
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1. The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.
2. The Minutes of the sessions of the preceding day shall be read every morning at the opening of business, unless the house shall otherwise determine.
3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.
4. When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, concerning himself strictly to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.
8. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
9. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
10. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.
11. Reports made by the various Boards and Committees to any Council (or Synod) of the church are officially received upon presentation to the house, and are the subject of its action only insofar as they embody recommendations which require specific authorization or approval under the canons of this church.
12. When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.
13. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair by any member of the house; said appeal requiring a two-thirds majority vote to be sustained.
14. The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
15. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.
16. A call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a member entitled to the floor; and in such case the Chair shall designate the person(s) whom he desires to lead in that service.
17. These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

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