

To Richard R. Gerber  
In recognition of his faithful ministry  
as Associate General Secretary  
of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension  
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
1999–2014

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's faithful service as a minister of the gospel, ordained April 8, 1972, and serving as pastor of Calvary OPC, Wildwood, New Jersey from 1972 to 1979, as pastor of Westminster OPC, Hamden, Connecticut from 1979 to 1999, and as Associate General Secretary of the Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension from 1999 to 2014, during which time he served as Moderator of the 73th General Assembly in 2006, in Palos Heights, Illinois.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's service to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as a member of the Committee from 1987 to 1996 and from 1997 to 1999, and for his service as our first Associate General Secretary, serving with the Rev. Ross W. Graham from August 1, 1999 to February 28, 2013 and with the Rev. John S. Shaw from March 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. As our first Associate General Secretary, he shared many responsibilities with the General Secretary, and helped cultivate an exemplary working relationship demonstrating mutual trust and confidence that has benefited and gained the respect of the Committee and the whole church. In addition, Mr. Gerber provided excellent personal and pastoral leadership in the transition from that of Mr. Graham to Mr. Shaw. His gifts in helping to build strong working relationships with both Mr. Graham and Mr. Shaw, as well as the Committee, the Presbyteries, and the fields, have served the whole church well for the purpose of establishing solidly Reformed and Presbyterian churches, through the ministry of the gospel.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's personal and pastoral leadership with the members and staff of the Committee, including Administrative Assistants Beverly Mariani, Vickie Swann, and Sean Gregg, and with other Worldwide Outreach staff members and workers in the OPC administrative offices.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's leadership in planning, organizing, and participating in seminars and conferences throughout his fifteen years of service as Associate General Secretary, including the annual Church Planters' Training Conference, the three yearly Readiness for Ministry in the OPC seminars on the campuses of Reformed and Presbyterian seminaries, and the annual Regional Church Extension Conference, along with his participation in the annual Ambassadors' Conference.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's gifts of pastoral care for our church planters on the field along with their wives and children, and for his particular ability to help and encourage men facing difficulty in the ministry.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber's ministry to the churches:

- for his visitation to the fields, churches, and presbyteries,
- for his preaching and making presentations of the work of the Committee,
- for his prompt attention to the needs of our churches and his readiness to help,
- for his writing articles for *New Horizons* magazine and Home Mission News,
- for his management of the Ministerial Information Forms and his work with those applying,
- for his being a ready source of names of men who are available for pastoral calls and internships,
- and for taking his turn in leading the promotion of the Worldwide Outreach Thank Offering.

With gratitude to our Lord for the faithful support of Mr. Gerber's loving wife and helpmeet, Rita, for her encouragement to him in his overall ministry, including many days and weekends during which he is away from home, and for her godly example with Mr. Gerber of love and care in raising their family.

Therefore, we, the grateful members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, resolve on this 6th day of June, 2014, to give thanks to the Lord for Richard R. Gerber, his wife Rita, and their family, and for our brother's beloved influence in our own lives, and for his faithful service to the Church of Jesus Christ.

We also resolve to encourage and support our brother and his family in every way possible, pledging ourselves and the resources God has graciously entrusted to us to minister to his support.

And we resolve with gratitude to treasure in our hearts and minds and in our Committee's history the rich blessing the Lord has given to our denomination through our brother's ministry which has resulted in the spiritual, numerical, and organizational growth of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

This we resolve with gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber, whose humble service and faithful stewardship as our first Associate General Secretary reflect well the Scriptural exhortation,

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from  
a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”  
(1 Timothy 1:5)