



August 19, 2011

All Sessions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Brothers:

I am writing as the stated clerk of the General Assembly to inform you of actions of the 78th (2011) Assembly that are of direct interest to sessions and ministers, together with some other matters for your information.

(1) **Worldwide Outreach Program 2012:**
The General Assembly approved the following Worldwide Outreach program for 2012:

Christian Education	400,000
Foreign Missions	1,375,000
Home Missions	1,150,000
Sub-total*	2,925,000
Coordination	325,000
New Horizons	270,000
Total Worldwide Outreach	3,520,000
Increase over 2011 approved budget	+3.5%

*Undesignated gifts for WWO received in 2012 will be allocated among the three program committees (after the funding of Coordination and New Horizons) as follows:

CCE	16.0%
CFM	40.0%
CHMCE	44.0%

Contributions for the Worldwide Outreach should be made payable to *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church* and sent to 607 North Easton Rd., Building E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539. (As we noted last year, the old Box P address is no longer in use and that has resulted in a change in zip code.)

(2) The Assembly requested the churches to support the work of the **Committee on Diaconal Ministries** in 2012 at the suggested rate of \$25.00 per communicant member for the General Fund.

Contributions for Diaconal Ministries should be made payable to *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church*, marked "Committee on Diaconal Ministries," and sent to 607 North Easton Rd., Building E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539.

(3) The Assembly requested the churches to contribute \$16.00 for each communicant member to the **2012 General Assembly Operation Fund**.

The General Assembly Operation Fund is the fund that pays for the *Agenda* and *Minutes* of the Assembly, for the *OPC Directory*, for the expenses of several of the standing committees and all expenses of the special committees of the Assembly, and of the Clerks, the Statistician, and the Historian. As many of you know, there was a delay in the production of the minutes of the 2010 General Assembly. These should be mailed out by late summer or early fall and the 2011 Minutes should be ready by late fall.

Contributions to the General Assembly Operation Fund (for 2012) should be made payable to *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church*, marked "GA Operation Fund" and sent to 607 North Easton Rd., Building E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539, after January 1, 2012.

(4) The General Assembly requested the churches to contribute \$12.00 per communicant member to the **2012 General Assembly Travel Fund**. This is the fund that pays for the travel and expenses of commissioners to the 79th (2012) General Assembly.

Contributions for the Travel Fund should be made payable to *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church*, marked "GA Travel Fund" and sent to 607 North Easton Rd., Building E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539, after January 1, 2012 but before the 2012 General Assembly.

(5) **EIN** The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church urge each new congregation and mission work to obtain its own EIN (Employer Identification Number.) If you have any questions about an EIN please look at the Trustees report in any of the Minutes of the General Assembly from recent years for a full explanation of what to do and what not to do.

(6) **The 79th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2012)** The 79th General Assembly is scheduled to convene at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with a terminus no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

(7) Please be sure to send me any **changes in pastoral staff, clerks of session, time or worship or Sunday School, meeting location, mailing address, or other contact**

information as soon as they occur. This is the only way to insure that your information is correct in the annual printed Directory and on www.opc.org. You may send them to me at cottenden.1@opc.org.

(8) Please make sure that this office has a **current email address** for your pastor and your clerk of session. These too should be sent to cottenden.1@opc.org

Yours in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George R. Cottenden".

George R. Cottenden, Stated Clerk