



THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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VIA EMAIL ATTACHMENT

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To the Presbyteries and Sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Here is important information from the 81st (2014) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that should be of particular interest to all presbyteries and sessions.

ABOUT THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 82nd General Assembly will be held at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, June 3-9, 2015, beginning on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., with a terminus no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES PROPOSED TO THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Those who are chosen as commissioners to the 82nd General Assembly will need to be aware of seven amendments that have been proposed to the Standing Rules and Instruments by the 81st General Assembly. These will be posted shortly on OPC.ORG at <http://www.opc.org/ga.html>

THE 2015 EDITION OF THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

A new edition of the Book of Church Order is being readied for printing and distribution at the beginning of 2015. FG XXXII:2 indicates that the BCO is to be updated every five years (in years ending with 5 or 0), so that all the changes that have been approved by the General Assembly and the presbyteries will go into effect with the publication of the new volume. Be sure to look for an announcement early next year of the new BCO's availability for purchase.

ABOUT FINANCIAL REQUESTS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Here is a summary of the various per communicant requests made or suggested to the churches by the 81st General Assembly for the ministries and operational needs of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 2015:

Worldwide Outreach = \$178*

Diaconal Ministries, General Fund = \$25

The General Assembly Operation Fund = \$20

The General Assembly Travel Fund = \$12

* This is the Stated Clerk's calculation and not a figure adopted by the GA

This information, along with directions concerning where to send these funds, may be found at <http://www.opc.org/GA/GArequests2015.pdf>

ABOUT THE OPC'S EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Please remember that under no circumstances should any congregation or agency of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church use the OPC's Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Tax Identification Number (TIN) (which may be found at the front of each year's Minutes and in the introductory pages of each year's OPC Directory of Churches) in its dealings with the Internal Revenue Service with regard to payrolls, social security taxes, withheld Federal income taxes, etc. This reference number is exclusively for the use of the Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in maintaining the denomination's tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If advice to the contrary is received concerning the use of this number, please do nothing before contacting the Stated Clerk.

Thanks for keeping informed about the work of the church. May God bless your labors for His kingdom during the coming year.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross W. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Ross W. Graham