Glossary of Terms

Borrowed elder: a ruling elder or minister appointed by a presbytery or a session to provide spiritual oversight for the people of a mission work.

Church planter: the organizing pastor of a mission work.

Core group: an informal collection of believers who are exploring the possibility that God may be calling them together to plant an Orthodox Presbyterian church.

Evangelist: an ordained minister who is called to serve as the organizing pastor of a mission work.

Mission work: a group of believers meeting regularly for worship on the Lord’s Day under the jurisdiction of a session or presbytery, and not yet organized as a separate congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Office-bearer: a man who has been trained, elected, ordained, and installed in one of the Biblical offices of minister, ruling elder, or deacon.

Organizing a mission work: the meetings and activities during which the presbytery gains sufficient confidence that the hand of God has produced both a mature group of believers and a unified congregation which is able to walk together as a church of Jesus Christ in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Organizing a mission work as a new congregation: the process of taking a mission work, from the time of its recognition by the presbytery, through the steps necessary to receive members and form a congregation, train church officers, prepare the necessary documents which relate the mission work to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and sat-
isfy the presbytery that it has reached the ecclesiastical maturity neces-
sary to conduct its own ministry, choose its own officers, call its own
pastor, and affiliate with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

**Organizing pastor:** the evangelist who is called by his presbytery or by
an organized congregation to develop a mission work into a new and
separate congregation of the presbytery. (It should be noted that the
term organizing pastor is a construct derived from the implications of the
Form of Government in the same way that the title associate pastor is
derived.)

**Overseeing session:** the session of a local congregation or the elders
and ministers comprising a committee of the presbytery to which is
assigned the spiritual oversight of the members of a mission work.

**Particular church:** an organized congregation of the Orthodox Pres-
byterian Church.