

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOOK OF COMMON
WORSHIP TO THE 175th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(To replace the report as printed in the Blue Book p. 146)

As has been reported to previous General Assemblies, the Committee on the Book of Common Worship conducts all of its deliberations within the framework of the Joint Committee on Worship, made up of members from the Presbyterian Church in the United States and from the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Since October of 1961, the Joint Committee has had the benefit of informal cooperation with the Liturgical Commission of the United Church of Christ.

The relationship with the Liturgical Commission of the United Church of Christ has been most fruitful, and the Joint Committee has profited from the continuing conversations directed toward the eventual publication of a book of worship that will be used by the two communions.

The immediate task of the Joint Committee, however, is the preparation of a Book of Common Worship which conforms to the new Directory for Worship, now a part of the Constitution of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

To this end a draft of a Service for the Lord's Day has been prepared, and, with the General Assembly's approval, will be circulated as a provisional document during the coming year for study and comment.

The Joint Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Joint Committee be authorized to circulate among the churches a Service for the Lord's Day which conforms to the Directory for Worship and which is faithful to the Reformed and Presbyterian tradition, and that during the coming year comments and suggestions growing out of the Church's experience in using it be forwarded to the Joint Committee.
2. That the Joint Committee also be authorized to circulate a Lectionary for the Christian year, for study and comment.
3. That the General Assembly invite the United Church of Christ to authorize its Liturgical Commission to join the Joint Committee in the work of producing a book of worship that will be used by the cooperative churches.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Romig, Chairman
Robert H. Heinze, Secretary