

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

May 15, 1934.

Professor Gordon H. Clark, Ph.D.,
3617 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Gordon:

I have consulted John Murray on the question of books on church and state and he has suggested that you would find the following profitable:

William Cunningham: Historical Theology, Vol. II,
Chap. XXVII. (The Erastian Controversy).
Vol. I, Chap. XIII. (Civil and
Ecclesiastical Authorities).

Charles Hodge: The Church and its Polity. Chap. VII.

Thomas McCrie: Statement.

Gibson:

George Gillespie: Aaron's Rod Blossoming.

William Cunningham: A Discussion of Church Principles.

Abraham Kuyper: Calvinism. Chapter on "The Church and
Politics".

Murray regrets that he does not recollect the title of the work by Gibson, but he feels it is so useful that he puts the name of the author in, in case you should be able to trace it.

I hope that these suggestions may be of some use to you. The thanks for them are, of course, due to John Murray.

Cordially yours,



Registrar and Secretary

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To the Presbytery of Philadelphia of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

Although it is not usual for a person in mid-life to seek ordination to the gospel ministry, the constitution of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church makes provision for the possibility of certain irregular cases.

About two years ago a minister of our Church suggested ordination to me. At the moment I gave the matter little thought. The idea grew, however, and recent events have completed a decision that was almost formed last summer. Accordingly, while I have always tried to serve God, now, from a desire to intensify or particularize that service, I apply to you for ordination.

The most conspicuous irregularity is that of a seminary education. The Presbytery and the Church will have to decide, along with all other matters involved, whether to accept my academic work and private study as the equivalent of the regular requirements.

Be assured that, regardless of the decision, I shall, so far as I am able, actively advance the reformed faith and support The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Your brother in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gordon H. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Your brother in Christ".

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610 Howard Street
Wheaton Illinois

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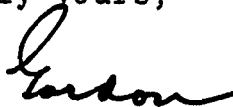
Dear Paul,

In view of our friendship for the past ten years, and to conclude a matter that has been revolving in my mind for a little while, would you be so kind as to join with Bob Strong in presenting the enclosed (self-explanatory) paper to the Philadelphia Presbytery?

I should be greatly obliged if you can consent to do this for me.

If the Presbytery cares to consider the matter, perhaps a meeting in the summer could be arranged. It would be most convenient, if perchance the Committee of Nine is continued and if I am still on it, to have these two meetings on successive days. But such details will take care of themselves.

Cordially yours,



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CHESTNUT HILL

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

October 24, 1942.

Professor Gordon H. Clark, Ph.D.,
610 Howard Street,
Wheaton, Illinois:

Dear Dr. Clark:

Thank you for yours of October 17th and for the recommendations of Lambert, Svendsen and Pulliam. I have had some correspondence with Pulliam and Lambert already, but have not yet heard from the third man.

With reference to denominations which hold the Westminster Confession, the following is a list of such denominations in this country:

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
United Presbyterian Church of North America
Associate Presbyterian Church of North America
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America,
General Synod
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Bible Presbyterian Church
Bohemian and Moravian Brethren Churches

Of course I know that there are minor variations in the text of the Confession as between these various denominations, but as far as I know, they all hold to the Confession containing the section to which you referred.

In other countries the following churches hold the Confession, and there doubtless are others about which I cannot

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speak with any assurance:

Free Church of Scotland
Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland
United Original Secession Church
Irish Evangelical Church
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
Free Presbyterian Church of Australia
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Church of Scotland in Prince Edward Island

John Murray has assisted me in making up this list.

To the best of my knowledge the Irish Articles are not a standard of any church at the present time.

The Canons of the Synod of Dort are, however, a part of the doctrinal standards of the following churches in this country:

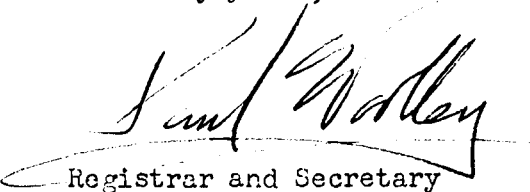
Reformed Church in America
Christian Reformed Church of North America
Protestant Reformed Church
Netherlands Reformed Church

In the Netherlands I believe the following churches also hold them as a doctrinal standard, though I cannot be absolutely positive:

Netherlands Reformed Church
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
Christian Reformed Church

There would probably be churches in South Africa and the Dutch East Indies which could be added to the list also.

Cordially yours,



Registrar and Secretary