

INTRODUCTION

by the History of the Church Committee

The church is privileged to have this valuable work in print. The narrative begins with our Scottish heritage in both the Covenanter and mainstream Presbyterian traditions in the United States. It concludes with the 1965 merger of the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches. The book therefore is of great value to the church and particularly so in this bicentennial year of celebration.

While the committee may not agree with all of the author's opinions and conclusions, we do present the book to the church and recommend it heartily. We have taken the liberty of and are responsible for producing the list of abbreviations, picture pages, select bibliography, and chart.

We are most thankful to the author, the Reverend Mr. George P. Hutchinson, for this contribution to the church. Those who read this book will have new zeal for the Truth and its proclamation in the power of the Holy Spirit. We commend it to the Presbyterian community, the membership of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and students of church history with the confidence that it will be most profitable reading.

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