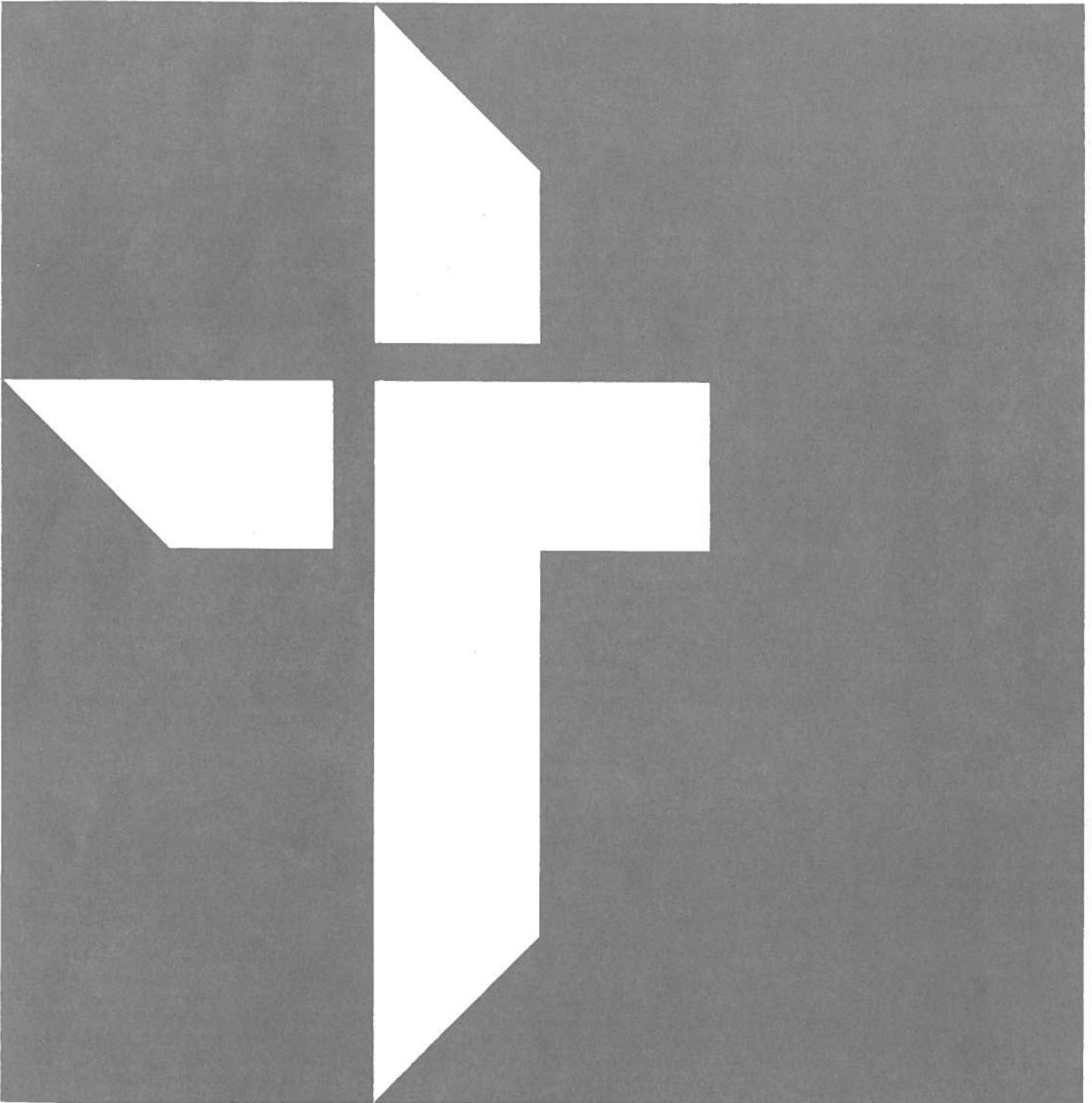




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Introduction

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the AACCS present this Annual Report as a means of giving account to the membership of its stewardship. This accounting is also given each year in person, as required by the laws under which we operate, at an Annual Meeting of Members, which the AACCS holds each year during the last week in October. That meeting is held in Toronto, which is the home base of the AACCS, but with our membership extending literally all over the world, there are many members who cannot attend the annual meeting in person.

As a result, we have started giving an annual report also in writing. The written report largely presents the information given at the Annual Meeting, and we have tried to include some of the discussion and questions that members raised from the floor. This is an indication of the kinds of questions on the minds of members, and shows how these questions were dealt with by representatives of the Board.

This year the reports of activities have not been intended to identify all the activities and programs of the AACCS and the Institute. Instead, Dr. McIntire and Dr. VanderVennen have each singled out one particular aspect of the work in which they are engaged and presented that aspect in greater detail than would otherwise be possible.

We warmly invite members and friends, who read this report to send questions and suggestions to the AACCS office, where they will receive careful attention, and in this way those who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting will be able to raise their voices as if they were present at the meeting.

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Report from the Institute for Christian Studies

by C. Thomas McIntire, Chairman

The Institute for Christian Studies is ten years old now. We start our eleventh year this year and, being in the field of history, I tend to look at these things historically. The Institute has gone through quite a few changes in its ten-year history. I'll just indicate two major things that have come into settled form in the five years I've been at the Institute.

Settled Curriculum

The first thing that has been settled in the last few years has been the curriculum of the Institute, which is quite extensively described in our *Academic Bulletin 1977-79*. The Institute began as a kind of travelling roadshow, but, as you see outlined in the academic bulletin, it has become a settled affair which you can enter and leave, and during which you can follow a certain track that leads either to a Master of Philosophy degree or a Certificate of Christian Studies or, in an exceptional case, the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Nine Senior Members

The second thing is that we now have reached a staff of nine Senior Members:

Hendrik Hart, Ph.D., Systematic Philosophy
Albert Wolters, Ph.D., History of Philosophy
James H. Olthuis, B.D., Ph.D., Philosophical Theology
George Vanderveelde, B.D., Ph.D., Systematic Theology
C. Thomas McIntire, M.A., M.Div., Ph.D., Philosophy of History and Historiography
Calvin Seerveld, M.A., Ph.D., Philosophical Aesthetics
Arnold DeGraaff, B.D., Th.D., Psychological Theory
Bernard Zylstra, LL.B., B.D., S.J.D., Political Theory
Sander Griffioen, Econ. Doctorandus, Ph.D., Economic and Social Philosophy

In coming to nine Senior Members and a settled curriculum, one thing that reflects the union of these two is the description of fields. We think of ourselves now as really one faculty with a variety of emphases. We all work in the philosophy or the methodology of our fields, with the religious and theological questions of our field all being our concern as well. We are really a philosophical Institute in a Christian tradition, working at the basic questions of each field.

We see ourselves as working together in a number of ways. The chief way this year is through our Marxism seminar; all eight of us who are present (James Olthuis being on sabbatical leave) are cooperating in one giant seminar, with all the students also enrolled in this seminar. We are dialoguing with the philosophy of Karl Marx and neo-Marxism, trying to use that as a way of grappling with one of the most important current movements of our time, and also as a way of opening up questions that help us in our own systematic reflection on our field. We've divided into four sub-groups as a way of organizing our attention to Marxism from a Christian perspective.

Publications

There are many other ways that we cooperate. One of the most important is that, with a settled curriculum and nine Senior Members, we have reached the point where we are able to come out with our work in print. We are known as a teaching and a research Institute, working at the foundations of theory in the various fields that I've mentioned. We expect to see the results of that published.

As we've developed as an Institute, our publications have altered. There was a time when our publications were more popular-type and even controversial types of writing, and scholarship really wasn't coming out as much as we would like. In the last year or two, however, we've seen a change, partly because we've settled down into a curriculum-oriented Institute that a student can start and finish, and partly because we've reached the time when the work of research can bear fruit in publication. The books in this list are either just published, contracted by publishers, or are either completed in manuscript or rather far along in manuscript so that we can list them as forthcoming.

Recent and Forthcoming Books by Senior Members

Joint Books by Senior Members

McIntire, C.T. Editor, *Christianity and Learning: Essays on the Nature, Unity, and Relevance of Academic Studies*.

McIntire, C.T. and Wolters, Al. Editors, *The Legacy of Herman Dooyeweerd: Essays on a Christian Philosophy. New Direction: Essays in Honor of H. Evan Runner*, edited by Tony Tol and John Kraay (Amsterdam: Van

Gorcum, 1978), with contributions by: Arnold DeGraaff, Hendrik Hart, James H. Olthuis, Calvin G. Seerveld, Al Wolters, and Bernard Zylstra.

Individual Books and Contributions to Books

- Zylstra, Bernard. Contribution to: *Studies on George Grant* (Toronto: Anansi, 1978).
- Zylstra, Bernard. Contribution to: *Contradictions in the Modern World* (Toronto: Anansi, 1978).
- Zylstra, Bernard and Josina. Editors, with Introduction by Bernard Zylstra, *Contours of a Christian Philosophy: An Introduction to Herman Dooyeweerd's Thought* by L. Kalsbeek (Toronto: Wedge, 1975).
- McIntire, C.T. Editor, *God, History and Historians: Modern Christian Views of History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1977).
- McIntire, C.T. Editor, with Introduction, *Essays on Christianity and History*, by Sir Herbert Butterfield (New York: Oxford University Press, 1978).
- McIntire, C.T. *England Against the Papacy, 1858-1861*.
- McIntire, C.T. Contribution to: George Marsden and Frank Roberts, Editors, *A Christian View of History?* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975).
- Seerveld, Calvin G. *Artistic Task and Aesthetic Life* (Toronto: Wedge, 1978).
- Seerveld, Calvin G. *A Christian Critique of Art and Literature* (Toronto: AACS, second combined printing, 1977).
- Wolters, Al. *Plotinus 'On Eros'*.
- Hart, Hendrik. Contribution to: *Christian Higher Education: The Contemporary Challenge* (Potchefstroom: Institute for the Advancement of Calvinism, 1976).
- Olthuis, James H. *I Pledge You My Truth: A Christian View of Marriage, Family, and Friendship* (New York: Harper & Row, 1975).
- DeGraaff, Arnold. Editor, *Views of Man and Psychology in Christian Perspective: Some Readings* (Toronto: AACS, 1977).
- DeGraaff, Arnold. Contribution to: *Research in Mental Health and Religious Behavior: an Introduction to Research in the Integration of Christianity and the Behavioral Sciences*, edited by William J. Donaldson, Jr. (Atlanta: Psychological Studies Institute, 1976).
- Vanderveelde, George. *Original Sin: Two Major Trends in Contemporary Roman Catholic Interpretation* (New York: Humanities, 1976; Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1975).



Dr. C. Thomas McIntire, ICS Chairman

- Griffioen, Sander. *The Rose and the Cross: The Concept of Finitude in Hegel's Later Thought* (Amsterdam: Van Gorcum, 1976).
- Griffioen, Sander, J. Klapwijk, and G. Groenewoud. Editors, *At Peace with Reason? The Problems of Reason and Religion, Autonomy and Redemption* (Amsterdam: Van Gorcum, 1976).

These books form together what I think is a very healthy list of publications, either just published or in the works.

The one-year Christian Worldview course, planned to begin in 1978, is our attempt to beef up a one-year study at the Institute for students who don't want to do the demanding two to three year study for the Master of Philosophy. They now can come for one year and study the Christian worldview in a way we hope will be relevant to a variety of things that students might be looking for.

In all, what I want to convey to you is a sense of things settling down, and work coming out as expected from us, which we hope can be beneficial for a large variety of readers. Students are the most important audience that we work with, but there are professors, people who work with students, and of course parents who have students as children — all of these are people to whom we want to minister.

We thank God for where we are at the Institute and pray for many more years to come, so that both the books that are forthcoming and the ones we've all just begun to work on have an opportunity to be published, and that people then will be enriched by what's going on here in Toronto.

AACS Overview

by Robert VanderVennen, Executive Director



Dr. Robert VanderVennen

Our emphasis at AACS for this school year is to bring back into focus our services to students on college and university campuses.

In the past ten years we have been very busy setting up an academic program of study for the Institute so that people could come to Toronto for full time study. Now that we have a good Institute program operating we need to look again to the needs of the very large number of students dispersed in the universities and colleges, especially at secular campuses.

We have been talking about a Campus Outreach Program during the past year or two, and that came up most pointedly last May when the Board said that campus outreach was to be the second most important priority of our work, after the work of the Institute. At that time what we meant by campus outreach was the teaching of Christian Perspectives courses on university campuses.

Now we want to broaden the range of services offered to students, and to those who help students. This does not mean doing things entirely new to us. Rather, it means pulling together a number of things we are doing but have not focussed very well. It means taking the results of our research at the Institute, which include the publications that Dr. McIntire has reported on at this meeting, and getting them systematically into the hands of students and Christian teachers in widespread places.

Campus Outreach Program

To be specific, there are ten ways we wish to do this:

1. Bring Christian perspectives courses to campuses. In and near Toronto we will teach them ourselves, mostly with mature Institute students as

teachers. We also wish to write manuals to help other people teach similar courses in their own location.

2. Send out printed materials that come from the Institute's work, written by Institute Senior and Junior Members, guest speakers at the Institute, and by others who work with an integrated biblical view of life and academic work. This will include published books and also unpublished papers that we duplicate, including master's degree theses, bibliographies and study materials.

3. Prepare and send out cassette tapes of lectures.

4. Visiting speakers from the Institute visit campuses for a single lecture or short conference, systematically coordinated.

5. People on campuses away from Toronto are welcomed to consult with Institute professors by letter, phone, their visits to Toronto and our visits to their location.

6. We now have special contact arrangements with more than thirty key people on campuses such as professors and campus chaplains. We regularly send them without charge all the academic books and papers that come out of the Institute for their use in counselling their students and helping them in their Christian thinking.

7. We encourage students, and those who serve students on campuses, to visit the Institute, and we encourage students to study at the Institute for a short course, our new one-year CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW program, or a degree program.

8. We are planning student conferences on university campuses.

9. We plan to re-start the annual *Christian Perspectives* book series that was popular in the Sixties, in which we publish each year the lectures given at a conference or lecture series that we sponsor.

10. Work with other Christian groups that are active on campus, including Inter-varsity, campus chaplains of various denominations, Christian Educational Services, and the like, wherever it is possible to do so.

In short, we wish to have the Institute and AACCS come to be seen as a resource center for all who wish to develop and enrich their Christian perspective in their academic and professional work. We'd like to have people who are struggling against what they feel to be anti-Christian ideas in their studies automatically think of the Institute as the place to turn for help.

We should have the help available, and we have now built the capability to help in various fields.

This campus outreach program is an exciting one, but it will not take a lot of new effort on our part. It involves using in the best way the things we already have and are already doing, and making this known to people. It means doing a better and more systematic job of getting out into people's hands the results of the work being done at the Institute. Much of the implementation of the work will be handled by the AACCS administrative office rather than by the Institute staff, though consultations and answers to questions will need to be handled by Institute professors.

We have always seen the Institute as being primarily engaged in research and teaching. This new focus adds a third activity: campus outreach service. The three give a balance and means of fruitfulness to the Institute that we have always wanted.

The AACCS has always stood for unity of life, for a religious unity. Life is religion, as Dr. Runner has always hammered home to us. The AACCS has represented a full-orbed Christian view of life in churches and communities. This must be true for study, too, and especially on secular campuses, where dichotomy and compromise are so tempting.

Staff Members of the AACCS

Robert E. VanderVennen, Executive Director

Harry Vander Velde, Business Manager
Marcia Hollingsworth, Director of Development

Dorothe Ellens, Development Coordinator

Belinda Vaartjes, Assistant to the Business Manager

Evelyn Kuntz Hielema, Secretary
Lynda Kosowan Hines, ICS Secretary

Question: I like very much the publications that are coming out of the Institute, and the titles that are listed as coming out in the future. But sometimes there are specific questions or problems that I'd like to see studied and papers written on. Is there any way we who are not at the Institute can have a hand in suggesting the kinds of topics on which research is done and the topics of papers that are written?

Reply by Dr. C.T. McIntire: We welcome suggestions from you for research topics, but most of all we need you to direct students to the Institute who will study those topics. We are not really at a loss for topics right now, but we need more "people-power."

Question: Do you make use of videotaping of lectures? If it is difficult to be present in all the communities we'd like to visit, and not as many students come to the Institute as we'd like to see, maybe we can bring lectures and programs by videotape to a wide audience of people.

Reply: We do have a number of lectures and panel discussions on videotape, and they have been used on cable TV and for local showings in a number of places. We have not been satisfied that we have found very effective ways of using videotape, though, and would be glad to learn from you how we can do this better.

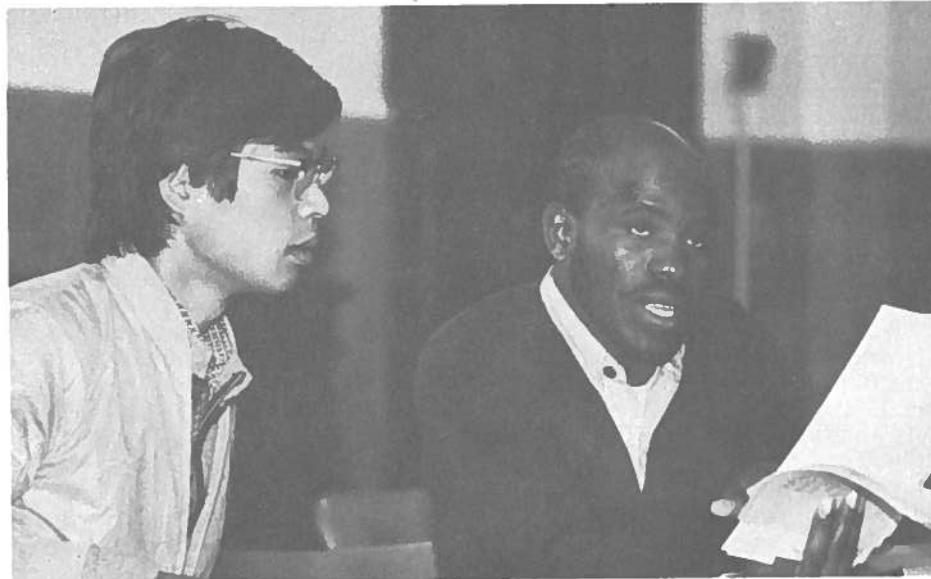
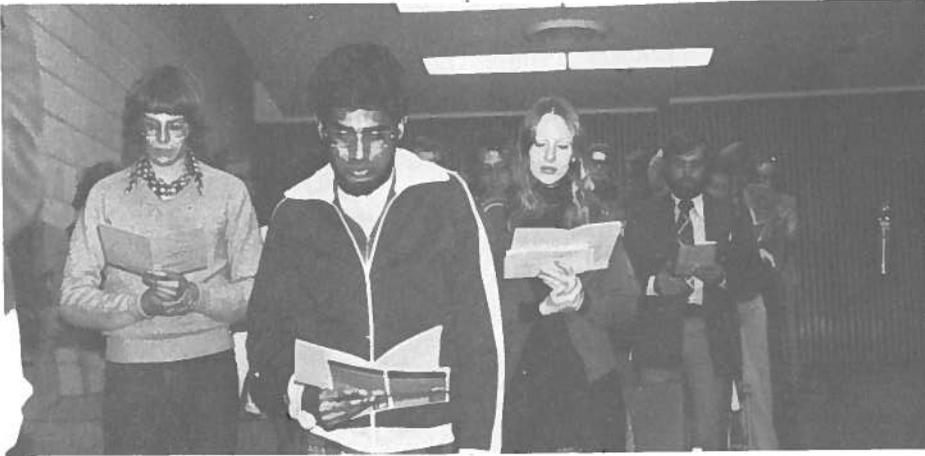
Question: We miss the Discovery Lecture Series, and are concerned that AACCS is losing contact with people at the grassroots level. What is being done to meet people personally in the various communities?

Reply: The Field Representative appointments will be one way we plan to have more personal contact in the communities. The Discovery Series was limited to some of the larger communities, and has been replaced by various lecture speakers each year who are able to get to a larger number of places. The result is that many places that had not seen an AACCS speaker for many years are now getting visits again.

Question: Will field representatives be working with students in the areas they cover?

Reply: To some extent, but the main emphasis is on promotion and fund raising. Nick Loenen will be doing some work with university students in B.C., but whether other field representatives will do so will depend on their academic background as well as the opportunity.

AACS Members and Friends at Annual Meeting



Two new Junior Members, K. Fuki and M. Mamabolo

Terry Tollefson, coordinator of Campus Outreach Services



Report from AACS Board of Trustees

by Alvin Venema, President



The Trustees are elected from the membership of the Association and are accountable to the Association. The Board of Trustees meets twice every year, in the months of May and October. There are also monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, dealing with the day to day affairs of the Association. The Board of Curators meets three times a year, dealing specifically with academic matters of the Institute.

I may say that in a sense the general state of the Association at the moment is quite stable. Marcia and the staff have done a great deal of work in recruiting new members in this past year, with the result that 291 new members were added to our rolls in 1977, 243 regular members and 48 student members. We have about 2000 active members of the AACS.

Programs and Plans

Many things have already been said, both by Dr. McIntire and Dr. VanderVennen regarding some of the plans for the future programs and plans for 1978. The Board of Trustees, because of our financial difficulties, recognized that there is no possibility of expanding our programs beyond doing what we can to improve the programs already under way. This is true first of all in regard to the Institute. We are not planning for the near future, as we had projected years ago, to try to increase the number of Senior Members by at least one per year. Instead, we're trying to hold the line. We feel that the increase in Campus Outreach, as described by Dr. VanderVennen, and the half-time employment of Terry Tollefson for student services and recruitment is very important.

1978 Budget Report

by Jan de Koning, Treasurer

We have dealt many hours with our financial situation, and already in May we recognized that certain things needed to be done. We believe it is very important that we have more personal contact with people throughout the North American continent to make known to them what the AACCS is standing for and also to recruit their support and their help in every way possible. So the Trustees have gone on record for appointing Field Representatives not only to promote good will toward the Association but also to obtain a broader base of financial support.

The Directors have interviewed and appointed Mr. Nick Loenen as a Field Representative for B.C., Alberta and Western USA with his primary focus being in the lower mainland of B.C. He begins his employment full time at the beginning of 1978. We have also authorized the Directors to appoint another Field Representative as of January 1978, probably for the Ontario area, but if there are other people available in other areas we will consider that. A third Field Representative will hopefully be appointed by September 1978.

We think we can improve our Educational Services in the coming year even though we do not propose to appoint a full time Director for this program. The Board has removed from this area the planning and conducting of the annual Conferences and the mechanics of the public lecture series, putting that into the area of Development and the responsibility of Marcia Hollingsworth. Educational programs will be handled by Dr. VanderVennen and Terry Tollefson, with the support of office staff members, and with Christian Perspectives courses to be taught by advanced students at the Institute who have good capability for this.

Although we have received some encouraging inquiries lately, we do not have reasonable hopes of having our entire building at 229 College Street fully occupied by the start of 1978. We are budgeting for rental income of \$35,000 less in 1978 than in 1977.

By previous agreement with the Curriculum Development Centre, our financial support of that work decreases by \$5,000 per year. Our 1978 budget for CDC support stands at \$24,500.

Basically, the plans of the Association are to cut expenses wherever we can, continue our programs and step up our promotional work through personal contacts and in other ways.



I am happy to speak as Treasurer about the financial needs of our work. I was Treasurer also ten years ago when the Institute started, and people then said that we could never start the Institute for Christian Studies because we could never raise the \$25,000 needed for its support. However, in faith we went ahead. We went ahead on the basis of "faith economics," with the faith that our God has everything. He has the whole world in His hands, and our Lord can make all these things possible.

Now I stand here again defending a budget that has \$598,000 on the bottom line. But I will say the same thing I said ten years ago: let us go ahead in faith and do the work the Lord asks us to do. If the Lord asks us to do this, the Lord will make sure we get the money for it. In all these years of the AACCS we have not known where the money was

coming from. Either we have done what we did last year, showing a deficit of \$62,900, or we did it the way we are doing this year, showing an income figure that has an asterisk beside it. In both cases we say the same thing: we are not in favour of deficit financing. We need to have the money come in. Our Lord has the money, but we also need to work hard for it.

If the money does not come in at the rate we need it, and if we should have an operating deficit that reaches \$100,000, then we will have an emergency program started right then and there. We need to be financially responsible, too.

Question: I'd like to be clear on this — are you expecting a deficit for the 1978 year, an excess of expenditures over income, of about \$100,000 or more, even though you are not showing it that way on the 1978 Budget?

Reply: We are expecting and trusting the Lord for donation income that is \$120,000 greater than the previous year, and we will need that in order to have a balanced budget by the end of 1978.

Comment from the floor: The need for an additional \$100,000 is a lot of money, even in these inflationary times. However, I can appreciate the problem of the staff and Board in not wanting to cut out important educational services. So what can we do? To move the discussion in a more positive direction, I make a motion that starting January 1, 1978, we double the membership dues on a voluntary basis. Ten years ago the membership dues were also \$25, and inflation has shrunk the value of \$25 to the members and also to the AACCS. (The motion is accepted because it calls for voluntary action, and after discussion is carried.)

Question: What is the situation with the rental of empty space in our building?

Reply: For the first nine months of 1977 we received \$110,000 in rental income against the year's total budget of \$144,000. But our major tenant, the Toronto Public Library, has moved out, so we will not reach that total amount. We have already lined up some new tenants, though not enough yet to fill all the vacant space, enough to generate \$53,000 annual rental income. We think it is realistic to expect a rental income of \$110,000 in 1978.

Question: I am glad to see the Board have such a positive and hopeful attitude toward the major financial problems we face in the year ahead.

Liturgy of Thanksgiving of the Institute's 10th Anniversary Celebration

AACS Comparative Budgets

Income	Budget 1978	Budget 1977	Actual 1977 (pre-audit)
Unrestricted General Donations	\$306,800*	\$162,000	\$202,525
Restricted General Donations	47,000	47,000	17,421
Church Contributions	15,000	15,000	11,002
Membership Dues	40,000	40,000	32,767
ICS Tuition	25,000	22,000	18,643
Educational Services Fees	21,000	19,000	7,063
Rental Income	110,000	144,000	126,114
Miscellaneous Income	1,000	—	4,261
Total	\$565,800	\$449,000	\$419,796
Expenditures			
Institute for Christian Studies	\$214,200	\$193,900	\$190,756
Educational Services	21,500	31,200	12,833
Student Financial Aid	30,000	23,000	22,948
Curriculum Development Centre	24,500	29,500	29,500
Administration and Development	176,700	140,200	123,968
Building	93,900	89,100	79,738
Contingency	5,000	5,000	—
Total Operating Expenditures	\$565,800	\$511,900	\$459,743
Surplus (Deficit)	—	(62,900)	(39,947)

*This is the amount that is needed in donation income in 1978 to balance the budget. In drawing up the budget the boards and staff were faced with three alternatives: (1) budgeting for a deficit well in excess of a \$100,000, (2) cutting back extensively on programs as well as lowering individual salaries, (3) going to the members with our present programs and asking for a substantial increase in donation income. After much thoughtful and prayerful deliberation it was decided that option (3) was the only responsible direction to go. We simply cannot cut back in programs that are vitally needed for the reformation of scholarship and for the benefit of God's people.

However, in recognition of our financial situation, it was decided to maintain staff salaries at their 1977 level, except where this might entail severe hardship. This came as a suggestion from the staff itself.

The staff has also been instructed to monitor income and expenditures closely on a month by month basis. Drastic action may have to be taken if we should reach an accumulated 1977 and 1978 operating deficit of \$100,000. In such a situation the Board of Trustees will decide what action will be taken.

This must arise from the intensive discussions you have had about the budget in the last two days of Board meetings. Can you share with us some of the spirit of those Board discussions, and the plans you have for raising the needed money?

Reply: Yes, we will be happy to. Some of us remember when the Institute started ten years ago that we also struggled with financial matters then, though at that time we were more concerned about the place and task of the Institute, about its educational programs. At this latest Board meeting we have spent hours and hours struggling with the budget. We faced a difficult situation, but all the while we kept coming back to the conviction that what we have done by way of building the Institute in these recent years has been done responsibly and under God's guidance.

We were faced with the very difficult problem of whether to cut off programs, or to cut back on isolated items of the budget, but we felt that would not be a responsible action. We have cut the expenditure side of the budget to the bare bones, even to the point of accepting the staff proposal that there would not be increases in staff salaries for 1978 except in hardship cases. We know we will need to increase the base of support, and we hope that the new Field Representatives will be a means to do that.

If it appears that in spite of all we can do the financial situation is quite bad, then we are going to need to take some drastic measures, but that will be arrived at communally, with staff and Members engaged with the Board in deciding what specific action should be taken.

Liturgete

Let us all together tell our God that we are thankful, deep in our hearts, for the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, and that we know its continued existence depends upon the Lord, the God of our salvation.

All the people

We thank You, Lord, that You have blessed the beginnings of advanced, christian scholarship at the Institute, with ten years of life. We thank You for being faithful to the dedicated hopes of those who began the work, to help raise up a new generation of students that would praise Your Name in their difficult studies. We thank You for watching over what has happened, and for being merciful and patient in Your just Rule.

Institute Junior and Senior Members and Staff of the Association

We confess our institutional shortcomings and sins, Lord, that we have not always wrestled in prayer for Your blessing, and have tried to find solutions by human ingenuity. You know our history of stubborn pride as well as our singleminded intent to serve You and our neighbour with christian studies. We pray that You will forgive us the wrongs we have committed, and that You will give us the strength and wisdom to fulfill our promises to give christian leadership that is humble and fruitful.

All the people

We are glad, Lord, that You are in charge of the world, and that institutions of government, business, and scholarship are raised up and put down by Your hand. We ask that by Your Spirit You keep the Institute faithful, imaginative, forthright in its battle with secularization, so that its scholarly work will encourage shalom, both in the university life here and abroad, and in cultural spheres at large. We are thankful to be a signpost of the Rule of Jesus Christ. Please let it prosper so that it may praise Your Name both in the halls of learning and among Your people everywhere.

Curatorium of the Institute, Trustees and Directors of the Association

We are grateful, Lord, that people all over this land, and in other countries, believe that the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship is doing good work. We are thankful for growing support and only wish that more men and women would know of our vision and needs. We feel very

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship held Saturday, October 29, 1977 at 1 PM at the Medical Sciences Auditorium, University of Toronto.

1. The meeting is called to order by the President of the Association, Rev. Alvin H. Venema.
2. Accompanied by Bert Polman the members sing two songs, "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise" and "From all that Dwell Below the Skies."
3. The chairman reads Scripture from Titus 2:11-3:8 and leads in prayer.
4. Staff reports are given on the work of the Institute for Christian Studies and of the Association more generally:
 - a) Dr. C. Thomas McIntire, Chairman of the Institute, reports on the programs of the Institute and especially notes the publications of staff members. Discussion follows.
 - b) Dr. Robert VanderVennen, Executive Director of the Association, reports particularly on the Campus Outreach Services that are coming into focus as a way of using the research and teaching of the Institute to serve a wide range of people on secular campuses and in other places. Some questions are asked from the floor.
5. Rev. A.H. Venema reports for the Board of Trustees. He notes that there is much activity and a gradual increase in the number of members both in the U.S. and Canada. He reports on the decision to appoint Field Representatives for the Association: N. Loenen has been appointed for B.C., and the Board has authorized the opening of two more such positions in 1978. Questions follow concerning Field Representatives, the disappearance of Discovery Lectures and their replacement by lectures in a different format, and the possibility of using videotape to present the teaching taking place in the Certificate program of the Institute to a wider audience.
6. The report of the auditor on the 1976 operations is presented, and it is approved by motion made, supported and carried.
7. Mr. Jan de Koning, Treasurer and Trustee, presents the Budget for 1978. The chairman invites comments from the floor. A motion made from the floor that, in view of the present crisis situation, membership dues for 1978 are doubled on a voluntary basis is seconded and carried. It is suggested that at the annual meeting a financial statement on the operations of the first nine months be presented to give the members attending a better picture of the financial situation as a basis for action on the budget for the next year. A motion is made, supported and carried to adopt the budget for 1978 as presented by the Board.
8. Upon recommendation by the Board, a motion is made, supported and carried to engage the services of Mississauga Accounting and Auditing Services again for the annual audit.
9. After the singing of a concluding song, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and closing prayer by Dr. R. Kooistra, the meeting is adjourned.

H. Praamsma, Secretary

A.H. Venema, Chairman

small before a large task. We do not know how to translate our dedication adequately into inspiring service, and ask that in Your mysterious way You will establish the work of our weak hands.

All the people

We know, Lord, that ten years in Your sight is like a yesterday that is past. So we pray for ten more years of service for the Institute, so that Christian scholarly books may be written, so that students who come from far reaches of the earth may find a studying community that articulates Your Grace for professional scholarship, so that the reality of a center where the Good News of Christ's Lordship for study exists may give life to more walks of life. We trust You, God of our fathers,

to give us the stamina and the sacrificial love it will take, in this age, to be faithful in this calling.

Liturgete

O Lord, hear the rededication of our heart and lips. Whether we love You with a mature, selfless consecration or wish to follow Your call though troubled by weaknesses, we plead that You bear us up lest we perish amid a civilization that is tottering in disbelief.

All the people

May the glory of the Lord surround us, protect us from all evil, including our ambitious selves, and lead us in the path we should go, so that the whole earth and its culture may be filled with Your glory, Amen.

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