

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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One year ago today a small group of "Concerned" Presbyterians met in Atlanta to accept the charter and elect trustees and officers for Concerned Presbyterians, Inc.

Only seven men attended this organizational meeting but the number has grown steadily ever since. Today we have 44 trustees -- all laymen -- plus an Advisory Board composed largely of dedicated ministers.

Our first bulletin -- "The Concerned Presbyterian," mailed in March and April -- went to all ministers and clerks of sessions, all missionaries, seminary students and a list of more than 30,000 "concerned" officers and church members. The demand for extra copies was so great that the original 50,000 edition had to be supplemented by three additional print orders totalling 20,000.

Bulletin No. 2 -- intended primarily for enrolled members -- was also sent to all ministers and missionaries. We have already had to order 5,000 more copies to fill the demand. Bulletin No. 3, scheduled for mailing in January will again go to our entire list which has been swelled in recent months by hundreds of additional names.

George T. Peters -- an unusually well informed and dedicated elder from Knoxville -- joined our organization as Field Director on September 1st. By the end of the year he will have visited 54 of our 80 presbyteries meeting with groups of leaders to develop plans to make the conservative voice effective in the various areas.

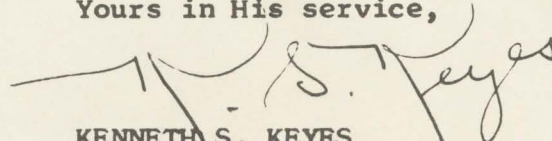
Public meetings with attendance ranging from 100 to 500 have been held in Chattanooga, Louisville, Greenville, Columbia, Tampa, Montgomery, Mobile and other cities. This program will be stepped up when our vice-president -- Colonel Roy LeCraw -- returns from Japan and Taiwan where he is presently engaged in evangelistic meetings in cooperation with our conservative missionaries.

In some of the areas where we are organized there has been a marked change in the number of conservative votes cast on controversial issues. Especially encouraging is the fact that in several presbyteries, control has already shifted during the last year to conservative hands.

It was hardly to be expected that our organization would have any marked effect on the voting at the General Assembly this first year. But the conservative voice was heard on all of the controversial issues and it came out loud and clear when the overture from the Synod of Virginia asking the Assembly to reopen merger talks with the USA Church was soundly defeated by a 3 to 1 vote.

This first year has, therefore, seen substantial progress in the organization and work of Concerned Presbyterians, Inc. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the many ways in which He has blessed our efforts. Let us all be much in prayer that God will continue to guide and direct every step of the way in this movement which has but one purpose -- to bring honor and glory to our Lord.

Yours in His service,



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