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Mr. Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk
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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

I have completed 23 years of ministry as Director of Publications for Great Commission Publications. As you know, Great Commission Publications is the joint ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. As the publishing arm for our denomination, GCP provides resources that are used in Sunday school, catechetical instruction of children and youth, Vacation Bible School, and adult education for our churches and others.

In addition to my duties as Director of Publications, I was assigned in 2013 the responsibilities as Associate Director of GCP. This involves me in most of the day-to-day operations of GCP, including overseeing the marketing efforts and the ongoing updating and upgrading of the websites. The websites allow GCP to better serve the churches and individuals that purchase curriculum but also are looking for additional help and resources. Providing a friendly and navigable website is critical today. Approximately 50% of all orders come through the website.

Our customer relationship management software has greatly increased our ability to provide services to churches that use or are considering using GCP products. The software is also enabling GCP to respond to inquiries that come through the website as well as from conferences and events. Each month, between 400 to 500 free preview lessons of curriculum from Toddler through Youth are downloaded.

We are presently working on the completion of the G2R (Genesis to Revelation) product line with the revision of the Junior High curriculum. *G2R God's Promises* curriculum builds on *G2R Bible Survey*, which is a complete Bible survey covering all the books of the Bible for grades 5–8. *G2R God's Promises* will take middle school students through the Scriptures to see the covenant thread that goes all the way through. *G2R God's Promises* is available for use in churches in fall of this year (2019). The eight studies will come out each quarter for the next two years.

So What? Relating faith to life & life to faith series provides 10 different 13-week studies for youth. These studies assist youth leaders to help teens take ownership of their faith as they learn more how understand and study the Scriptures. An inductive process is used in the studies and a weekly devotional journal for students is provided with each of the Bible study modules. A GCP-hosted dedicated website, www.sowhatstudies.org, provides additional resources and information for these new studies.

Show Me Jesus curriculum is our foundational material for children through ages 10/11: Toddler (ages 2–3), Preschool (ages 4–5), Younger Elementary (grades 1–2), and Middle Elementary (grades 3–4).

I attend and report at the GCP Board of Trustees meetings (twice a year), the PCA Committee on Discipleship Ministries (three times a year), and the OPC Committee on Christian Education (twice a year). I attend the OPC GA and PCA GA. At the PCA GA, I met with and was part of providing a 10-minute report on the work of GCP to the Committee of Commissioners for the Committee on Discipleship Ministries. A similar 15-minute presentation was made to the OPC Advisory Committee for the Committee of Christian Education. Also I was part of a 15-minute presentation to the entire OPC GA on the work of GCP.

As part of the PCA GA seminar offerings, I presented “Two Questions Every Church Must Ask.”

I continue to advise and consult with pastors and staff as time allows. I also participate and sometimes serve as leader of a men’s group in the PCA church my wife and I attend.

The challenges and opportunities are great. Please keep GCP and me in your prayers as I lead the publication efforts and carry on numerous additional duties at GCP.

I ask that the Presbytery permit me to continue my labors another year on their behalf as I serve them, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the church at large at Great Commission Publications.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mark L. Lowrey, Jr.