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Synod 2006 was held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10-16, 2006. The spirit at synod was excellent, and synod did a great deal of work during those days. The whole church owes a debt of gratitude to all who were assembled there to provide leadership for the CRC.

The *Acts of Synod 2006* contains the following:

- Supplementary reports of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America and those agencies and committees authorized to file them.
- A supplementary overture and communication to synod re matters completed at a spring classis meeting.
- Financial reports.
- The minutes of Synod 2006.
- An index.

It is necessary for the user of the *Acts of Synod 2006* to keep the *Agenda for Synod 2006* at hand for ready reference. The *Agenda* is not reprinted in the *Acts*. The pagination continues from the *Agenda* to the *Acts*. Supplementary materials begin on page 563, following preliminary unnumbered pages. Financial reports begin on page 609. Minutes of synod follow, beginning on page 629. The index references both volumes; the numbers in boldface type refer to pages in the minutes of Synod 2006.

The *Acts of Synod 2006* are produced not only as the official record of the decisions taken but also to show how the Lord, through the various boards and assemblies, leads the CRC in our time. We are a people blessed! The gifts that God has entrusted to the membership of the CRC are truly astounding; the continuing faithfulness of God's people to both local and global ministries that are responsive to the values of the kingdom of God is inspiring. We thank the Lord for he is good, "his love endures forever" (Ps. 136).

Peter Borgdorff, executive director–emeritus
Christian Reformed Church in North America

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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I. Polity matters

A. *Interim appointments*

The Board of Trustees approved on behalf of synod the following appointees:

	Classis	Deputy	Alternate	Term
Synodical Deputies	Chatham	Rev. Dirk Miedema	Rev. Richard J. deLange	2008(1)
	Chicago South		Rev. Gerald R. Erffmeyer	
	Grand Rapids North		Rev. Henry Admiraal	
	Yellowstone		Rev. Randal Van Osdol	
CRWRC	Arizona	Mr. J.P. Bear		2009(1)
	B.C. North-West	Mr. Gerrit Keegstra		2009(1)
	Minnkota	Mr. John Schaap		2009(1)
	Northern Michigan	Mr. Ken Vander Heide		2008(1)
	Pacific Hanmi	Rev. Kong Il Kim		2008(1)
	Pella	Mr. Randy Nugteren		2009(1)
	Toronto	Mr. Dennis Jurjens		2008(1)

B. *World Missions board member terms*

The Board of Trustees approved on behalf of synod the following term extensions for some members of the World Missions board:

	Name	Term ends	Requested end-of-term
Canada:	John Tenyenhuis	2008 (2 nd)	2009
Canada:	Harmene Sytsma	2007 (2 nd)	2008
USA:	Joy Engelsman	2006 (2 nd)	2007
USA:	Archie Vander Hart	2007 (2 nd)	2008
USA:	Manny Bersach	2007 (1 st)	2008

C. *Board of Trustees membership*

- Trustees whose terms expire or who are leaving their region as of June 30, 2006:

Region	Member	Alternate
5	Rev. Al Machiela	
6	Rev. Bruce Ballast	
9	Rev. W. Wayne Leys	Rev. James La Grand
10	Mr. Delvin Huisingh	
At-large	Mr. Paul Dozeman (deceased)	
At-large	Mrs. Gail F. Jansen	Mrs. Kathryn DeBoer
B.C. South-East	Rev. Bert Slofstra	Rev. Kenneth Boonstra

2. The following alternates are serving out unexpired terms:

Region	Member	Alternate
5	Rev. Rod Vander Ley	vacant
6	Rev. Mark Vermaire	vacant
10	Mr. Jim Clousing	vacant

3. Words of thanks

The services provided by members of the Board of Trustees, especially during this difficult past year, deserve the recognition and appreciation of synod. This year, three of the Board's officers (Rev. Leys, Rev. Slofstra, and Mrs. Jansen) are retiring from service, and their exceptional contributions will be missed. The quality of CRC members who are willing to serve the church in governing functions is one of our strengths as a church and community. We thank God for every one of them.

D. Officers of the Board of Trustees for 2006-2007

1. The CRCNA-Canada Corporation

President: Mr. Keith Oosthoek
Vice president: Rev. Jake Kuipers
Secretary: Mrs. Patricia Storteboom

2. The CRCNA-Michigan Corporation

President: Rev. Leonard J. Vander Zee
Vice president: Rev. Mark Vermaire
Vice-all: Mrs. Jane Vander Haagen

3. The binational Board of Trustees officers

President: Mr. Keith Oosthoek
Vice president: Rev. Leonard J. Vander Zee
Vice-all: Mrs. Jane Vander Haagen

E. Judicial Code Committee nomination

Upon the request of the Judicial Code Committee, the Board recommends the appointment of Mr. Bill Kort as the single nominee to the Judicial Code Committee.

Mr. Bill Kort, a member of Georgetown CRC, Georgetown, Ontario, is a graduate of York University and received an LLB degree from the University of Windsor. He is currently serving as an elder. He has served on council as deacon and has served as chair of the Georgetown District Christian School Board. Mr. Kort has served as secretary of the Halton County Law Association and on the committee for the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, consisting mostly of lawyers who are willing to sit as arbitrators of disputes involving Christian school boards and teachers.

F. Classes and Church Order Article 3-a

By the time Synod 2006 is convened, at least twenty-four (24) classes will have declared the word *male* inoperative in Church Order Article 3-a. Therefore, per the instruction of Synod 2005, the Board has taken note of this

development and now submits this supplement to section II, A, 2 (p. 21) in the *Agenda for Synod 2006*. It is important for synod to note that:

1. This number exceeds more than one-half the classes of the Christian Reformed Church;
2. Synod 2005 decided that the question of women delegates to synod would be revisited when the number of classes permitting women's ordination crossed the threshold of half plus one; and
3. The Board of Trustees was instructed to "take note of that and recommend appropriate actions in their report to the next synod" (*Acts of Synod 2005*, p. 760).

Classis Grand Rapids East has submitted an overture (Overture 5) asking that synod revise Regulation 1 of the Supplement to Church Order Article 3-a so that classes can delegate women officebearers to synod and that Church Order Article 3-a be amended by deleting the word *male* from the article. Adopting the overture is clearly one possible course of action that synod has available to it. Because such a change to the Church Order is likely to be judged a "substantial alteration" (Church Order Supplement, Article 47-a), the decision of Synod 2006 would in effect be to *propose* such a change, and Synod 2007 would have to *adopt* the proposed change for the change to take effect.

It is the judgment of the Board that further study or prolonged discussion of the overture's proposal will not help the CRC as a whole come to resolution. Such an approach has not helped much in the past. It is more likely that further study will create more unproductive ferment and will only delay the full implementation of what in spirit has already been decided by previous synods. The fact is that the CRC has changed its position relative to women serving in the ministry offices of the church, and, increasingly, congregations and classes are bringing their own practices into conformity with that change. It is important that synod give clear leadership in finalizing what other synods have said and practiced for a decade or more. The Board sees no benefit in synod's responding ambivalently to the proposed change and advises synod to speak clearly for the change.

G. Election of Board members

Overture 8 in the *Agenda for Synod 2006* requests that synod change the constitution of the BOT so that BOT members are elected by classes in the region rather than by the current process of election at synod. The Board wishes to communicate the following to synod concerning this overture:

1. That the BOT believes the present election procedure should be retained.
2. That the BOT is not like other denominational boards because, besides its corporate and ministry oversight functions, it is also the interim committee of synod. That fact alone makes it appropriate that synod elect its own representatives to function in that capacity.
3. That regional elections do not guarantee that member classes will know nominees better than synodical delegates do.
4. That classical nominations are taken seriously by the BOT in deciding what names to advance to synod for election.

H. Designated spokesperson for the CRC

Overture 18 in the *Agenda for Synod 2006* requests that synod alter Recommendation J of the Committee to Study War and Peace report. The Board wishes to communicate the following to synod concerning this overture:

1. That the BOT believes the proposed change to be inadvisable.
2. Synods 2004 and 2005 approved a streamlined denominational administration and channel of communication in order to avoid multiple official voices authorized to speak for the denomination as a whole. Synod's voice in such communications to government is the responsibility of the executive director who, as needed for Canadian purposes, may exercise that voice through the office of the director of Canadian ministries.
3. Provision for dealing with the concern raised by Classis Hamilton has already been addressed in the approved position descriptions of synodically appointed personnel.

I. Nomination of Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra for the position of executive director of the CRCNA

With the unexpected developments of the past year with reference to the appointment made to this position by Synod 2005, the Board appointed a search committee to seek qualified candidates for the position of executive director. The search committee reported the following to the Board:

The committee consisted of eight persons. Five of those serving were trustees of the Board. The other three committee members were members at-large. The present executive director served as an adviser to the committee. In selecting Rev. Dykstra as the person suggested for nomination, the search committee wrote:

1. Fitness for office—Rev. Dykstra's lifestyle and testimony discloses that he is a disciple of the Lord Jesus committed to the historic Christian faith and dedicated to the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ as found in the Christian Reformed Church. He is a trained theologian committed to the Reformed faith. He possesses the primary qualifications, as set forth in the job description, for the position of executive director of the Christian Reformed Church.

Rev. Dykstra was raised in, and has spent a lifetime in, the Christian Reformed Church, and he is thoroughly familiar with its workings. He has thought long and hard about the denomination's role with respect to individual congregations. He has a realistic view of the denomination's needs in the early twenty-first century. He has articulated a realistic vision for the foreseeable future of the Christian Reformed Church.

2. Leadership abilities—Prior to entering the ministry at the age of 40, Gerard Dykstra owned and operated his own business. He knows how to manage people. He understands budgets and the budgetary process. He has been a pastor for almost fifteen years. He has a warm and humble, but unmistakably clear, leadership style. He understands denominational issues and desires to conclude his ministerial career with important contributions to denominational life. He articulates a

willingness to serve the Christian Reformed Church wherever needed and called. He possesses a keen understanding of the issues that face the Christian Reformed Church.

As a pastor, he is aware of the importance of healthy local congregations. He has described to the committee certain difficulties that he has encountered in his ministerial experience and how he dealt in a Christlike, loving manner with certain issues. The committee is confident that Rev. Dykstra possesses the leadership abilities to coordinate the efforts of denominational agencies with humility and grace and to work toward the collaborative efforts of the agencies.

Because of his experience as director of denominational ministries, he has a clear concept of how the denominational staff functions as well as articulate and clear ideas of how to provide leadership to the denomination.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees is pleased to present to synod the nomination of the Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra to become the executive director of the CRCNA effective July 1, 2006 (see Appendix A for his curriculum vitae).

Grounds:

1. Rev. Dykstra possesses the gifts and qualifications to serve in this office.
2. Rev. Dykstra has demonstrated his leadership ability in a variety of settings.
3. Rev. Dykstra has indicated his willingness to serve the CRC in this position.

J. Request for power-to-act

In the event that synod appoints Rev. Dykstra as recommended above, a vacancy will result in the director of denominational ministries (DDM) position. The Board has approved interim arrangements to deal with that eventuality but is also eager to proceed to bring the denominational offices up to full staffing. Therefore, the Board requests synod's approval for the following:

That Synod 2006 grant power-to-act to the Board with reference to the appointment of a DDM candidate if one is available prior to Synod 2007.

K. Revision of Article VI of the Constitution

Board member continuity is an important part of the effective functioning of the Board. It is inevitable and even desirable to have a measure of rotation in Board membership accomplished primarily through the rotation of terms. However, no system is perfect, and, at times, certain rules cause difficulties. Under the present requirements of the constitution, an alternate serves concurrently with the regular delegate. The BOT recommends that synod approve the revision of Article VI of the Constitution of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America from the present version:

Members and alternate members shall serve three-year (3-year) terms. Members and alternate members who have served two (2) consecutive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reelection to a third consecutive term. No person shall serve as a member for more than six (6) consecutive years. When an alternate member assumes the status of a member during the first three (3) year term, then that alternate is eligible for

another term of service. When an alternate member assumes the status of a member during the second three (3) year term, the alternate shall only complete the term then current.

To the following (change in *italics*):

Members and alternate members shall serve three-year (3-year) terms. Members and alternate members who have served two (2) consecutive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reelection to a third consecutive term. No person shall serve as a member for more than six (6) consecutive years. *When an alternate member assumes the status of a member, the alternate shall complete the then current term and be eligible for one additional term of three (3) years.*

L. Completion of service by Dr. Peter Borgdorff as executive director

The anticipated appointment of a new executive director will also mark the completion of service by Dr. Peter Borgdorff on June 30, 2006. The Board has approved an arrangement to provide for transitional assistance to the new executive director that will use the services of Dr. Borgdorff for a period of time. Dr. Borgdorff will also continue to provide the leadership for the 150th anniversary celebration of the denomination in 2007. The Board wishes to add the following statement for synod's information:

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America recommends that Synod 2006 recognize with joy and gratitude the significant contributions of Dr. Peter Borgdorff as executive director of the CRCNA.

Dr. Borgdorff received the conferring of the title, executive director of ministries emeritus, from Synod 2005. When the Board of Trustees faced the challenges of the resignation of synod's nominee for the position of executive director, the BOT appointed Dr. Borgdorff to that position through Synod 2006. He has served the Board of Trustees and the Christian Reformed Church with steadfast diligence and distinction during this year. The blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ through the executive director's thoughtfulness and guidance has once again been of encouragement in the church.

The ministry of our executive director provides us with ample reason for thanksgiving and joy before the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Program and finance matters

A. Disability Concerns

The Board informs synod that Dr. James Vanderlaan, the director of Disability Concerns since 1992, will retire June 30, 2006, after thirty-five years of service as a teacher, pastor, and leader/administrator. We are grateful for Dr. Vanderlaan's years of service, and his ministry will be celebrated at the recognition dinner on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. The Board is also pleased to announce that Rev. Mark Stephenson has accepted a three-year term call to give leadership to the Disability Concerns ministry.

B. Financial matters

1. The Board approved the unified budget for the denominational entities inclusive of the individual budgets of the agencies, the educational institutions, the denominational offices, the Loan Fund, and the Pension Funds of the CRC as presented in the report of the Budget Review Committee.

2. In partial support of the approved unified denominational budget, the Board recommends that synod approve a ministry share of \$289.88 (an increase of 3.5%) per adult member (age 18 and over) for calendar year 2007.
3. The Board recommends that synod approve the list of above-ministry share offerings as follows:
 - a. Denominational agencies recommended for one or more offerings
 - Back to God Hour – above-ministry-share needs
 - Calvin College – above-ministry-share needs
 - Calvin Theological Seminary
 - 1) The Facing Your Future program
 - 2) International Student Subsidy Fund
 - CRC Foundation
 - CRC Publications
 - World Literature Ministries – above-ministry-share needs
 - Denominational Services – above-ministry-share needs
 - Ministry Programs:
 - Abuse Prevention
 - Canadian Aboriginal Ministries
 - Chaplaincy Ministries
 - Committee for Contact with the Government
 - Disability Concerns
 - Pastor-Church Relations
 - Race Relations
 - Above-ministry-share needs
 - Multiracial Student Scholarship Fund
 - Service-Link Canada
 - Social Justice and Hunger Action
 - Home Missions – above-ministry-share needs
 - World Missions – above-ministry-share needs
 - World Relief Committee – one offering per quarter because the agency receives no ministry-share support
 - b. Denominationally related agencies recommended for one or more offerings
 - 1) Dynamic Youth Ministries
 - a) GEMS
 - b) Calvinist Cadet Corps
 - c) Youth Unlimited/Early Teens
 - 2) Partners Worldwide
4. The Board informs synod that it has approved the renewal of the following accredited agencies for offerings in the churches (year two) in a three-year cycle of support (2006-2008). Synod 2002 approved certain revisions to the guidelines for nondenominational agencies and changed the policy from a required annual application and synodical approval to one that requires an application and synodical approval every three years. In the intervening years, synod indicated that agencies were to submit updated financial information and information regarding any significant programmatic

changes. The nondenominational agencies requesting approval all submitted the full range of required tri-annual materials for consideration.

- a. Nondenominational agencies recommended for financial support but not necessarily for one or more offerings

1) United States

a) Benevolent agencies

Bethany Christian Services
Calvary Rehabilitation Center
Cary Christian Center, Inc.
Elim Christian Services
Hope Haven
International Aid, Inc. (medical supplies only)
The Luke Society
Mississippi Christian Family Services (MCFS)
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

b) Educational agencies

Center for Public Justice
Christian Schools International
Christian Schools International Foundation (for textbook development)
Dordt College
Friends of ICS (U.S. Foundation of ICS)
International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education (IAPCHE)
ITEM – International Theological Education Ministry, Inc.
The King's University College (through the U.S. Foundation)
Kuyper College (formerly Reformed Bible College [RBC])
Redeemer University College (through the U.S. Foundation)
Rehoboth Christian School
Roseland Christian School
Trinity Christian College
Worldwide Christian Schools

c) Miscellaneous agencies

Audio Scripture Ministries
Bible League
Crossroad Bible Institute
Friendship Ministries
IDEA Ministries
IN Network
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (endorsed for local specified staff support only)
Mission India
Reformed Ecumenical Council
The Tract League
Wycliffe Bible Translators

- 2) Canada
 - a) Benevolent agencies

Beginnings Counseling & Adoption Services of Ontario, Inc.
 - b) Educational agencies

Canadian Christian Education Foundation, Inc. (for textbook development)
 Dordt College
 Institute for Christian Studies
 The King's University College
 Kuyper College (formerly Reformed Bible College [RBC])
 Redeemer University College
 Trinity Christian College
 Worldwide Christian Schools – Canada
 - c) Miscellaneous agencies

Bible League – Canada
 Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
 Friendship Groups – Canada
 Gideons International – Canada
 IN Network
 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada
 Work Research Foundation
 Wycliffe Translators of Canada, Inc.
5. Three new requests for accreditation were received, and the Board recommends to synod that these be denied:
 - a. Salt Lake City Theological Seminary

Ground: Salt Lake City Theological Seminary is a regional cause. Support can be requested from the nearby classes.
 - b. Leadership Resources

Ground: Leadership Resources overlaps in some places with the ministry of Christian Reformed World Missions.
 - c. Open Doors

Ground: Open Doors is not a CRC constituency-related ministry.
6. The Board of Trustees recommends that synod receive as information the Board's decision to establish stated supply compensation for 2007 as follows: not less than \$480 per week for U.S. churches and not less than \$495 per week for Canadian churches.
7. The denominational salary grid

Hay Associates advises, and the BOT recommends, that Synod 2006 adopt the salary grid as detailed below for use in fiscal year 2006-2007.

2006-2007 Salary Grade and Range Structure						
Level	Proposed U.S. Range			Proposed Canadian Range		
	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
20	\$97,489	\$121,862	\$146,234			
19	\$88,698	\$110,873	\$133,047			
18	\$79,795	\$99,744	\$119,693	\$91,444	\$114,306	\$137,167
17	\$72,293	\$90,366	\$108,440	\$79,641	\$99,552	\$119,462
16	\$65,992	\$82,491	\$98,989	\$69,860	\$87,325	\$104,790
15	\$60,680	\$75,850	\$91,019	\$61,683	\$77,104	\$92,525
14	\$53,263	\$66,578	\$79,894	\$54,790	\$68,487	\$82,185
13	\$47,044	\$58,804	\$70,565	\$49,012	\$61,265	\$73,518

8. Summary of denominational investments and compliance with investment policy

Synod 1998 approved a number of measures dealing with investment guidelines and disclosures. The BOT's response to these requests is found in Appendix B.

9. Pension board matters

- a. The Board of Trustees took note of the average salary survey data for 2006 being \$42,429 in the United States and \$46,451 in Canada. Because the *final* average salary used for pension computation is based on a three-year rolling average (2004, 2005, and 2006), the pension computation for persons retiring in 2006 will be based on \$41,929 for U.S.-based service and \$45,099 for Canadian-based service.

The Board of Trustees endorsed the Pension Trustees' recommendation that the 2007 per-member assessment for the Canadian Plan be set at \$29.52 and that the Canadian per-participant assessment be set at \$7,384. Similarly, the 2007 per-member assessment for the U.S. Plan be set at \$25.56 and the U.S. per-participant assessment be set at \$5,776.

- b. Nominations to Ministers' Pension Funds committees

Due to the recent resignation of trustee Dr. Robert C. Heerspink, a single nominee is being submitted for appointment to the U.S. Board of Pensions:

Rev. Arthur J. Schoonveld is a retired minister in the CRC. Before his retirement in 2001, he served at East Martin CRC in Martin, Michigan; Calvary CRC in Chino, California; Orland Park CRC in Orland Park, Illinois; Faith CRC in Holland, Michigan; and Ivanrest CRC in Grandville, Michigan. Rev. Schoonveld has served on the Board of Trustees as its president and on the Trinity Christian College board. Since his retirement, he has worked for the denomination part-time as assistant to the executive director.

Likewise, due to the resignation of trustee Mr. Daniel VanLeeuwen, the following single nominee is being submitted for appointment to the Canadian Pension Trustees:

Mr. Gregory Kist, a member of Covenant CRC in Calgary, Alberta, is vice president of investor relations and marketing for Progress Energy Trust and its joint venture partner for ProEx Energy in

Calgary, Alberta. Previously, he was manager of investor relations for EnCana Corporation and its predecessor company, Alberta Energy Company. Mr. Kist is a member of the Canadian Investor Relations Institute and a certified professional purchaser with the Purchasing Management Association of Canada. He is a business administration graduate from Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton and studied economics at the University of Alberta. Mr. Kist has served on council for several terms and has also served as the chair of the education committee for Trinity Christian School.

C. Healthy Churches Task Force Report

Synod 2005 instructed the BOT and Home Missions to propose a unified plan to support the development of healthy congregations. A task force composed of various agency representatives presented a report (Appendix C), and the Board now recommends that synod approve the Board's implementation of synod's directive:

1. To create a Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) project to promote healthy congregations using the \$10 supplementary ministry share approved by Synod 2005 to assist local churches, with particular focus on smaller congregations.
2. To request that the executive director recommend to the BOT the most effective way to structure the denomination's ministries so as to implement the priority of healthy congregations.

Grounds:

- a. This would communicate strongly the BOT's desire to see that our structure enhances rather than impedes effective ministry.
- b. The administration is in the best position to determine how to design such a plan.

D. Restorative justice staff positions

Synod 2005 requested that the BOT give consideration to appointing two part-time staff positions for the restorative justice initiative. The BOT informs synod that provision for such staff appointments is not included in the 2006-2007 budget. Both the staff and the BOT judged that adding new staff positions at a time when other ministries are being reduced is inadvisable. The BOT recommends that synod receive this decision as information.

III. Recommendations

- A. That synod approve the interim appointments made by the Board to the agency boards (BOT Supplement section I, A).
- B. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect a member to the Judicial Code Committee from the nominee presented (BOT Supplement section I, E).
- C. That synod appoint the Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra to the position of executive director of the CRCNA effective July 1, 2006 (BOT Supplement section I, I).

Grounds:

1. Rev. Dykstra possesses the gifts and qualifications to serve in this office.
2. Rev. Dykstra has demonstrated his leadership ability in a variety of settings.
3. Rev. Dykstra has indicated his willingness to serve the CRC in this position.

D. That synod grant power-to-act to the Board with reference to the appointment of a director of denominational ministries candidate if one is available prior to Synod 2007 (BOT Supplement section I, J).

E. That synod approve the following revision of Article VI of the Constitution of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (change in *italics*) (BOT Supplement section I, K):

Members and alternate members shall serve three-year (3-year) terms. Members and alternate members who have served two (2) consecutive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reelection to a third consecutive term. No person shall serve as a member for more than six (6) consecutive years. *When an alternate member assumes the status of a member, the alternate shall complete the then current term and be eligible for one additional term of three (3) years.*

F. That synod recognize with joy and gratitude the significant contributions of Dr. Peter Borgdorff as executive director of the CRCNA (BOT Supplement section I, L).

G. That synod receive the agencies and institutional budgets as information and approve a ministry share of \$289.88 for calendar year 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 2).

H. That synod adopt the following recommendations with reference to agencies requesting to be placed on the recommended-for-offerings list:

1. That synod approve the list of above-ministry share and specially designated offerings for the agencies and institutions of the CRC and recommend these to the churches for consideration (BOT Supplement section II, B, 3).
2. That synod receive as information the list of nondenominational agencies, previously accredited, that have been approved for calendar year 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 4).
3. That synod deny the following new requests for inclusion on the list of accredited nondenominational agencies (BOT Supplement section II, B, 5):
 - a. Salt Lake City Theological Seminary

Ground: Salt Lake City Theological Seminary is a regional cause. Support can be requested from the nearby classes.

- b. Leadership Resources

Ground: Leadership Resources overlaps in some places with the ministry of Christian Reformed World Missions.

c. Open Doors

Ground: Open Doors is not a CRC constituency-related ministry.

I. That synod receive as information the decision of the BOT with reference to stated supply compensation for 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 6).

J. That synod adopt the denominational salary grid for senior positions as proposed (BOT Supplement section II, B, 7).

K. That synod receive as information the BOT's confirmation of the matters presented by the Pension Trustees (BOT Supplement section II, B, 9, a).

L. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members to the Ministers' Pension Funds committees (BOT Supplement section II, B, 9, b).

M. That synod approve the Board's implementation of the Synod 2005 directive in support of the healthy churches initiative (BOT Supplement section II, C):

1. To create a Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) project to promote healthy congregations using the \$10 supplementary ministry share approved by Synod 2005 to assist local churches, with particular focus on smaller congregations.
2. To request that the executive director recommend to the BOT the most effective way to structure the denomination's ministries so as to implement the priority of healthy congregations.

Grounds:

- a. This would communicate strongly the BOT's desire to see that our structure enhances rather than impedes effective ministry.
- b. The administration is in the best position to determine how to design such a plan.

N. That synod receive as information the decision of the BOT to not provide funding for restorative justice staff positions in the 2006-2007 budget (BOT Supplement section II, D).

Board of Trustees of the
Christian Reformed Church in North America
Peter Borgdorff, executive director

Appendix A
Curriculum Vitae
Gerard L. Dykstra

Personal Description

My life began in a small parsonage located near the shores of Lake Michigan in Holland, Michigan. During my formative years, my father served five churches in various parts of the United States. My wife, Linda, and I met during high school in Ontario, California. We were married during our years at Calvin College, and eventually had four children—three of whom are

married, and one who is now living with the Lord in heaven. We also have six grandchildren.

After graduating from Calvin College in 1972, I joined the California National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1978. At the same time, I worked for and eventually owned a dairy equipment and construction company. Those years shaped and formed me both in the business world and in the church. After twelve years in business, I answered God’s call to full-time ministry, graduating from Calvin Theological Seminary in 1990. During seminary, I served at the Ada CRC, Ada, Michigan, and after seminary, I served as pastor to two churches—Cascade Fellowship in Grand Rapids, and Faith Christian Fellowship in Walnut Creek, California.

My roots are deeply imbedded in the Christian Reformed Church. In addition to my 15 years as a pastor, I have had the privilege of serving on numerous committees, task forces, and boards, including the Board of Trustees. The last eight months of working as the director of denominational ministries has allowed me to experience the scope and beauty of the Christian Reformed Church in new and wonderful ways. I find denominational work to be stimulating, challenging, and rewarding. I believe that God has prepared me throughout my life to meet the challenges and opportunities that he has set before us. It is in his power and grace that I continue to live and serve his church.

Educational History

Calvin College	1972
Westminster Theological Seminary	1987
Calvin Theological Seminary	1990

Work History

August 2005 – Present	Director of Denominational Ministries, CRCNA
September 1996 – July 2005	Pastor, Faith Christian Fellowship CRC, Walnut Creek, California
September 1990 – August 1996	Pastor, Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
September 1987 – August 1990	Intern, Ada Christian Reformed Church, Ada, Michigan
May 1974 – June 1987	President and General Manager, Brinderson De Laval Sales and Service, Inc., Ontario, California
August 1972 – July 1978	California National Guard, Honorably Discharged, Staff Sergeant

Appendix B

Summary of Denominational Investments and Compliance with Investment Policy

Synod 1998 approved a number of measures dealing with investment guidelines and disclosures. Two of these appear on page 440 of the *Acts of Synod 1998*, as follows:

That the BOT annually provide synod and classical treasurers with a summary of all investments owned by the agencies and institutions of the CRCNA. The summary is to include groupings of investments listed in the investment policy.

That the BOT annually provide synod with a statement that the agencies and institutions are in compliance with the investment policy; any exception to the policy will be reported.

The accompanying summary and related footnotes constitute the Board of Trustees' response to the first of these requests. In response to the second request, the Board of Trustees reports that on December 31, 2005, all of the agencies and institutions are in compliance with the denomination's investment policy, including the guidance it provides for assets received as a result of gifts or gift-related transactions.

The Board of Trustees' discussions regarding these matters included the following:

1. As requested by synod, the investment summary contains information regarding assets held by the agencies and institutions of the denomination. In addition to these investments, the denomination is responsible for the administration of investments held by various benefit plans, including retirement plans. The BOT reports that assets held by the benefit plans also are in compliance with the denomination's investment guidelines.
2. As requested, the summary includes investments only. It tells nothing of the commitments, restrictions, and purposes attached to the investments. Persons interested in a full understanding of these aspects are encouraged to refer to the financial statements of the agencies and institutions on file with each classical treasurer or to direct their inquiries to the agencies and institutions themselves.

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IN NORTH AMERICA
Agencies and Institutions
Investment Summary in US\$
As of December 31, 2005**

Categories Specified by Investment Policy:

SHORT TERM	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
Cash	
Money-market mutual funds	
Certificates of deposit	
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES	
Foundation Liquidity Fund (1)	
Other short term	
FOUNDATION BALANCED FUND (2)	
COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS	
Publicly traded common, preferred, and convertible preferred stock	
Equity mutual funds	
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES (LONG TERM)	
US treasuries or Canadian gov't bonds	
Publicly traded bonds and notes (investment grade, at least A-rate)	
Bond mutual funds	
CIBC /ITAL overdraft accounts	

Interagency Investments (Obligations):

Loans to CRCNA (Denom. Services)

Other Investments:

Private equity fund
Partnerships
Land contracts
Life insurance cash value
Notes receivable
Common stock – nonlisted
Real estate (nonoperating)

	The Back to God Hour	Calvin College	Calvin Seminary	CRC Publications	Denominational Services	CRC Foundation	Fund for Smaller Churches
\$	971,388	\$ 90,097	\$ 7,481	\$ 26,295	\$ 1,070,663	\$ 44,596	\$ 546,318
-	-	16,575,168	309,440	399,225	2,120,606	446,266	378,220
-	-	100,433	357	1,408	1,194,986 (9)	1,524	1,201
1,408,599	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3,136,280	-	-	-	2,001,284	-	229,767	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30,166 (3)	2,199,279	21,879,940	-	-	-	-	-
-	110,537,741	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	3,161,799	-	-	-	5,951,802 (9)	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	4,578,115 (9)	-	-
-	14,006,802	-	-	-	(10,474,208) (9)	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	31,355	(966,000)	33,929	-
-	6,021,839 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
308,319 (5)	110,257 (5)	221,122 (5)	-	-	-	6,006 (5)	-
-	349,214 (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	354,375 (7)	-	-	-	-	-	-
6,000 (8)	85,116 (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$ 5,860,752	\$ 153,592,121	\$ 22,418,340	\$ 2,459,567	\$ 3,475,964	\$ 762,088	\$ 925,739	

Numbers in parentheses are footnote numbers. See the footnotes that follow.

**THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA
Agencies and Institutions
Investment Summary in US\$
As of December 31, 2005**

	Home Missions	Loan Fund	World Missions	World Relief
Categories Specified by Investment Policy:				
SHORT-TERM				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Cash	213,161	1,320,780	945,926	5,453,363
Money-market mutual funds	344,553	4,331,897	2,339,930	10,680,396
Certificates of deposit	1,220	13,751	7,584	36,482
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES				
Foundation Liquidity Fund (1)	1,306,195	-	-	19,085
Other short term	-	-	-	-
FOUNDATION BALANCED FUND (2)	9,009,716	-	2,537,744	1,003,524
COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS				
Publicly traded common, preferred, and convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	-
Equity mutual funds	807	-	244,325	9,301
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES (LONG TERM)				
US treasuries or Canadian govt bonds	-	-	-	-
Publicly traded bonds and notes	-	-	168,197	-
(Investment grade, at least A-rated)	-	-	-	-
Bond mutual funds	-	-	-	-
CIIC / TAL overdraft accounts	-	-	-	-
Interagency Investments (Obligations):				
Loans to CROMA (Denom. Services)	27,157	-	61,536	812,023
Other Investments:				
Private equity fund	-	-	-	-
Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Land contracts	-	-	-	-
Life insurance cash value	-	-	-	-
Notes receivable	47,779	(6)	-	24,077
Common stock - nonlisted	-	-	-	-
Real estate (nonoperating)	42,957	-	-	-
Total	\$ 10,993,545	\$ 5,666,428	\$ 6,305,242	\$ 18,038,251

Numbers in parentheses are footnote numbers. See the footnotes that follow.

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Benefit Plans

As of December 31, 2005

Categories Specified by Investment Policy:

	Employees' Retirement Plan – U.S. in U.S. \$	Ministers' Pension Plan U.S. in U.S. \$	Special Assistance Fund U.S. in U.S. \$	Consolidated Group Insurance U.S. in U.S. \$	Employees' Retirement Plan – Canada in Canadian \$	Ministers' Pension Plan Canada in Canadian \$	Special Assistance Fund Canada in Canadian \$	Consolidated Group Insurance Canada in Canadian \$
SHORT TERM								
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS								
Cash, CDs and money-market mutual funds	\$ -	\$ 2,569,953	\$ 139,175	\$ 2,014,254	\$ 188,877	\$ 2,037,598	\$ 136,043	\$ 107,787
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES								
Guaranteed investment contracts	-	-	-	-	99,099	-	-	-
Stable Asset Income Fund	6,093,932	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS								
Publicly traded common, preferred, and convertible preferred stock	-	69,907,759	-	-	-	16,554,116	-	-
Diversified mutual fund	-	-	-	-	1,626,565	-	-	-
Equity mutual funds	9,634,567	-	-	-	471,882	-	-	-
FIXED-INCOME ISSUES (LONG TERM)								
US treasuries, Canadian govt bonds or Publicly traded bonds and notes (investment grade, at least A-rated)	-	25,526,970	-	2,889,043	-	10,027,131	-	-
Bond mutual funds	2,460,214	-	-	-	183,400	-	-	-
Total	\$ 18,188,713	\$ 98,404,682	\$ 139,175	\$ 4,903,297	\$ 2,569,823	\$ 28,618,845	\$ 136,043	\$ 107,787

Footnotes to the December 31, 2005 Investment Summary

1. Foundation pooled/unitized fixed income account for agencies.
2. Foundation pooled/unitized balanced account (fixed income 59.7%, equities 40.3%) for agencies.
3. Donated mutual funds.
4. Interest in private equity funds, including unrealized gains and reinvestments.
5. Cash value of life insurance contracts received as gifts.
6. Includes promissory notes received in the sale of real estate and land received as a gift, as well as notes outstanding on a life insurance policy.
7. Includes investment in Creative Dining Services, owned jointly with Hope College.
8. Real estate received as a gift.
9. These investments, which provide security for the overdraft accounts, are part of a Canadian agency concentration/netting for interest cash management and investment program.

Appendix C

Healthy Churches Task Force Report

I. Background

Synod 2005 approved the following with respect to the healthy churches initiative:

4. That synod instruct the BOT and Home Missions to formulate a unified plan regarding assistance to smaller congregations that gives meaningful expression to the covenant underlying our denominational relationships.

Grounds:

- a. Home Missions does have a plan to assist congregations with respect to paying for insurance and pension benefits.
 - b. The BOT's recommendation would create a second program for assisting smaller churches, and having dual programs is inefficient.
5. That Synod 2005 approve a supplementary ministry share amount of ten dollars (\$10) to provide needed additional funding for aid to smaller churches.

Grounds:

- a. Recommending an additional funding stream for aid to smaller churches is advanced in direct response to a decision of Synod 2003.
- b. A ministry share funding stream is the most secure way to implement the concern of synod for assisting the development of healthy congregations in need of temporary financial assistance.

(Acts of Synod 2005, p. 780)

II. Recommendations

In response to synodical directives above, the Healthy Churches Task Force makes the following two recommendations:

- A. That the Board of Trustees create a Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) project to promote healthy congregations, using the \$10 ministry share approved by Synod 2005 to assist local churches, with particular focus on smaller congregations.

1. Concept

SCE is modeled after Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE). The core idea is to use funds to provide small grants to congregations to support their efforts to attain and sustain health and excellence. Funds would be directed almost exclusively to local congregations, or groups of congregations.

2. Planning and Implementation Team

Create a planning team of between six to eight people. If the BOT approves this recommendation in May 2006, the team spends four months writing a detailed plan for the project. The broad elements of the plan—or the plan itself—should be ready for senior staff approval and BOT endorsement in September 2006.

This team would then transpose into an SCE Implementation Team, following the SPE model, with responsibility for approving grants to churches and providing guidance for the project.

3. Focus group

As part of its proposal writing process, the implementation team would convene a focus group in the summer of 2006 for the purpose of discussing the questions: What do congregations need in order to thrive? and What can a denomination do to help?

This group would be no larger than twenty-five people, invited from both inside and outside the denomination and including both pastors and laypeople.

4. Design elements

a. Analysis

What is congregational health and excellence? In considering this and related questions, the SCE planning team would make use of the above-mentioned focus group input, the BOT's Ministries Priorities III report, the work of the Ministries Plan Scorecard deployment team that is developing an index of congregational health, natural church development, Peter Steinke's systems approach, and other resources.

b. Program tracks and principles

The planning team would make use of focus group input and its own experience to identify principles it will follow as it administers SCE grants to congregations. These principles might be accompanied by a defined number of funding tracks, such as, (1) church council education and support, (2) congregational health initiatives (NCD, coaching, Steinke training), (3) continuing education for congregational leaders, (4) pastor and ministry staff peer learning related to congregational health.

c. Administration

The project will be administered from within the denominational office utilizing present staff.

d. Advisory board

There would be an advisory board of ten members that would meet annually to review program elements; advise staff concerning project administration; and evaluate progress for the benefit of the CRC execu-

tive director, director of denominational ministries, and other senior staff. Advisory board membership would be determined in consultation with senior staff and the Ministry Council.

e. Other elements

- 1) The SCE planning team would be asked, as part of its responsibilities, to design and propose a strategic plan to implement congregational advocacy within the denomination. This would be presented to the BOT in the spring of 2007.
- 2) The SCE planning team could choose to include other elements in the SCE project design during the planning phase.

f. Timeline

April 2006	Executive director review Ministry Council endorsement
May 2006	Board of Trustees approval
June 2006	Synod approval and planning and implementation team convened
July / August 2006	Focus group convened
September 2006	SCE plan completed; approved by ED and BOT
November 2006	SCE implementation begins
March 2006	First SCE grants approved
April 2007	Present congregational advocacy plan to BOT

5. SCE rationale

- a. Substantially satisfies synod's decision to provide funding to assist local churches.
 - The intent of the funding is congregational health and excellence.
 - SCE fosters the initiatives that will lead to the financial independence that also concerned synod.
- b. Creates a single track for funding and administration.
- c. Avoids creating a new administrative entity for administration.
- d. Minimizes administrative costs.
- e. Demonstrates strong commitment to the denomination's strategic priority.
- f. Uses a collaborative, interagency approach.
- g. Encourages flexible, innovative thinking in congregations.
- h. Makes maximum use of funds as they are received.
- i. Will not create dependency.
- j. Is accountable to the executive director and other senior staff.

6. Other considerations

- a. Grants would be targeted at small and/or struggling congregations.
- b. The project would use only funds available through the \$10 ministry share.
- c. The project would run for an initial two years should synod approve, and it would use an estimated \$1.8 million raised through ministry shares in 2005-2007.

- d. The project can be brought to a “soft landing” at any time thereafter, due to the time lag between synodical decisions and actual receipt (or termination) of ministry share income.

B. That the Board of Trustees request the executive director to recommend the most effective way to structure the denomination’s ministries so as to implement the priority of healthy congregations.

Grounds:

1. This would communicate strongly the BOT’s desire to see that our structure enhances rather than impedes effective ministry.
2. The administration is in the best position to determine how to design such a plan.

Healthy Churches Task Force
Michael Bruinooge
Jerry Dykstra, convener
Duane Kelderman
John Rozeboom
Duane Visser

AGENCY AND COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTS

The Back to God Hour Supplement

The Back to God Hour board has two at-large positions. Recently, the board became aware that both positions will be vacant for the upcoming year. Attempts to secure possible nominations have been met with limited success. The board is requesting that synod approve the following single nomination for an at-large term. The board will seek to bring a double nomination to Synod 2007 to fill the second at-large position.

Mr. Harry Boessenkool is a member of First CRC of New Westminster, and lives in Surrey, British Columbia. He is retired from a lifelong career in the banking industry. Mr. Boessenkool serves on several boards and has previously served on church council. He has given short-term service to Christian Reformed World Missions and presently is working with Christian Stewardship Services.

The Back to God Hour
Robert C. Heerspink, director

I. Introduction

The Calvin College Board of Trustees met May 18-20, 2006, and presents this supplement of additional matters relating to the college.

At this meeting, a dinner was held to honor retiring trustees; retiring faculty and staff; and two distinguished alumni, Dr. Gerald Gabrielse and Mr. Charles Spoelhof. The board interviewed four faculty members, two for reappointment and two for tenure, and they interviewed two administrators with faculty status for reappointment. The board also attended commencement, which honored 880 graduates of Calvin College. The commencement speaker was Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff.

II. Faculty matters

A. Retirees (see Recommendations IV, B)

B. Faculty reappointments (see Recommendations IV, C)

C. Administrative reappointments

The college made the following administrative appointments and reappointments:

Ronald L. Blankespoor, Ph.D., Brummel Chair in Organic Chemistry (three years)

Joel A. Carpenter, Ph.D., director, academic conferences (three years)

Jennifer L. Holberg, Ph.D., associate director, Honors Program (effective February 1, 2006, two and one-half years, partial load)

Stacy L. Jackson, Ph.D., Chambery Chair for the Study of Ethics in Business (three years)

Jeffrey P. Bouman, Ph.D., director, Service-Learning Center (four years)

Gail G. Heffner, Ph.D., director, Community Engagement (two years, reduced load)

Shirley V. Hoogstra, J.D., vice president, Student Life (continuing appointment)

Cherith F. Nordling, Ph.D., codirector, Christian Formation for Campus Life (four years)

Robert G. Nordling, Ph.D., codirector, Christian Formation for Campus Life (four years)

Steven J. Putt, M.L.I.S., electronic services librarian, Hekman Library (two years)

Glenn A. Remelts, M.L.S., director, Hekman Library (continuing appointment)

Corwin S. Smidt, Ph.D., director, Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics (three years)

Laura A. Smit, Ph.D., dean of the chapel (three years)

Daniel Vandersteen, M.S.W., counselor, Broene Counseling Center (four years)

III. Election of college trustees

At-large trustees (see Recommendations IV, D)

Mr. Kenneth Olthoff has completed his third term and is not eligible for another. The board recommends Mr. Scott A. Spoelhof for a first term.

Mr. Scott A. Spoelhof is a 1984 graduate of Calvin with a B.A. in business. He received his MBA from the University of Michigan in 1986 and subsequently worked for Herman Miller and then Johnson Controls in Holland. In 2000, he joined Bayside Capital Management in Holland as managing director. His active service on boards has included Holland Christian School, Christ Memorial Church, Camp Geneva, Junior Achievement, Leadership Holland, and various capital campaigns. He currently serves on the board of the Principal Shopping District in Holland and is a member of the City of Holland Strategic Planning Committee, an advisory board member of the Spoelhof Family Institute at Calvin College, a member of the Young Life Committee, president of Good Samaritan Ministries, and vice-chair of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Janet, have three children ages 11 to 17 and attend Christ Memorial Church.

The first terms of Mr. Bastian Knoppers and Rev. Harry Lew have been completed. The board recommends each for a second three-year term.

Mr. Bastian A. Knoppers is the vice president/general manager of Metavante Corporation in Oak Brook, Illinois. He has served on the boards of Timothy Christian Schools, Lampstand Ministries, and Daystar Christian School. Over a twenty-year period, he served terms as a deacon, an elder, a youth mentor, and a church-school teacher at Lombard Christian Reformed Church. He is currently a member of the Timothy Christian Schools Foundation board. Mr. Knoppers and his wife, Joan, are now members of Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. They have three daughters, two of whom are graduates of Calvin College.

Rev. Harry W. Lew is the chaplain and campus pastor for Grand Rapids Community College and also supervises a team of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staff for nine schools in the Grand Rapids area. He is an active volunteer in several community organizations and has served on the boards of Christian Reformed World Missions, Grand Rapids Christian High School, and the Association for Public Justice. Harry and his wife, Judith, are members of Grace Christian Reformed Church, and their three children are graduates of Calvin College.

IV. Recommendations

A. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to the chair of the board, Bastian Knoppers; the vice-chair of the board, Jack Harkema; the secretary of the board, Cynthia Veenstra; and the president of the college, Dr. Gaylen J. Byker when matters pertaining to education are presented.

B. That synod give appropriate recognition to the following for service to Calvin College and the Christian Reformed Church and confer on them the titles listed below:

M. Joy De Boer Anema, M.S.W., associate registrar, emerita
Barbara M. Carvill, Ph.D., professor of German, emerita
Robert L. DeVries, Ph.D., professor of political science, emeritus
George N. Monsma, Jr., Ph.D., professor of economics, emeritus
Barbara Omolade, Ph.D., professor of sociology, dean for multicultural
affairs, emerita
Arden R. Post, Ed.D., professor of education, emerita
Yvonne H. Van Ee, Ph.D., professor of education, emerita
Ronald A. Wells, Ph.D., professor of history, emeritus
Charles R. Young, III, Ph.D., professor of art, emeritus

C. That synod ratify the following reappointments with tenure (*italics* indicate promotion to that rank):

Adel S. Abadeer, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and business
Margaret J. Goetz, Ph.D., *associate* professor of communication arts and
sciences

D. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members for the Calvin
College Board of Trustees from the slate of nominees presented.

Calvin College Board of Trustees
Cynthia Rozendal Veenstra, secretary

This report includes actions and recommendations of the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees resulting from its May 18-19, 2006, meetings.

I. Information

A. Board of Trustees

The trustees, at their meeting on May 19, 2006, elected the following officers for 2006-2007: Mr. Sidney J. Jansma, Jr., president; Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, vice president; and Rev. Ruth Hofman, secretary.

B. Graduates

Sixty-seven students were graduated from our degree programs on May 20, 2006.

C. Finances

The budget of \$6,527,450 was approved as presented for 2006-2007.

II. Recommendation

That synod acknowledge with gratitude to God the years of faithful service of Mr. John Vander Lugt as director of admissions and registrar at Calvin Theological Seminary.

Calvin College Board of Trustees
Ruth M. Hofman, secretary

I. CRC liturgical forms

One of the decisions of Synod 2005, in response to a request from the Committee to Review the Classical-Local Options with Respect to Women Serving in the Office of Ministry, Elder, and Evangelist, was that “ordination and installation forms be reviewed by CRC Publications to make the language gender inclusive” (*Acts of Synod 2005*, p.758).

CRC Publications is currently in the process of responding to that request.

However, as staff worked on this kind of update, they discovered that a variety of other types of updates are needed in both the installation forms and the liturgical forms (e.g., baptism, Lord’s Supper). Note, for example, the following examples:

- Language: In addition to gender-inclusive issues, the forms include older phrases such as *highways and hedges*.
- Cultural: The forms include liturgy that insinuates that all of the people in the United States and Canada have heard the gospel. In addition, there is a reference in the baptism form that *mothers* conceive children in sin.
- Theological: As our understanding of biblical languages grows, it sometimes impacts our theology.
- Result of other updates: Some Scripture passages used in the forms are not gender inclusive. If the TNIV is approved, it would make sense to change all Scripture quotes from the NIV to the TNIV. Furthermore, at least one form uses a part of *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony*, which is being updated.
- A form for the installation of ministry associates has not yet been developed. Churches are probably adapting the old form for the ordination of evangelist.
- There is a need for the addition of a section in the ordination form for ministers that relates to specialized ministries.

These examples lead us to believe that there should be ongoing revisions of these forms as necessary. In the past, this was done by the synodically mandated liturgical committee, which was first appointed in 1964. However, that committee was merged with the worship committee a number of years ago, and the worship committee is no longer in existence.

It is interesting to note that Synod 1984 approved the following recommendation:

That synod give to the Board of Publications the responsibility for editing the liturgical forms (that will be included in the new *Psalter Hymnal*) so as to make them conform to the standards of vernacular and inclusive language that have been used in revising the psalms and hymns and in new versions of the confessions. The board will bring the final edited forms to synod for final approval.

(*Acts of Synod 1984*, p. 643)

Moreover, Synod 1994 approved recommendations that gave local churches permission to adapt the liturgical forms if they followed synodically approved guidelines. To reflect this decision, synod approved a change in the Church Order so that it now reads, “The consistory shall see to it that if liturgical forms

are adapted, these adaptations conform to synodical guidelines . . .” (Church Order Article 52).

It is becoming clear that including printed forms such as these in the *Psalter Hymnal* creates problems because regular updating means that a given congregation will have several versions of these forms depending on which printing of the hymnal they purchased. What is more, if a new songbook is done in collaboration with the Reformed Church of America (RCA), it may be impossible to include these forms in the denominational hymnal. Finally, given that many churches no longer use the denominational hymnal, they need to access these forms in places other than the hymnal.

Thus, the CRC Publications board suggests that these installation forms be placed on the denominational website and that a process be put in place to ensure that regular updating is done as necessary. The board also suggests that this updating is not something that synod needs to continue to do—it can be delegated to a board.

II. Recommendations

A. That synod instruct the BOT to ensure that the liturgical forms and the installation forms for ministers, ministry associates, and officebearers are reviewed and updated as needed by CRC Publications so that they appropriately reflect current cultural, theological, biblical interpretation, and language usage.

Grounds:

1. Regular updating of these forms is necessary in a changing world.
2. CRC Publications has the staff and board expertise to ensure that this task will be carried out responsibly.
3. Synod has already given local churches permission to adapt these forms if the adaptations conform to synodical guidelines.

B. That synod instruct the BOT to ensure that updated forms are posted on the CRCNA denominational website and/or other denominational worship site.

Ground: Posting these forms on the denominational website will help ensure that the updated forms are easily available and that people can easily provide input regarding needed changes.

CRC Publications

Gary Mulder, director

I. Membership

Rev. Ralph Wigboldus has been reelected president of the Canadian subcommittee of the Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) for the year 2006-2007.

Rev. Phil De Jonge, vice president of the IRC for the year 2005-2006, will assume the role of president for the year 2006-2007.

Rev. Bruce Adema will join the committee by virtue of his position as director of Canadian ministries in June 2006.

Rev. Richard Vander Vaart is completing his second three-year term as a member of the Canadian subcommittee of the IRC. Nominations for new representatives include:

Dr. William T. Koopmans completed the M.Div and Th.M programs at Calvin Theological Seminary, followed by a Th.D in Old Testament at Kampen Theological University, The Netherlands. He has been the pastor of congregations in Orangeville, Ontario and Peterborough, Ontario, and is currently serving as pastor of Grace CRC, Chatham, Ontario. Dr. Koopmans has served as a synodical deputy, as a member of the committee for the Sermons for Reading Services Committee, on two synodical study committees re women in office, as a member of the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, and as an alternate to the CRC Board of Trustees. He has been a delegate to synod six times and has served as an officer. Dr. Koopmans currently serves as the reporter for the synodical First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee.

Rev. Stephen D. Tamming, ordained to the ministry in 2001, is currently serving his first congregation in Goderich, Ontario. He is a member of the Goderich ministerial committee, serving as its chairman from 2003-2005. His ecumenical work has included involvement in the planning and leading of ecumenical services during Advent and Lent. Rev. Tamming has been a member of the Goderich Rotary Club since 2004. He currently is serving as church visitor and as a member of the abuse response team for Classis Huron.

Nominees to replace Rev. Carlos Tapanes as a member of the U.S. subcommittee include:

Rev. James A. Molenbeek is a graduate of Calvin College (1971) and Calvin Theological Seminary (1975). He is a pastor at Plymouth Heights CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and previously served as pastor in Luctor, Kansas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Howard City, Michigan; and Muskegon, Michigan. He has served as a synodical deputy and is the former chairperson of the RCA-CRC committee of Greater Grand Rapids.

Dr. Carol Rottman is a member of Eastern Avenue CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has served on the board of Calvin College and on the CRCNA Board of Trustees. Dr. Rottman retired in 1999 from First Draft Consulting (a technical writing business) in Cleveland. Earlier work involved teaching visually handicapped infants and directing an inner-city program to reduce infant mortality through prenatal care. She is an advocate for women in ecclesiastical offices and disability rights. She is also active in teaching memoir at the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) and in grant writing seminars in Africa.

II. Bilateral relationships—churches in ecclesiastical fellowship

Below are the provisions of ecclesiastical fellowship and an updated list of churches with which the CRCNA has ecclesiastical fellowship.

A. *Provisions of ecclesiastical fellowship* (current Ecumenical Charter)

1. Exchange of fraternal delegates to major assemblies.
2. Occasional pulpit fellowship.
3. Fellowship at the table of the Lord.
4. Joint action in areas of common responsibility.
5. Communication on major issues of joint concern.
6. Exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian unity.

Ecclesiastical fellowship may involve fewer than all six elements. At present, the CRCNA is in full fellowship with the churches listed below unless otherwise indicated.

B. *List of churches in ecclesiastical fellowship* (with the year in which such fellowship was established)

1. Africa
 - a. Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN) (1974)
 - b. Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv (NKST) (1974)
(Nongo U Kristu U Ken Sudan Hen Tiv)
 - c. Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA) (1983)
(Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in Afrika)
 - d. Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC) (2001)
(Die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in Suid Afrika)
 - e. Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA) (1991)
(Gereformeerde Kerke in Suide-Afrika—Sinode Middelende)
 - f. Reformed Church in Africa (RCA) 1982
 - g. Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom) (1974)
(Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika)
 - h. Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg) (1989)
 - i. Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria (2003)
 - j. Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) (1982)
(Verenigende Gereformeerde Kerk in Suider Afrika)
2. Asia, Australia, and Indonesia
 - a. Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia) (1974)
(Gereja Kristen Sumba)
 - b. Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines (1997)
 - c. Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) (1974)
 - d. Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka (1974)
 - e. Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ) (1974)
3. Europe
 - a. Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC) (1982)
(Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerken-Buiten Verband)

- b. Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) (1974)
(de Protestantse Kerk in Nederland)

Note: Ecclesiastical fellowship was originally established with the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland. Fellowship has been restricted by the CRCNA in 1983 and in 1996 and is before this synod for review. See the IRC Report in the *Agenda for Synod 2006*, pages 267-69.

4. North America

- a. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) (1977)
- b. Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) (1986)
- c. Reformed Church in America (RCA) (1976)

5. Latin America

Christian Reformed Church in Cuba (2001)
(La Iglesia Cristiana Reformada en Cuba)

6. South America

- a. Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil (1974)
(Ireja Evangelica Reformada no Brasil)
- b. Reformed Church in Argentina (1974)
(Iglesias Reformadas en le Argentina)

III. Bilateral relationships—churches in corresponding fellowship

- A. Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa (Uganda)
- B. Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar
- C. Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Nkhoma Synod) Malawi
- D. Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar
- E. Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi
- F. Reformed Church in Zambia
- G. Reformed Church of East Africa (Kenya)

IV. Recommendation

That synod by way of the printed ballot elect the needed members for Interchurch Relations Committee from the slate of nominees presented.

Interchurch Relations Committee
Peter Borgdorff (ex officio)

The Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee (SMCC) is pleased to submit this supplementary report to Synod 2006.

I. Candidates for the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church

A. The following persons are recommended for candidacy. The candidates who are graduates of other seminaries are designated as EPMC candidates. Biographical details of all the candidates are contained in the Prospective Candidates 2006 booklet under separate cover.

Baart, Aaron (EPMC)	Norris, Karen
Bae, Sune Ho (EPMC)	Ochsner, Brian L.
Beumer, Randy I.	Payton, Trevor
Blystra, Nicholas A.	Renkema, Joel W.
Close, Bradley (EPMC)	Schreurs, Joel
Cornelison, Jantina Lubberts (EPMC)	Smeding, Ronald J.
DeKlerk, Daryl J.	Smith, Bradley John (EPMC)
DeMey, Gregg Michael	Sweetman, Drew (EPMC)
Gritter, Nathan	te Brake, Kevin (EPMC)
Hofman, Peter	Terpstra, Stephen F.
Jensen, William	Toornstra, Robert J.
Knetsch, Mark	Vanderveen, Julia Annette Prins (EPMC)
Koning, Timothy (EPMC)	Vanderveen, Trevor G. (EPMC)
Kooy, Steven (EPMC)	Vande Werken, Joel D.
Koster, Steven	Vis, Eugene D. (EPMC)
Lara, Jose Antonio (Tony)	Wolma, Stephen J.
Melenberg, Dale (EPMC)	Ypma, Sidney

B. The following persons are recommended for candidacy extension:

Bieber, Kenneth	Datema, Rob
Bosch, Mary	Fisher, Wendy T.
Busch, Jaclyn	Visser, Winston
Copley, Lora	

II. Candidate presentation

It is recommended that the candidates be presented to synod Tuesday morning, June 13, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. The president of Calvin Theological Seminary will introduce the candidates to synod, and the chairperson of SMCC will formally recommend the candidates of 2006 to synod for approval.

III. Timing of candidacy declaration

A. Background

For most of its history, the CRC has operated with a waiting period for candidates' eligibility for call after they have been declared candidates by synod. The intent was to "level the playing field" for all congregations at a time when communications were slow and churches closer to Grand Rapids

were in a “favored position.” Early on, this waiting period consisted of four weeks. The Board of Trustees of Calvin College and Seminary recommended to Synod 1970 “that in view of today’s more rapid means of communication, the waiting period for candidates’ eligibility to receive calls be changed from four weeks to two weeks” (*Acts of Synod 1970*, p. 430). At the same time, an overture was received from Classis Columbia asking for a one-week waiting period on the following grounds:

1. This earlier date will give the classes at their fall sessions more opportunity to examine candidates.
2. The churches will be able to receive their (ordained) pastors after the fall sessions of the classis.
3. The candidates should be given calls at the earliest possible date.

(*Acts of Synod 1970*, p. 526)

Synod 1970 chose to adopt the Board’s proposal (*Acts of Synod 1970*, p. 11), and we have lived with the two-week waiting period ever since.

B. Recommendation

That Synod 2006 eliminate the traditional waiting period altogether and declare persons eligible for call immediately upon declaration of candidacy.

Grounds:

1. We live in an age of even more rapid communication. Churches are informed immediately in synodical news briefs on the Internet regarding declaration of candidacy.
2. In practice, churches and candidacy applicants communicate well before synod meets.
3. Candidates should be eligible for call at the earliest possible date in order to avoid unnecessary hardships in relocation.
4. Congregations will more likely be able to meet agenda deadlines for fall classis meetings to examine candidates and be in a position to ordain them soon thereafter.

IV. Status of the synodically approved SMCC Manual

The regulations that govern the candidacy and licensure process are presently located in various places. Some of these regulations are now contained in the Church Order Supplement, and others are recorded in the proposed SMCC Manual that is on synod’s agenda for approval. It is confusing for potential candidates, churches, classes, and synodical deputies when several sources need to be consulted to obtain a clear understanding of the candidacy and licensure process from start to finish. SMCC believes that everyone will be better served if all regulations can be located in one place. Therefore, SMCC makes the following recommendation:

That SMCC be authorized to incorporate all regulations that govern the candidacy and licensure process into the SMCC Manual, including such as are presently located in the Church Order Supplement; and that the Board of Trustees be authorized to approve the required editorial changes in the Church Order and its Supplements that result from this action.

Grounds:

1. It is preferable that the process for candidacy be clearly stated and easily accessible for potential candidates, churches, classes, and synodical deputies.
2. Substantial future alterations to the candidacy and licensure process will be submitted to synod for approval because, in principle, the manual would have the standing of a Church Order Supplement.

Note: Approving this request will greatly facilitate the work of SMCC as it makes the manual available for use following the meeting of Synod 2006. Approval by Synod 2006 will also significantly assist the revision process of the *Manual for Christian Reformed Church Government* that is scheduled during the next few months. A draft example copy of the kind of editorial changes envisioned is available to the advisory committee.

V. Committee member terms and appointments

The committee appointed Rev. Paul Bremer (previously a member of the SMCC) to fill a part-time staff position for the SMCC. Given this new vacancy created by the appointment, the SMCC recommends the following single nominee as a replacement for Dr. Bremer:

Dr. Albert Wolters, a member of Meadowlands Fellowship CRC in Ancaster, Ontario, is a professor of religion and theology and classical studies at Redeemer University College. He currently is serving as chair of the Third Wave Pentecostalism study committee and as an elder. Dr. Wolters has served on a number of other study committees, including the committee re the confessional-revision gravamen, the translation of the Canons of Dort, the committee on creation and science, and the committee on inclusive language for God. In addition, he has served on the search committee for the editor of *The Banner*, as chair and reporter of the Reformed Ecumenical Council's hermeneutics and ethics study committee, and several times as elder.

Synod 2004 appointed the present membership of SMCC for a three-year term. It is intended that a rotation schedule be developed so that continuity on the committee can be assured. In that light, the committee recommends the following for synod's approval (the year indicated represents the final year a person serves on the committee if two terms are served):

- 2006 nominee (2012)
- Henry Jonker (2011) (one year beyond the two-term limit)
- Thea Leunk (2010)
- Jay Shim (2010)
- Annalee Ward (2009)
- Rudy Gonzalez (2009)
- Emmett Harrison (2008)
- Roy Berkenbosch (2007)
- Norman De Graaf (2007)
- Peter Borgdorff (ex officio for the ED)
- Duane Kelderman (ex officio as the Calvin Seminary representative)
- Paul Bremer (nonvoting committee staff)

VI. Recommendations

A. That synod declare those listed in section I, A as candidates for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, subject to completion of all (if any) requirements.

B. That Kenneth Bieber, Mary Bosch, Jaclyn Busch, Lora Copley, Rob Datema, Wendy T. Fisher, and Winston Visser each be granted a one-year extension of candidacy.

C. That Synod 2006 eliminate the traditional waiting period altogether and declare persons eligible for call immediately upon declaration of candidacy.

Grounds:

1. We live in an age of even more rapid communication. Churches are informed immediately in synodical news briefs on the Internet regarding declaration of candidacy.
2. In practice, churches and candidacy applicants communicate well before synod meets.
3. Candidates should be eligible for call at the earliest possible date in order to avoid unnecessary hardships in relocation.
4. Congregations will more likely be able to meet agenda deadlines for fall classis meetings to examine candidates and be in a position to ordain them soon thereafter.

D. That SMCC be authorized to incorporate all regulations that govern the candidacy and licensure process into the SMCC Manual, including such as are presently located in the Church Order Supplement, and that the Board of Trustees be authorized to approve the required editorial changes in the Church Order and its Supplements that result from this action.

Grounds:

1. It is preferable that the process for candidacy be clearly stated and easily accessible for potential candidates, churches, classes, and synodical deputies.
2. Substantial future alterations to the candidacy and licensure process will be submitted to synod for approval because, in principle, the manual would have the standing of a Church Order Supplement.

E. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members for the SMCC from the nominees presented.

F. That synod approve the proposed designated terms of membership of the SMCC members (see section V).

Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
Peter Borgdorff, executive director

OVERTURE, COMMUNICATION, AND APPEAL

Overture 22: Withdraw Support for the Conclusions of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report

I. Background

[A Christian called to serve his country] “doth not offend God in going to the wars, but is in a holy vocation, which cannot be reprov’d without blaspheming God”

John Calvin (*Short Instruction* 78)

Grace Christian Reformed Church disagrees with the Committee to Study War and Peace because (1) the report disregards Scripture references that contradict its recommendations, (2) the report endorses a specific activist approach to issues to which Christian Reformed members could honestly disagree, (3) the report contains inaccuracies and ignores negative aspects of its public policy recommendations, and (4) the report represents a considerable change in Reformed tradition.

II. Observations

The committee’s report takes an activist and public policy stance on issues of war and peace. In doing so, the committee ignores Scripture references that instruct Christians to (1) be obedient to government (Rom. 13:1-2), (2) recognize God’s historical prerogative to fight through human beings in human conflict (book of Judges), and (3) realize that the only way to true peace is through Jesus Christ (John 14:27). The church has largely followed these imperatives from the time of the apostles to the twentieth century. (Many of these concepts are described in Darrell Cole’s book, *When God Says War Is Right*.)

Rejecting the church’s traditional path, the committee bases their conclusions on twentieth-century peace studies, the 1982 CRC paper on this topic, and a philosophy generally known as “the church as a bearer of Shalom.” The result is a wide range of conclusions on specific issues of strategy and policy that may be true under some circumstances and false under others. Rather than associate the cause of Christ with such narrowly defined political initiatives, the CRC should place their focus on turning hearts toward Jesus through the gospel—the only true way to peace.

III. Overture

Grace Christian Reformed Church of Burke, Virginia, overtures Synod 2006 to withdraw all support for the conclusions of the report issued by the war and peace synodical study committee.

Grounds:

1. This report is not grounded in the total set of Scriptural principles and Reformed tradition that apply to this topic.
2. This report does not recognize warfare's diverse nature and draws conclusions that are episodic—applicable perhaps in the current environment but of little value when conditions change.
3. This report takes controversial positions on issues of public policy that have little to do with the Christian's decision with regard to just war. In this regard, the 1939 Report of the Committee on Testimony Concerning Our Attitude Toward War and Peace better exemplifies this approach than do the more recent CRC rulings.

Council of Grace CRC, Burke, Virginia
Victor Muller, clerk

Communication 8: Classis Grand Rapids East

Appendix E of the Board of Trustees (BOT) Report in the *Agenda for Synod 2006* discusses the results of a study undertaken at synod's direction regarding membership counts, revising its 2005 report. In the appendix, the BOT makes several allegations and/or accusations against local churches, implying that they are willingly and knowingly underreporting members.

1. "... churches find it tempting not to record all their members" (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 50).
2. "... the council does not want to be responsible for ministry shares for such people and thus drops them from the membership count" (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 50).
3. "... many members in the so-called hardship categories are not reported, and the accountability to classis in this matter is circumvented" (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 51).
4. "... many churches are not following the [inactive member] definition but instead are lumping both members who cannot give and members who do not give into this category" (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 52).

These are serious allegations on the part of the Board of Trustees. However, nowhere in the report does the BOT offer evidence to support the above comments. In fact, the report admits on page 52 that "there are no hard data about how many in the inactive category are appropriately there and how many should be reported differently." Without more direct evidence supporting these accusations, classes should not be burdened with additional procedures to guard against them.

Classis Grand Rapids East
George F. Vander Weit, stated clerk

Appeal 1: Springdale CRC, Bradford, Ontario

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 4,209	\$ 4,286	\$ 4,335	\$ 3,835
% of Total Income	42.8%	43.4%	46.5%	42.3%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 3,567	\$ 4,209	\$ 3,825	\$ 4,075
Estate Gifts	\$ 831	\$ 1,012	\$ 825	\$ 825
Total Gift Income	4,398	5,221	4,650	4,900
% of Total Income	44.7%	52.9%	49.9%	54.0%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants-Animation	\$ 321	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 908	\$ 360	\$ 340	\$ 340
Total Other Income	1,229	360	340	340
% of Total Income	12.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%
TOTAL INCOME	9,836	9,867	9,325	9,075
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
English	\$ 4,006	\$ 3,391	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,400
FTEs	10	10	10	10
International	\$ 3,543	\$ 3,772	\$ 4,095	\$ 4,695
FTEs	13	13	13	13
Television - Animation	\$ 200			
FTEs				
Program Initiatives	\$ 85	\$ 371	\$ 500	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 7,834	\$ 7,534	\$ 7,395	\$ 7,095
Total Program Service FTEs	23	23	23	23
% of Total \$	81.0%	78.9%	79.3%	78.2%
% of Total FTEs	71.9%	71.9%	71.9%	71.9%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 556	\$ 657	\$ 600	\$ 650
FTEs	4	4	4	4
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ 1,287	\$ 1,358	\$ 1,330	\$ 1,330
FTEs	5	5	5	5
Total Support Service \$	1,843	2,015	1,930	1,980
Total Support Service FTEs	9	9	9	9
% of Total \$	19.0%	21.1%	20.7%	21.8%
% of Total FTEs	28.1%	28.1%	28.1%	28.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,677	\$ 9,549	\$ 9,325	\$ 9,075
TOTAL FTEs	32	32	32	32
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 159	\$ 318	\$ -	\$ -

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$)
Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 2,732	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,756
% of Total Income	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.6%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 3,438	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,000
Estate Gifts	\$ 10	\$ 26	-	-
Total Gift Income	3,448	2,939	2,750	3,000
% of Total Income	3.7%	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 86,499	\$ 88,646	\$ 94,537	\$ 100,447
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,272	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,230
Total Other Income	87,771	90,268	95,732	101,677
% of Total Income	93.4%	94.1%	94.6%	94.6%
TOTAL INCOME	93,951	95,963	101,238	107,433
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Education	\$ 80,834	\$ 82,859	\$ 89,091	\$ 93,554
FTEs	591	591	624	624
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 80,834	\$ 82,859	\$ 89,091	\$ 93,554
Total Program Service FTEs	591	591	624	624
% of Total \$	87.1%	87.0%	87.7%	87.1%
% of Total FTEs	81.7%	81.7%	82.8%	82.8%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,792	\$ 4,080	\$ 5,046
FTEs	52	52	48	48
Plant Operations	\$ 4,941	\$ 5,190	\$ 6,050	\$ 6,451
FTEs	58	58	59	59
Fund-raising	\$ 2,417	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,375
FTEs	22	22	23	23
Total Support Service \$	12,008	12,357	12,505	13,872
Total Support Service FTEs	132	132	130	130
% of Total \$	12.9%	13.0%	12.3%	12.9%
% of Total FTEs	18.3%	18.3%	17.2%	17.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 92,842	\$ 95,216	\$ 101,596	\$ 107,426
TOTAL FTEs	723	723	754	754
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 1,109	\$ 747	\$ (358)	\$ 7

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Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 2,695	\$ 2,488	\$ 2,640	\$ 3,150
% of Total Income	49.7%	45.0%	43.8%	50.0%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 817	\$ 865	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,210
Estate Gifts	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Total Gift Income	867	915	1,175	1,260
% of Total Income	16.0%	16.6%	19.5%	20.0%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,751	\$ 1,855	\$ 1,570
Grants	\$ 334	\$ 329	\$ 334	\$ 288
Miscellaneous	\$ 51	\$ 44	\$ 28	\$ 37
Total Other Income	1,865	2,124	2,217	1,895
% of Total Income	34.4%	38.4%	36.8%	30.1%
TOTAL INCOME	5,427	5,527	6,032	6,305
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Instructional	\$ 2,330	\$ 2,384	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,690
FTEs	27	27	27	28
Public Service	\$ 50	\$ 49	\$ 56	\$ 56
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Academic Support	\$ 723	\$ 782	\$ 861	\$ 909
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Student Services	\$ 483	\$ 513	\$ 563	\$ 574
FTEs	4	4	5	5
Student Aid	\$ 234	\$ 219	\$ 273	\$ 280
FTEs	1	1	1	1
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	3,820	3,947	4,356	4,509
Total Program Service FTEs	35	35	36	37
% of Total \$	71.3%	72.9%	72.2%	71.5%
% of Total FTEs	76.1%	76.1%	78.3%	78.7%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 786	\$ 739	\$ 912	\$ 914
FTEs	6	6	5	5
Plant Operations	\$ 361	\$ 345	\$ 380	\$ 439
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Fund-raising	\$ 388	\$ 386	\$ 384	\$ 443
FTEs	4	4	4	4
Total Support Service \$	1,535	1,470	1,676	1,796
Total Support Service FTEs	11	11	10	10
% of Total \$	28.7%	27.1%	27.8%	28.5%
% of Total FTEs	23.9%	23.9%	21.7%	21.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,355	5,417	6,032	6,305
TOTAL FTEs	46	46	46	47
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 72	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -

CRC Publications

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 862	\$ 767	\$ 925	\$ 1,257
% of Total Income	15.4%	12.4%	14.4%	19.1%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 49	\$ 237	\$ 330	\$ 235
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	49	237	330	235
% of Total Income	0.9%	3.8%	5.2%	3.6%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 4,554	\$ 5,009	\$ 4,819	\$ 4,719
Grants	\$ 119	\$ 62	\$ 223	\$ 253
Miscellaneous	\$ 6	\$ 99	\$ 108	\$ 108
Total Other Income	4,679	5,170	5,150	5,080
% of Total Income	83.7%	83.7%	80.4%	77.3%
TOTAL INCOME	5,590	6,174	6,405	6,572
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Banner	\$ 757	\$ 893	\$ 1,210	\$ 1,320
FTEs	4	3	4	4
Education	\$ 3,202	\$ 3,857	\$ 3,789	\$ 3,695
FTEs	18	18	18	18
World Literature	\$ 350	\$ 420	\$ 513	\$ 504
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Teacher Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140
FTEs	-	-	-	1
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 4,309	\$ 5,170	\$ 5,512	\$ 5,659
Total Program Service FTEs	25	24	25	26
% of Total \$	86.2%	88.3%	88.5%	88.0%
% of Total FTEs	92.6%	92.3%	92.6%	92.9%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 691	\$ 684	\$ 713	\$ 775
FTEs	2	2	2	2
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	691	684	713	775
Total Support Service FTEs	2	2	2	2
% of Total \$	13.8%	11.7%	11.5%	12.0%
% of Total FTEs	7.4%	7.7%	7.4%	7.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,854	\$ 6,225	\$ 6,434
TOTAL FTEs	27	26	27	28
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 590	\$ 320	\$ 180	\$ 138

Christian Reformed Home Missions

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 4,882	\$ 4,920	\$ 5,029	\$ 4,300
% of Total Income	63.3%	39.2%	66.2%	60.4%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,927
Estate Gifts	\$ 375	\$ 373	\$ 310	\$ 400
Total Gift Income	1,835	1,759	2,145	2,327
% of Total Income	23.8%	14.0%	28.2%	32.7%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 916	\$ 5,867	\$ 427	\$ 492
Total Other Income	994	5,867	427	492
% of Total Income	12.9%	46.8%	5.6%	6.9%
TOTAL INCOME	7,711	12,546	7,601	7,119
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
New-Church Development	\$ 4,112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	13	13	-	-
Established-Church Develop.	\$ 1,408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	17	17	-	-
Campus/schools	\$ 848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	2	2	-	-
Ministry Teams	\$ -	\$ 5,084	\$ 5,571	\$ 5,521
FTEs	-	35	37	32
Ministry Development	\$ -	\$ 908	\$ 1,223	\$ 1,268
FTEs	-	11	8	8
Budget adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 6,368	\$ 5,992	\$ 6,794	\$ 6,789
Total Program Service FTEs	32	78	45	40
% of Total \$	81.2%	79.4%	81.5%	78.0%
% of Total FTEs	80.0%	89.7%	83.3%	81.6%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 803	\$ 819	\$ 761	\$ 807
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ 672	\$ 732	\$ 778	\$ 1,111
FTEs	5	6	6	6
Total Support Service \$	1,475	1,551	1,539	1,918
Total Support Service FTEs	8	9	9	9
% of Total \$	18.8%	20.6%	18.5%	22.0%
% of Total FTEs	20.0%	10.3%	16.7%	18.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,843	\$ 7,543	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,707
TOTAL FTEs	40	87	54	49
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ (132)	\$ 5,003	\$ (732)	\$ (1,588)

Fund for Smaller Churches

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 260	\$ 254	\$ 250	\$ -
% of Total Income	91.2%	91.7%	90.9%	#DIV/0!
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	7	6	-	-
% of Total Income	2.5%	2.2%	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 18	\$ 17	\$ 25	\$ -
Total Other Income	18	17	25	-
% of Total Income	6.3%	6.1%	9.1%	#DIV/0!
TOTAL INCOME	285	277	275	-
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Subsidy Requests	\$ 422	\$ 331	\$ 191	\$ 201
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Auto & Moving Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Small Church Specialists	\$ 71	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 70
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Small Church Technology Upgrade	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Small Church Program Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 493	\$ 401	\$ 261	\$ 271
Total Program Service FTEs	2	2	2	2
% of Total \$	100.0%	65.0%	100.0%	100.0%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ -	\$ 216	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	-	216	-	-
Total Support Service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	0.0%	35.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 493	\$ 617	\$ 261	\$ 271
TOTAL FTEs	2	2	2	2
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ (208)	\$ (340)	\$ 14	\$ (271)

**Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$)
Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 4,810	\$ 4,853	\$ 4,955	\$ 4,935
% of Total Income	38.3%	37.4%	39.0%	37.5%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 6,218	\$ 6,399	\$ 6,687	\$ 7,092
Estate Gifts	\$ 775	\$ 490	\$ 665	\$ 667
Total Gift Income	6,993	6,889	7,352	7,759
% of Total Income	55.6%	53.1%	57.8%	59.0%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 145	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 624	\$ 1,233	\$ 404	\$ 451
Total Other Income	769	1,233	404	451
% of Total Income	6.1%	9.5%	3.2%	3.4%
TOTAL INCOME	12,572	12,975	12,711	13,145
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Africa	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,460	\$ 3,284	\$ 3,292
FTEs	37	32	33	30
Asia	\$ 3,155	\$ 2,789	\$ 2,707	\$ 2,516
FTEs	25	19	21	17
Latin America	\$ 3,470	\$ 3,538	\$ 3,534	\$ 3,914
FTEs	29	27	28	30
Europe	\$ 629	\$ 666	\$ 674	\$ 751
FTEs	9	8	8	7
Education	\$ 575	\$ 569	\$ 683	\$ 716
FTEs	7	5	7	6
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 11,181	\$ 11,022	\$ 10,882	\$ 11,189
Total Program Service FTEs	107	91	96	89
% of Total \$	86.3%	86.7%	85.6%	85.1%
% of Total FTEs	88.1%	89.0%	87.6%	86.8%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 811	\$ 786	\$ 810	\$ 869
FTEs	5	5	5	5
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ 962	\$ 911	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,087
FTEs	9	6	8	8
Total Support Service \$	1,773	1,697	1,829	1,956
Total Support Service FTEs	14	11	14	14
% of Total \$	13.7%	13.3%	14.4%	14.9%
% of Total FTEs	11.9%	11.0%	12.4%	13.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,954	\$ 12,719	\$ 12,711	\$ 13,145
TOTAL FTEs	121	102	110	102
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ (382)	\$ 256	\$ -	\$ -

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 9,970	\$ 19,904	\$ 9,813	\$ 10,162
Estate Gifts	\$ 976	\$ 725	\$ 913	\$ 1,100
Total Gift Income	10,946	20,629	10,726	11,262
% of Total Income	77.6%	75.0%	84.3%	84.3%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ 2,448	\$ 5,833	\$ 1,968	\$ 2,066
Miscellaneous	\$ 720	\$ 1,033	\$ 33	\$ 35
Total Other Income	3,168	6,866	2,001	2,101
% of Total Income	22.4%	25.0%	15.7%	15.7%
TOTAL INCOME	14,114	27,495	12,727	13,363
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Overseas programs	\$ 7,978	\$ 9,303	\$ 7,597	\$ 8,027
FTEs	61	56	56	56
No America programs	\$ 872	\$ 1,159	\$ 915	\$ 961
FTEs	10	6	6	6
Disaster relief programs (core)	\$ 2,403	\$ 4,991	\$ 1,021	\$ 1,072
Above-budget relief costs		\$ 6,330	\$ 6,330	\$ 6,879
FTEs	8	9	9	11
Education	\$ 446	\$ 448	\$ 260	\$ 273
FTEs	3	3	3	3
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 11,699	\$ 15,901	\$ 16,123	\$ 17,212
Total Program Service FTEs	82	74	74	76
% of Total \$	82.4%	85.6%	85.1%	85.1%
% of Total FTEs	81.2%	79.6%	79.6%	78.4%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,101
FTEs	8	7	7	7
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ 1,354	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,773	\$ 1,912
FTEs	11	12	12	14
Total Support Service \$	2,506	2,665	2,822	3,013
Total Support Service FTEs	19	19	19	21
% of Total \$	17.6%	14.4%	14.9%	14.9%
% of Total FTEs	18.8%	20.4%	20.4%	21.6%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,205	\$ 18,566	\$ 18,945	\$ 20,225
TOTAL FTEs	101	93	93	97
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ (91)	\$ 8,929	\$ (6,218)	\$ (6,862)

Denominational Services

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 2,089	\$ 2,167	\$ 2,276	\$ 3,466
% of Total Income	20.2%	18.0%	17.8%	25.6%
Other Gift Income:	Incls \$411 Sea to Sea		Incls \$800 Sea to Sea	
Above Ministry Share	\$ 17	\$ 436	\$ 810	\$ 15
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	17	436	810	15
% of Total Income	0.2%	3.6%	6.3%	0.1%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ 4,317	\$ 5,140	\$ 4,844	\$ 4,816
Grants	\$ 423	\$ 209	\$ 285	\$ 164
Services & Misc	\$ 3,497	\$ 4,070	\$ 4,587	\$ 5,052
Total Other Income	8,237	9,419	9,716	10,032
% of Total Income	79.6%	78.3%	75.9%	74.2%
TOTAL INCOME	10,343	12,022	12,802	13,513
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Synodical Services & Grants	\$ 937	\$ 979	\$ 1,369	\$ 1,442
FTEs	5	5	5	5
Soc Just Ed./Communications	\$ 626	\$ 573	\$ 494	\$ 566
FTEs	3	3	4	4
CRC/Plan/Lilly Grant	\$ 712	\$ 504	\$ 539	\$ 524
FTEs	2	2	2	2
Church Advocacy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
FTEs	-	-	-	2
CS/PS Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 4,516	\$ 5,031	\$ 4,896	\$ 5,007
FTEs	29	29	28	27
Finance/Payroll/Development	\$ 1,691	\$ 2,103	\$ 2,126	\$ 2,273
FTEs	21	21	24	25
Information Services	\$ 570	\$ 720	\$ 788	\$ 1,030
FTEs	7	7	8	9
Personnel	\$ 121	\$ 196	\$ 199	\$ 215
FTEs	2	2	2	3
Total Program Service \$	\$ 9,173	\$ 10,106	\$ 10,411	\$ 11,557
Total Program Service FTEs	69	69	73	77
% of Total \$	87.0%	87.9%	82.8%	84.0%
% of Total FTEs	89.6%	89.6%	88.0%	87.5%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 610	\$ 585	\$ 1,012	\$ 873
FTEs	4	4	5	5
Plant Operations/Debt Serv.	\$ 693	\$ 752	\$ 853	\$ 1,056
FTEs	3	3	4	4
Fund-raising (Foundation)	\$ 63	\$ 58	\$ 293	\$ 265
FTEs	1	1	1	2
Total Support Service \$	1,366	1,395	2,158	2,194
Total Support Service FTEs	8	8	10	11
% of Total \$	13.0%	12.1%	17.2%	16.0%
% of Total FTEs	10.4%	10.4%	12.0%	12.5%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 10,539	\$ 11,501	\$ 12,569	\$ 13,751
TOTAL FTEs	77	77	83	88
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ (196)	\$ 521	\$ 233	\$ (238)

Specialized Ministries

Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$) Fiscal Year 2006-2007

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,232	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,147
% of Total Income	85.4%	84.5%	88.2%	84.2%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 172	\$ 219	\$ 176	\$ 210
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	172	219	176	210
% of Total Income	11.1%	15.0%	11.4%	15.4%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 5
Grants	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Income	54	7	6	5
% of Total Income	3.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
TOTAL INCOME	1,546	1,458	1,542	1,362
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Chaplaincy Services	\$ 231	\$ 182	\$ 222	\$ 218
FTEs	2	2	1	1
Race Relations	\$ 326	\$ 276	\$ 314	\$ 325
FTEs	4	4	3	3
Pastor-Church Relations	\$ 470	\$ 465	\$ 499	\$ 444
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Abuse Prevention	\$ 143	\$ 143	\$ 166	\$ 169
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Disability Concerns	\$ 186	\$ 205	\$ 203	\$ 169
FTEs	1	1	1	1
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 1,356	\$ 1,271	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,325
Total Program Service FTEs	11	11	9	9
% of Total \$	97.8%	97.5%	97.6%	96.9%
% of Total FTEs	91.7%	91.7%	90.0%	90.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ 31	\$ 32	\$ 34	\$ 42
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Total Support Service \$	31	32	34	42
Total Support Service FTEs	1	1	1	1
% of Total \$	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	3.1%
% of Total FTEs	8.3%	8.3%	10.0%	10.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,387	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,367
TOTAL FTEs	12	12	10	10
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 159	\$ 155	\$ 104	\$ (5)

**Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$)
Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ 596	\$ 604	\$ 614	\$ 646
% of Total Income	99.2%	94.1%	93.9%	93.5%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ 37	\$ 38	\$ 40	\$ 45
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	37	38	40	45
% of Total Income	6.2%	5.9%	6.1%	6.5%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ (32)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Income	(32)	-	-	-
% of Total Income	-5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	601	642	654	691
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Govt. Contact/Church in Soc.	\$ 53	\$ 60	\$ 72	\$ 82
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Aboriginal Ministries	\$ 421	\$ 435	\$ 444	\$ 494
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Electronic Media	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Canadian Ministry Forum	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 19	\$ 21
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Other	\$ 32	\$ 27	\$ 36	\$ 39
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 524	\$ 542	\$ 571	\$ 636
Total Program Service FTEs	4	4	4	4
% of Total \$	92.6%	92.0%	90.9%	91.6%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 42	\$ 47	\$ 57	\$ 58
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	42	47	57	58
Total Support Service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	7.4%	8.0%	9.1%	8.4%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 566	\$ 589	\$ 628	\$ 694
TOTAL FTEs	4	4	4	4
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 35	\$ 53	\$ 26	\$ (3)

**Operating Budget (000s of U.S.\$)
Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

	Fiscal 03-04 Actual	Fiscal 04-05 Actual	Fiscal 05-06 Budget	Fiscal 06-07 Proposed
INCOME:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	-	-	-	-
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income:				
Tuition & Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 821	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,029	\$ 1,154
Total Other Income	821	1,137	1,029	1,154
% of Total Income	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL INCOME	821	1,137	1,029	1,154
EXPENSES (FTE = Full Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Loan Interest	\$ 553	\$ 564	\$ 700	\$ 825
FTEs	1	1	1	1
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 553	\$ 564	\$ 700	\$ 825
Total Program Service FTEs	1	1	1	1
% of Total \$	76.4%	75.6%	74.2%	77.0%
% of Total FTEs	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 171	\$ 182	\$ 244	\$ 246
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	171	182	244	246
Total Support Service FTEs	1	1	1	1
% of Total \$	23.6%	24.4%	25.8%	23.0%
% of Total FTEs	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 724	\$ 746	\$ 944	\$ 1,071
TOTAL FTEs	2	2	2	2
NET INCOME / (EXPENSE)	\$ 97	\$ 391	\$ 85	\$ 83

Ministers' Pension and Special Assistance Funds - Canada

Changes in Net Assets (000s) in Canadian \$

	MPF 2004 Actual	MPF 2005 Actual	SAF 2004 Actual	SAF 2005 Actual
ADDITIONS:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 31
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	84.2%	91.2%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	-	-	-	-
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income:				
Participant Assessments	\$ 1,644	\$ 1,672	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,642	\$ 4,179	\$ 3	\$ 3
Total Other Income	4,286	5,851	3	3
% of Total Income	100.0%	100.0%	15.8%	8.8%
TOTAL ADDITIONS	4,286	5,851	19	34
DEDUCTIONS (FTE = Full-Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Distributions	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,933	\$ 13	\$ 15
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Program Service \$	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,933	\$ 13	\$ 15
Total Program Service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	84.2%	85.5%	100.0%	100.0%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%		
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 352	\$ 341	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	1	1	-	-
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	352	341	-	-
Total Support Service FTEs	1	1	-	-
% of Total \$	15.8%	14.5%	0.0%	0.0%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%		
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 2,186	\$ 2,274	\$ 13	\$ 15
TOTAL FTEs	1	1	-	-
NET ADDITIONS / (DEDUCTIONS)	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,577	\$ 6	\$ 19

Ministers' Pension and Special Assistance Funds - United States

Changes in Net Assets (000s)

	MPF 2004 Actual	MPF 2005 Actual	SAF 2004 Actual	SAF 2005 Actual
ADDITIONS:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 91
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	98.5%	95.8%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	-	-	-	-
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income:				
Participant Assessments	\$ 4,018	\$ 4,168	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,913	\$ 6,788	\$ 1	\$ 4
Total Other Income	12,931	10,956	1	4
% of Total Income	100.0%	100.0%	1.5%	4.2%
TOTAL ADDITIONS	12,931	10,956	67	95
DEDUCTIONS (FTE = Full-Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Distributions	\$ 6,261	\$ 6,462	\$ 80	\$ 58
FTEs	-	-	-	-
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 6,261	\$ 6,462	\$ 80	\$ 58
Total Program Service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	89.9%	89.8%	100.0%	100.0%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%		
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 701	\$ 737	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	1	1	-	-
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	701	737	-	-
Total Support Service FTEs	1	1	-	-
% of Total \$	10.1%	10.2%	0.0%	0.0%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%		
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 6,962	\$ 7,199	\$ 80	\$ 58
TOTAL FTEs	1	1	-	-
NET ADDITIONS / (DEDUCTIONS)	\$ 5,969	\$ 3,757	\$ (13)	\$ 37

Employees' Retirement Plan - U.S.

Changes in Net Assets (000s)

	2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual
ADDITIONS:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	-	-	-	-
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income:				
Employer Contributions	\$ 922	\$ 912	\$ 950	\$ 968
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ (1,221)	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,239	\$ 858
Total Other Income	(299)	2,932	2,189	1,826
% of Total Income	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL ADDITIONS	(299)	2,932	2,189	1,826
DEDUCTIONS (FTE = Full-Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Distributions	\$ 655	\$ 1,345	\$ 835	\$ 976
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Program-service \$	\$ 655	\$ 1,345	\$ 835	\$ 976
Total Program-service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	88.4%	93.9%	90.1%	93.4%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 86	\$ 87	\$ 92	\$ 69
FTEs	1	1	1	1
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support-service \$	86	87	92	69
Total Support-service FTEs	1	1	1	1
% of Total \$	11.6%	6.1%	9.9%	6.6%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 741	\$ 1,432	\$ 927	\$ 1,045
TOTAL FTEs	1	1	1	1
NET ADDITIONS / (DEDUCTIONS)	\$ (1,040)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,262	\$ 781

Consolidated Group Insurance - U.S.

Changes in Net Assets (000s)

	2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual
ADDITIONS:				
Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Gift Income:				
Above Ministry Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estate Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Gift Income	-	-	-	-
% of Total Income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income:				
Participant Premiums	\$ 6,677	\$ 7,245	\$ 7,796	\$ 8,424
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 213	\$ 101	\$ 69	\$ 85
Total Other Income	6,890	7,346	7,865	8,509
% of Total Income	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL ADDITIONS	6,890	7,346	7,865	8,509
DEDUCTIONS (FTE = Full-Time Employee):				
Program Services:				
Claims Expense	\$ 5,110	\$ 5,829	\$ 6,747	\$ 6,697
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Insurance Premiums	\$ 363	\$ 353	\$ 366	\$ 395
FTEs	-	-	-	-
TPA & PPO Fees	\$ 612	\$ 529	\$ 554	\$ 562
FTEs	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Program Service \$	\$ 6,085	\$ 6,711	\$ 7,667	\$ 7,654
Total Program Service FTEs	-	-	-	-
% of Total \$	97.0%	97.3%	97.7%	97.6%
% of Total FTEs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Support Services:				
Management & General	\$ 185	\$ 187	\$ 184	\$ 188
FTEs	3	3	3	3
Plant Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Fund-raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FTEs	-	-	-	-
Total Support Service \$	185	187	184	188
Total Support Service FTEs	3	3	3	3
% of Total \$	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
% of Total FTEs	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 6,270	\$ 6,898	\$ 7,851	\$ 7,842
TOTAL FTEs	3	3	3	3
NET ADDITIONS / (DEDUCTIONS)	\$ 620	\$ 448	\$ 14	\$ 667

REPORT OF SYNOD 2006

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sunday, June 11, 2006
3:00 p.m.
Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Coming

Gathering Songs* Praise Team
Ms. Jane Warners, Organist
Pastor Lynn Likkel, Pianist
“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
“Shout to the North”
Christ Candle. Ms. Abigail Kromminga
“We Fall Down”
Opening Sentences* Rev. Allen Likkel
Opening Hymn* Ms. Jane Warners, Organist
Pastor Lynn Likkel, Pianist
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
God’s Greeting* Rev. Allen Likkel
Greeting One Another

Confessing

Call to Confession
Song Ms. Jane Warners, Organist
Pastor Lynn Likkel, Pianist
“Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord”
Prayer of Confession
Forgiveness*
Hymn of Joy* Ms. Jane Warners, Organist
Pastor Lynn Likkel, Pianist
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praying

Praying for the Ministry of the Church Ms. Susan Langeland

Listening

Bible Reading Romans 12:1-8

Sermon. Pastor David Kromminga
“The Measure of Our Faith”

Prayer

Celebrating

The Lord’s Supper

Song: Ms. Gwen Varineau, Pianist
“Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts”

The Communion

Going

God’s Blessing*

Parting Praise* Ms. Jane Warners, Organist
Pastor Lynn Likkel, Pianist
“We Are Marching”

*Indicates that worshipers, if able, should stand.

Assisting Us in Worship This Afternoon

Pianist / Pastor Lynn Likkel
Bass / Joel Adams
Clarinet / John Varineau
Communion Pianist / Gwen Varineau
Congas / Paul Meeter
Guitar / Scott VanderLinde
Organ / Jane Warners
Soloists / Bill Vis, Doug Rowland
Trumpet / Randy Pruim
Vocals / Laura Huisman, Pastor Lynn Likkel,
Anna VanderLinde, Emma Vis
Candle Lighter / Abigail Kromminga
Signing / Colleen Maring
Worship Leader / Rev. Allen Likkel
Minister of the Word / Pastor David Kromminga

MINUTES OF SYNOD 2006

SATURDAY MORNING, June 10, 2006 First Session

ARTICLE 1

President pro tem Rev. David H. Kromminga, pastor of Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the convening church, welcomes the delegates to Synod 2006.

Rev. Kromminga reads from Exodus 33 and leads in opening prayer. He announces *Psalter Hymnal* 568, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

The president pro tem introduces Dr. Joel Carpenter, director of the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity, who welcomes delegates to Calvin's campus on behalf of the president of Calvin College.

ARTICLE 2

The president pro tem requests the executive director (ED), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, to call the roll of delegates listed on the credentials of the forty-seven classes:

DELEGATES TO SYNOD 2006

Classis	Ministers	Elders
Alberta North	Ronald E. Klok Cecil Van Niejenhuis	Fred E. Folkerts Gary Haarsma
Alberta South/Saskatchewan	H. Charles Kooger Richard Bodini	Andrew Konynenbelt Hessel Kielstra
Arizona	Robert Walter, Jr. Alfred Lindemulder	Jose Rayas Keith B. Lofdahl
Atlantic Northeast	Derek Van Dalen Alvern Gelder	Kenneth Prol Bryan Wiegiers
B.C. North-West	Martin Vellekoop Stanley J. Groothof	George Vandenberg Kenn J. Faber
B.C. South-East	Alvin Beukema Henry Jonker	Tony Van Tol John Snel
California South	Ronald I. Chu Neville L. Koch	Rudy Gonzalez Paul Andringa
Central California	James A. Vander Slik Larry Van Essen	Paul Whatley, Sr. Darrell Kootstra
Chatham	Thomas S. Baird Dirk Miedema	Larry Luth Gerrit De Boer
Chicago South	W. Wayne Leys Julius T. Medenblik	William R. Buikema, Jr. William B. Weidenaar
Columbia	Virgil L. Michael Jelmer P. Groenewold	David A. Hitt Samuel W. Stukey

Eastern Canada	John H. Noordhof	Bernard H. Berghout
Georgetown	Paul R. Vanderkooy	Jean Lauziere
Grand Rapids East	Jerry Van Groningen	Lawrence Vredevoogd
Grand Rapids North	Matthew A. Palsrok	Melvin Vander Bie
Grand Rapids South	George F. Vander Weit	Del Nykamp
Grandville	James E. Blankespoor	Chris Stoffel Overvoorde
Greater Los Angeles	Charles L. Geschiere	Wayne Hubers
Hackensack	C. James den Dulk	David Young
Hamilton	Dan A. Gritter	Pablo Canche
Heartland	Michael W. Hoogeboom	P. Herbert Advocaat
Holland	Roger Y. Ryu	Lawrence Hoogerhyde, Sr.
Hudson	Anthony J. Meyer	James Roskam
Huron	David R. Koll	Frank P. De Haan
Iakota	Roy Palavicini	
Illiana	Douglas H. Bratt	Hernan Zapata-Thomack
Kalamazoo	Brent A. Pennings	Curtis L. Dubay
Lake Erie	John H. Bouwers	Dick L. Kranendonk
Lake Superior	William C. Veenstra	George Elzinga
Minnkota	Duane E. Tinklenberg	Michael J. Jacobsma
Muskegon	Kevin J. Muyskens	Fred Krommendyk
Niagara	Douglas R. Fauble	Gus J. Van Den Berge
Northcentral Iowa	Marvin J. Hofman	Arlan Hossink
Northern Illinois	Howard J. Vugteveen	John Szto
Northern Michigan	In Chul Choeh	Everett J. Faber
Pacific Hanmi	George W. Holthof	Rick De Graaf
Pacific Northwest	Elzo Tenyenhuis	Bert Langendyk
Pella	Donald W. Cowart	Marlowe Van Ginkel
Quinte	Aldon L. Kuiper	Lee Van Ruler
Red Mesa	Henry Reyenga, Jr.	Henry Schenkel
Rocky Mountain	Joel W. Zuidema	Harley D. Ver Beek
	Dale L. Slings	Jack Karston
	Robert L. Boersma	Hector Quemada
	Harry R. Winters, Jr.	Gene Johnson
	Robert A. Arbogast	Sam Dykstra
	Calvin J. Friend	Don Wieberdink
	David A. Zylstra	Lee Bleeker
	Joseph Vanden Akker	Paul C. Ward
	LeRoy G. Christoffels	C. Paul Vander Kooi
	Larry D. Baar	Ronald D. Bielema
	Michael D. Koetje	Craig A. Bytwerk
	Andrew E. Beunk	Louis den Bak
	James C. Dekker	Klaas Wierenga
	Gary Brouwers	Billy De Kruyff
	Thomas J. Vos	Ronald Klaasen
	Merle Den Bleyker	Diego B. Flores
	George Cooper	James Bosman
	Kenneth D. Koning	Chris Kostelansky
	Peter R. Byma	Richard A. Huibregtse
	Theodore Lim	Cheol Lee
	Jin Choi	Byung Duk Min
	John Van Schepen	Jim A. Carberry
	Mark A. Van Haitsma	Stanley C. Vander Pol
	Jack M. Gray	Roger P. Zylstra
	Jeffrey L. Sajdak	John Venema
	Ed W. Visser	Martin Adema
	Peter Slofstra	Dick Langerak
	William J. Kempkes	
	John J. Greydanus	Norman Chee
	John W. Medendorp	Jerry Koedam
	Steven J. Alsum	James Boonstra

Southeast U.S.	Pedro Toledo	Javier Torres
Thornapple Valley	Vernon G. Vander Zee	James Kelley
Toronto	Paul R. De Vries	Henry E. DeVries, II
Wisconsin	Bruce J. Vaandrager	Lee De Vries
Yellowstone	Erick J. Schuringa	Edward Sikkema
Zeeland	Ted S. Bootsma	Albert Kramer
	Robert M. Brenton	Gerald Heinen
	Leslie J. Kuiper	John Scherer
	Daniel Mulder	Harry Faber
	Thomas Vander Ziel	John D. Scheffer
	Ronald J. Meyer	Harv Koetje
	Tyler J. Wagenmaker	Bill De Kleine

The roll call indicates that the following delegates are absent with notice: Bryan Wiegers (Atlantic Northeast), Rudy Gonzalez (California South), Darrell Kootstra (Central California), Jelmer P. Groenewold (Columbia), Hernan Zapata-Thomack (Hackensack), Jin Choi (Pacific Hanmi), Peter Slofstra (Quinte), and John Scherer (Wisconsin).

ARTICLE 3

The assembly proceeds to elect officers. The following are elected:

President: Rev. W. Wayne Leys
Vice President: Rev. William C. Veenstra
First Clerk: Mr. William B. Weidenaar
Second Clerk: Rev. Cecil Van Niejenhuis

ARTICLE 4

The president pro tem welcomes the officers to the podium and congratulates them.

Rev. W. Wayne Leys expresses the appreciation of synod to Rev. David Kromminga, for his participation in the opening of synod.

On behalf of himself and the other officers, Rev. Leys thanks synod for the confidence it has placed in them to lead the synod during the coming week.

ARTICLE 5

The president reads the Public Declaration of Agreement with the Forms of Unity. The delegates, by standing, give their assent.

ARTICLE 6

The president of synod welcomes the denominational officer (Dr. Peter Borgdorff, ED), the seminary faculty advisers, the ethnic advisers, and the women advisers.

The president welcomes the CRC chaplains conferees present for the annual conference on Calvin College campus. He leads in prayer for the work of the chaplains.

The ED welcomes and individually introduces the fraternal delegates who are present: Rev. Nefefe Mbulaheni Silas from the Reformed Churches of South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod) and Rev. Henk DeWaard from the Christian Reformed Church of Australia.

The ED welcomes and individually introduces the faculty advisers who are present: Dr. Mariano Avila, Dr. Gaylen Byker (will arrive on Monday), Dr.

Henry De Moor, Dr. Ronald J. Feenstra, Dr. Duane K. Kelderman, Dr. Neal Plantinga, Dr. John Rottman, and Dr. Calvin Van Reken.

The ED welcomes and individually introduces to synod the ethnic advisers who are present: Mrs. Natalie Beyale, Ms. Yatta Foryoh, Mr. Abel Gonzalez, Mr. Socheth Na, Mr. Tim Nguyen, Mr. Thurman Rivers, and Ms. Gloria Sanchez.

The ED welcomes and individually introduces to synod the women advisers who are present: Mrs. Mary R. Baas, Dr. Karen De Mol, Mrs. Marlys J. Popma, Mrs. Jane Vander Haagen, Ms. Carol Veldman Rudie, and Mrs. Beverly A. Weeks.

The ED introduces the synod news office staff, the synod office staff, and Calvin College staff.

ARTICLE 7

The following schedule is adopted: morning session, 8:15-11:45 a.m.; afternoon, 1:15-5:00 p.m.; evening, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; coffee breaks at 9:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 8

The ED calls the attention of delegates and visitors to the following matters:

I. Confidentiality of the executive sessions of synod

The Board of Trustees calls the matter of confidentiality to the attention of Synod 2006 and urges that all necessary precautions be taken to prevent violations of confidentiality.

Synod 1954 stated that “the very principle of executive sessions or sessions that are not open to the public, involves the practical implication that reporters may not ‘report’” (*Acts of Synod 1954*, p. 15). “If reporters are not permitted to report on executive sessions of synod, it is certainly a breach of confidentiality also for delegates to the synodical assembly to report—publicly, orally, or in print—on the discussions held in an executive session of synod” (*Acts of Synod 1982*, p. 16).

II. Audio and video recordings of synod

Synod 1979 authorized the making of an official audio recording of the entire proceedings of the general sessions of synod as a way to verify the written record of the synodical proceedings. Although the general sessions of synod are recorded, executive sessions are not taped. Delegates to synod are informed at the opening session of synod that all the general sessions are being taped. Synod has designated that the office of the executive director be responsible for the use and storage of these materials.

The following regulations were adopted by Synod 1989 concerning audio and video recordings of synodical sessions by media representatives and visitors:

- A. Representatives of the media are permitted to make video recordings of synodical proceedings provided they observe the restrictions placed upon them by the synodical news office under the direction of the general secretary of synod.

B. Visitor privileges

1. Visitors are at liberty to make audio recordings of the public proceedings of synod provided they do so unobtrusively (i.e., in no way inhibiting or disturbing either the proceedings of synod, the synodical delegates, or other persons).
2. Video recordings are permitted provided the following restrictions are observed:
 - a. Video cameras are permitted only at the entrances, not backstage or in the wings.
 - b. Auxiliary lighting is not permitted.
 - c. Videotaping is to be done unobtrusively (i.e., in such a way that it in no way inhibits or disturbs either the proceedings of synod, the synodical delegates, or other persons).

(*Acts of Synod 1989*, p. 445)

ARTICLE 9

The ED presents the report of the Program Committee, which recommends the following advisory committees for Synod 2006:

Committee 1—Synodical Services I – Polity Matters

Chairman: Virgil L. Michael; **reporter:** David R. Koll; **ministers:** Richard A. Bodini, Donald W. Cowart, Charles L. Geschiere, Jack M. Gray, Anthony J. Meyer, Jerry Van Groningen, Ed W. Visser, Thomas J. Vos; **elders:** P. Herbert Advocaat, James Boonstra, Craig A. Bytwerk, Bill De Kleine, Kenn J. Faber, Jean Lauziere, Kenneth Prol, John Scherer, John Snel, Lee Van Ruler; **advisers:** Ronald J. Feenstra, Thurman Rivers, Mary R. Baas, Peter Borgdorff.

Committee 2—Synodical Services II – Program Matters

Chairman: Dirk Miedema; **reporter:** George F. Vander Weit; **ministers:** Robert A. Arbogast, Stanley J. Groothof, Ronald E. Klok, Theodore Lim, Alfred Lindemulder, Vernon Vander Zee, Thomas Vander Ziel, Larry Van Essen; **elders:** Arlan Hossink, Jack Karsten, Hessel Kielstra, Chris Kostelansky, Henry Schenkel, Edward Sikkema, Tony Van Tol, Don Wieberdink, Bryan Wiegers; **advisers:** Natalie Beyale, Karen De Mol, Gerard L. Dykstra, Bruce Adema.

Committee 3—Education

Chairman: John Van Schepen; **reporter:** LeRoy G. Christoffels; **ministers:** James E. Blankespoor, Ted S. Bootsma, John H. Bouwers, Jin Choi, Alvern Gelder, H. Charles Kooger, W. Wayne Leys, Duane E. Tinklenberg, Paul R. Vanderkooy; **elders:** Paul Andringa, Bernard H. Berghout, William Buikema, Jr., Curtis L. Dubay, George Elzinga, Harry Faber, Fred E. Folkerts, Andrew J. Konynenbelt, Bert Langendyk, Jose Rayas; **advisers:** Gaylen Byker, Neal Plantinga, Natalie Beyale, Carol Veldman Rudie.

Committee 4—Publications

Chairman: Henry Jonker; **reporter:** James A. Vander Slik; **ministers:** Thomas S. Baird, Robert Brenton, Dan A. Gritter, William J. Kempkes, Neville L. Koch, John H. Noordhof, Jeffrey L. Sajdak, Mark A. Van Haitisma; **elders:** Martin Adema, Lee De Vries, Gary Haarsma, Richard A. Huibregtse, Ronald Klaasen, Keith B. Lofdahl, Byung Duk Min, Del Nykamp, Javier Torres, George Vandenberg, Stanley C. Vander Pol; **advisers:** Mariano Avila, Tim Nguyen, Marlys J. Popma.

Committee 5—Missions

Chairman: Robert Walter, Jr.; **reporter:** Aldon L. Kuiper; **ministers:** Peter R. Byma, Jelmer P. Groenewold, George W. Holthof, Matthew A. Palsrok, Brent A. Pennings, Erick J. Schuringa, Derek Van Dalen, Joseph Vanden Akker, Martin Vellekoop; **elders:** Billy De Kruyff, Louis den Bak, Lawrence Hoogerhyde, Sr., Gene Johnson, Harv Koetje, Cheol Lee, Larry Luth, Chris Stoffel Overvoorde, Paul C. Ward, Roger P. Zylstra; **advisers:** Duane K. Kelderman, Socheth Na, Beverly A. Weeks.

Committee 6—Financial Matters

Chairman: Gus J. Van Den Berge; **reporter:** Melvin Vander Bie; **ministers:** Gary Brouwers, Merle Den Bleyker, Michael W. Hoogeboom, Daniel Mulder, Roy Palavicini, Henry Reyenga, Jr., Pedro L. Toledo, Tyler J. Wagenmaker; **elders:** Jim A. Carberry, Gerrit De Boer, Rick De Graaf, Rudy Gonzalez, Wayne Hubers, Jerry Koedam, Dick L. Kranendonk, James Roskam, John Venema, Klaas Wierenga; **advisers:** Tim Nguyen, Carol Veldman Rudie, John H. Bolt.

Committee 7—Interdenominational Matters

Chairman: Dale L. Slings; **reporter:** Peter Slofstra; **ministers:** Andrew E. Beunk, Douglas H. Bratt, Douglas R. Fauble, Calvin J. Friend, John J. Greydanus, Kenneth D. Koning, Elzo Tenyenhuis, Joel W. Zuidema; **elders:** Lee Bleeker, James Bosman, Pablo Canche, Sam Dykstra, Michael J. Jacobsma, Darrell Kootstra, Hector Quemada, John D. Scheffer, Samuel W. Stukey, John Szto; **advisers:** John Rottman, Gloria Sanchez, Jane Vander Haagen.

Committee 8—Church Order and Appeals

Chairman: Howard J. Vugteveen; **reporter:** Paul R. De Vries; **ministers:** Larry D. Baar, In Chul Choeh, Ronald I. Chu, James C. Dekker, Ronald J. Meyer, Kevin J. Muyskens, Roger Y. Ryu, David A. Zylstra; **elders:** Ronald D. Bielema, Norman Chee, Frank P. De Haan, Henry DeVries, II, Diego B. Flores, Gerald Heinen, David A. Hitt, Albert Kramer, Dick Langerak, C. Paul Vanderkooi; **advisers:** Henry De Moor, Yatta Foryoh, Beverly A. Weeks.

Committee 9—War and Peace

Chairman: Marvin J. Hofman; **reporter:** John W. Medendorp; **ministers:** Steven J. Alsum, Alvin Beukema, Robert L. Boersma, George Cooper, C. James den Dulk, Michael D. Koetje, Leslie J. Kuiper, Julius T. Medenblik, Bruce J. Vaandrager, Harry R. Winters, Jr.; **elders:** Everett J. Faber, James L. Kelley, Fred Krommendyk, Marlowe Van Ginkel, Harley D. Ver Beek, Lawrence Vredevoogd, Paul Whatley, Sr., David Young, Hernan Zatata-Thomack; **advisers:** Calvin P. Van Reken, Abel Gonzalez, Jane Vander Haagen.

Recommendation:

That synod adopt the report of the Program Committee, including membership on the advisory committees for Synod 2006 as amended.

—Adopted

ARTICLE 10

The ED presents the Agenda Directory for Synod 2006, which contains a complete listing of every matter on the agenda that requires synodical action. He indicates where the materials may be found, to which advisory committee each item has been assigned, and where each committee will meet.

The following delegates who were absent earlier in the morning are now present: Bryan Wieggers (Atlantic Northeast) and John Scherer (Wisconsin).

ARTICLE 11

The president of synod, Rev. W. Wayne Leys leads in closing prayer. Synod adjourns at 11:20 a.m. Synod will reconvene Monday at 8:15 a.m.

MONDAY MORNING, June 12, 2006

Second Session

ARTICLE 12

Rev. Howard J. Vugteveen reads from Isaiah 55:6 and announces *Sing! A New Creation* 44, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah." He reflects on what matters is that God is here among the work of synod. He leads in opening prayer and announces *Sing! A New Creation* 223, "Shout to the Lord."

ARTICLE 13

The roll indicates that the following delegates who were absent on Saturday are now present: Rudy Gonzalez (California South), Darrell Kootstra (Central California), Jelder P. Groenewold (Columbia), and Peter Slofstra (Quinte).

The following delegates are absent: George Vander Weit (Grand Rapids East), Hernan Zapata-Thomack (Hackensack), In Chul Choeh (Hudson), George Cooper (Northern Illinois), and Jin Choi (Pacific Hanmi).

ARTICLE 14

The officers of synod announce the following appointments:

Testimonial Dinner Committee:

Rev. James C. Dekker

Woman adviser Karen De Mol

Rev. Dirk Miedema

Elder delegate Chris Stoffel Overvoorde

Worship Planning Committee:

Rev. Ted S. Bootsma

Elder delegate Lawrence Hoogerhyde, Sr.

Ethnic adviser Gloria Sanchez

Elder delegate John Szto

Sergeant at Arms:

Elder delegate Kenneth Prol

Hospitality Committee:

Rev. and Mrs. Pieter Tuit

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Dokter

Minutes-Review Committee:

Rev. Jack Gray

Elder delegate Del Nykamp

The ED welcomes and introduces staff who are present.

ARTICLE 15

The ED presents the ballot for board and committee elections, and delegates vote. Voting for agency and committee members is done electronically. The ballot results will later be ratified by synod.

ARTICLE 16

The morning session is adjourned at 9:07 a.m. so that delegates can work in advisory committees.

MONDAY EVENING, June 12, 2006

Third Session

ARTICLE 17

Rev. Larry Van Essen leads in opening prayer and reads from Ephesians 3:14-21. He announces *Psalter Hymnal* 556, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Elder delegate Hernan Zapata-Thomack (Hackensack) is now present.

ARTICLE 18

Advisory Committee 3, Education, Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels reporting, presents the following:

I. Calvin Theological Seminary

A. *Materials*: Calvin Theological Seminary Report including Appendices A and B; pp. 163-73

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant to Mr. Sidney Jansma, Jr., chairman, and Rev. Ruth M. Hofman, secretary, the privilege of the floor when seminary matters are presented.

—*Granted*

2. That synod by way of the printed ballot ratify the reelection of members for the Seminary Board of Trustees from the nominees presented.

—*Adopted*

3. That synod ratify the following reappointment of an administrator with faculty status:

Dr. Duane K. Kelderman, vice president for administration for two years.

—*Adopted*

4. That synod approve the following faculty reappointments (*italics* indicates change in rank):

Mariano Avila, *Professor* of New Testament for two years

Donald Byker, Director of Field Education with an *indefinite* appointment

Duane K. Kelderman, Associate Professor of Preaching for two years
David M. Rylaarsdam, Associate Professor of Historical Theology for two years

Richard E. Sytsma, Dean of Students and International Student Adviser with faculty status with an *indefinite* appointment

Pieter C. Tuit, Associate Professor of Missiology for two years

—Adopted

5. That synod approve two offerings for Calvin Theological Seminary (the International Student Subsidy Fund and the Facing Your Future program).
—Adopted
6. That synod acknowledge with gratitude to God the years of faithful service of Mr. John Vander Lugt as director of admissions and registrar at Calvin Theological Seminary.

—Adopted

II. Response to Overtures 1 and 2: Revise Church Order Supplement, Article 6 to vote on candidates for ministry individually rather than in a group (majority report, Rev. Alvern Gelder reporting)

A. Materials

1. Overture 1, pp. 465-68
2. Overture 2, pp. 468-70

B. Observation

The advisory committee recognizes that Overtures 1 and 2, while recommending slightly different actions, both deal with the same issue—declaring candidates for the ministry of the Word individually rather than as a group.

C. Recommendations

1. That synod not accede to Overtures 1 and 2.
2. That synod add the following statement to Church Order Supplement, Article 6:

When voting to declare candidates for the ministry of the Word, synod shall vote on the candidates as a group.

Grounds:

- a. Voting on candidacy recommendations as a group need not bind any delegate's conscience inasmuch as this vote is only declaring whether the candidates have met the denominational requirements for candidacy of character, knowledge, and skills.
 - 1) Synod's declaration of candidacy is a statement that the candidate *can* be ordained in the CRC but makes no judgment whether the candidate *should* be ordained.
 - 2) Classis, not synod, determines whether a candidate shall be ordained, assuming a call by a local church.
- b. Voting on each candidate individually, whether abstaining or voting negatively, causes hurt to female candidates who have met all the

denominational requirements but are singled out solely for their gender.

According to the Rules of Synodical Procedure, the minority report re the issue of Church Order Supplement, Article 6 is presented as information by Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels:

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C. Recommendations

1. That synod add the following statement to Church Order Supplement, Article 6:

When voting to declare candidates for the ministry of the Word, synod shall vote on each candidate individually.

Grounds:

1. This procedure recognizes and honors each individual candidate as prepared for the ministry of the Word in the CRCNA.
 2. This procedure is in keeping with the decision of Synod 1995 that gave delegates the right to abstain from voting on individual candidates as a matter of conscience. It was not intended for delegates to vote negatively on any candidate on the basis of gender.
 3. In spite of other attempts in recent years to change this method of voting, synod has consistently upheld this policy out of respect for the conscience of each of the delegates.
 4. Voting for the candidates as a group forces some delegates to abstain on all of the candidates—something they should not have to do.
 5. This procedure promotes “the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3), and it is a practice in harmony with God’s command to do everything in “a fitting and orderly way” (1 Cor. 14:40).
2. That this be synod’s response to Overtures 1 and 2.

Following the rules of procedure, synod returns to consideration of the recommendation of the advisory committee’s majority report. Synod discusses the majority recommendations (cf. II, C, majority report above); however, it decides to table them in order to discuss the minority report recommendations, which were voted on and defeated. Synod returns to consideration of and decision re the following majority report recommendations:

Recommendations of the majority report

1. That synod not accede to Overtures 1 and 2.

—*Adopted*

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- d. Voting on each candidate individually, whether abstaining or voting negatively, causes hurt to female candidates who have met all the denominational requirements but are singled out solely for their gender.

—*Adopted*

The following negative votes are registered: Ronald J. Meyer (Zeeland) and Tyler Wagenmaker (Zeeland).

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued in Article 22.)

ARTICLE 19

Dr. Gaylen Byker, president of Calvin College gives a PowerPoint presentation on the 50th anniversary of the purchase of the Calvin College Knollcrest campus.

ARTICLE 20

Dr. Neal Plantinga, Jr., leads in closing prayer. The evening session is adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 13, 2006

Fourth Session

ARTICLE 21

Elder delegate Diego B. Flores leads in opening prayer and announces *Psalter Hymnal* 486, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Woman adviser Beverly A. Weeks leads in the singing of "Grace Alone" (Maranatha! Music). Mr. Flores reads from Psalm 63 and announces *Sing! A New Creation* 19, "Santo,

santo, santo, mi corazón/Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart.” He leads in closing prayer.

The roll call indicates that all delegates are present.

The ED welcomes and introduces fraternal delegates present: Prof. Andries le R. du Plooy and Dr. Douw Breed from the Reformed Churches of South Africa.

ARTICLE 22

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued from Article 18.)

Advisory Committee 3, Education, Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels reporting, presents the following:

Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee

A. *Materials*

1. Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee Report including Appendix, pp. 312-61
2. Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee Supplement

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Rev. Thea Leunk and Dr. Peter Borgdorff when the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee report is discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod declare the following as candidates for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, subject to completion of all (if any) requirements:

Baart, Aaron (EPMC)
Bae, Sune Ho (EPMC)
Beumer, Randy I.
Blystra, Nicholas A.
Close, Bradley (EPMC)
Cornelison, Jantina Lubberts
(EPMC)
DeKlerk, Daryl J.
DeMey, Gregg Michael
Gritter, Nathan
Hofman, Peter
Jensen, William
Knetsch, Mark
Koning, Timothy (EPMC)
Kooy, Steven (EPMC)
Koster, Steven
Lara, Jose Antonio (Tony)
Melenberg, Dale (EPMC)

Norris, Karen
Ochsner, Brian L.
Payton, Trevor
Renkema, Joel W.
Schreurs, Joel
Smeding, Ronald J.
Smith, Bradley John (EPMC)
Sweetman, Drew (EPMC)
te Brake, Kevin (EPMC)
Terpstra, Stephen F.
Toornstra, Robert J.
Vanderveen, Julia Annette Prins
(EPMC)
Vanderveen, Trevor G. (EPMC)
Vande Werken, Joel D.
Vis, Eugene D. (EPMC)
Wolma, Stephen J.
Ypma, Sidney

—*Adopted*

3. That Kenneth Bieber, Mary Bosch, Jaclyn Busch, Lora Copley, Rob Datema, Wendy T. Fisher, and Winston Visser each be granted a one-year extension of candidacy.

—*Adopted*

4. That Synod 2006 eliminate the traditional waiting period altogether and declare persons eligible for call immediately upon declaration of candidacy.

Grounds:

- a. We live in an age of ever more rapid communication. Churches are informed immediately in synodical news briefs on the Internet regarding declaration of candidacy.
- b. In practice, churches and candidacy applicants communicate well before synod meets.
- c. Candidates should be eligible for call at the earliest possible date in order to avoid unnecessary hardships in relocation.
- d. Congregations will more likely be able to meet agenda deadlines for fall classis meetings to examine candidates and be in a position to ordain them soon thereafter.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued in Article 40.)

ARTICLE 23

Advisory Committee 2, Synodical Services II, Rev. George F. Vander Weit reporting, presents the following:

I. Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Program sections II, A, 6-7, 18, and B, including Appendices A-C, and H-N; pp. 24-25, 27, 30-36)
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Section II, A)

B. Recommendations

1. That synod recognize Dr. Robert C. Heerspink's appointment to be the director of The Back to God Hour and that he be permitted to address synod to extend his personal greetings (II, A, 6).

—*Adopted*

2. That synod ratify the appointment of Ms. Ida Kaastra Mutoigo as the CRWRC-Canada director and that she be permitted to address synod to extend her personal greetings (II, A, 6).

—*Adopted*

3. That synod recognize Rev. Bruce G. Adema's appointment to be the director of Canadian ministries and that he be permitted to address synod to extend his personal greetings (II, A, 7).

—*Adopted*

4. That synod gratefully acknowledge the work of Ms. Beth A. Swagman, the director of Abuse Prevention (see Appendix H).
—Adopted
5. That synod gratefully acknowledge the work of Rev. Herman Keizer, Jr., the director of Chaplaincy Ministries (see Appendix I).
—Adopted
6. That synod congratulate Rev. Keizer on his election as the chair of The National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (see Appendix I).
—Adopted
7. That synod gratefully acknowledge the willingness of congregations to release their pastors to serve in the United States and Canadian military (see Appendix I).
—Adopted
8. That synod gratefully acknowledge Dr. James Vanderlaan’s thirty-five years of service to the denomination, fourteen as the director of Disability Concerns.
—Adopted
9. That synod recognize Rev. Mark Stephenson’s three-year term-call appointment as the director of Disability Concerns.
—Adopted
10. That synod encourage our councils to address the pastoral concerns (e.g., inclusion into the congregation’s life, committees, and ministries, and so forth) of our disabled members as well as addressing architectural barriers (see Appendix J).
—Adopted
11. That synod commend Revs. Duane A. Visser and Norman Thomasma for their efforts to strengthen the structures that support pastors and congregations (see Appendix K).
—Adopted
12. That synod gratefully acknowledge the work of Rev. Esteban Lugo, the director of Race Relations (see Appendix L).
—Adopted
13. That synod encourage our churches, classes, and institutions to celebrate All Nations Heritage Week (September 25 through October 1, 2006) and to receive an offering for the ministry of Race Relations during that week (see Appendix L).
—Adopted
14. That synod gratefully acknowledge the work of Mr. Peter Vander Meulen, coordinator of the Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action (see Appendix M).
—Adopted
15. That synod encourage councils to challenge their members to participate in the Micah Challenge and related ONE and Make Poverty History

campaigns to assist in the alleviation of extreme poverty and hunger in our world (see Appendix M).

—Adopted

16. That synod gratefully acknowledge the work of Rev. Michael Bruinooge, the director of ministry planning (see Appendix N).

—Adopted

Rev. George F. Vander Weit leads in prayer for the work of the agencies.

II. Response to Overture 17: Appoint a Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Marriage and Family Institute

A. Materials: Overture 17, pp. 530-33

B. Background

Classis Quinte submitted essentially the same material to Synod 2005, asking synod to appoint a study committee to explore how our churches can best be assisted in developing resources to improve the relational health and nurture of marriage and family life (cf. *Agenda for Synod 2005*, pp. 575-77). Synod 2005 acknowledged “the deeply painful issues raised in the overture . . . and the paramount importance of addressing them” but referred “the overture back to Classis Quinte with the following suggestion: That any new overture provide a clear and specific mandate for a possible study committee; e.g., pertaining to marriage and family relationships” (*Acts of Synod 2005*, p. 736). Classis Quinte is asking Synod 2006 to “appoint a study committee that investigates the feasibility of establishing a denominational marriage and family institute” to research a number of topics, to promote a family and marriage culture, to train pastors and caregivers to assist with marriage and family difficulties, and to determine how such an institute would be funded (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 532).

Over the years, our denomination has produced a number of reports to guide our churches as they address the subject of marriage. Synod 1980 adopted a number of guidelines for the ministry of the church in matters of marriage, divorce, and remarriage that have been reproduced on pages 383-87 of the 2001 edition of the *Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government*. Numerous other resources (books, videos, workshops, and so forth) on the subjects mentioned in Overture 17 are already available to pastors and churches, and a number of Christian organizations, many of them Reformed, offer pre-marital counseling, marital enrichment, crisis counseling, and so forth. It is unlikely that a denominational institute would be able to offer more effective assistance in addressing these matters than what is already available to the churches or what churches in particular classes or regions are able to do locally.

C. Recommendation: That synod not accede to Overture 17.

Ground: It is unlikely that a denominational institute would be able to offer more effective assistance in addressing these matters than what is already available to the churches on a local or regional basis.

—Adopted

(The report of Advisory Committee 2 is continued in Article 76.)

ARTICLE 24

Advisory Committee 4, Publications, Rev. James A. Vander Slik reporting, presents the following:

CRC Publications

A. *Materials*

1. CRC Publications Report, pp. 174-94
2. CRC Publications Supplement

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to the following people when matters of CRC Publications are discussed:

For the board

Ms. Carrie Mulder, president

Mr. Sidney Couperus, vice president

Mr. Gary Mulder, director

For *The Banner*

Rev. Robert De Moor, editor in chief

For Faith Alive

Ms. Pat Nederveld, director

For the TNIV report

Rev. Carl Bosma, Old Testament

Dr. Emily Brink, chair

Dr. Jeffrey Weima, New Testament

—*Granted*

2. That synod designate the TNIV version of the Bible as acceptable for use in CRC worship services.

Grounds:

- a. The TNIV is very similar to the NIV, a version accepted earlier by synod for use in worship. The TNIV differs from the last revision of the NIV (1984) in approximately 7 percent of the text. Thus, about 93 percent of the text of the TNIV is identical to that of the NIV.
- b. The TNIV contains many important improvements over the NIV, as the fruit of the ongoing work by the International Bible Society.
- c. The TNIV uses gender-accurate language. Because gender-inclusive language has become the approved style in contemporary English and is the style taught in the schools, it is understandable that such a version is desirable for use in both curricular materials and in worship.
- d. While the committee agreed that many of the changes improved either the accuracy or the clarity of the translation, they also did prefer in some cases an alternate translation and were concerned about the lack of internal consistency in the translation of several key terms. Nevertheless, these preferences do not question the general acceptability of the TNIV.

- e. In addition to the request from CRC Publications, churches are asking for advice on this matter. Some of them have studied this matter for themselves and are already using the TNIV in worship. Other churches will wait for synod to decide whether it is acceptable for use in the churches.

Delegates spend time discussing the above recommendation. No decision is made at this time but taken up again later in the morning (Cf. Article 28).

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued in Article 26.)

ARTICLE 25

The president introduces Dr. Neal Plantinga and welcomes the candidates and their families. Dr. Plantinga introduces the following candidates who are present:

Beumer, Randy I.
Blystra, Nicholas A.
DeKlerk, Daryl J.
Gritter, Nathan Daniel
Hofman, Peter Thomas
Jensen, William Henry
Knetsch, Mark Adrian
Koning, Timothy
Kooy, Steven
Koster, Steven J.
Norris, Karen Lisa
Ochsner, Brian Lee

Renkema, Joel William
Schreurs, Joel David
Sweetman, Drew
te Brake, Kevin
Terpstra, Stephen Frederick
Toornstra, Robert Jason
Vanderveen, Julia Annette Prins
Vanderveen, Trevor G.
Vande Werken, Joel David
Wolma, Stephen James
Ypma, Sidney Alvin

Rev. Thea Leunk, chairperson of the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee addresses the candidates from Philippians 1:9-10.

The president of synod addresses the candidates, sharing that God himself will guide them and his Spirit will be powerful in their lives.

The executive director of the CRCNA leads in prayer for the candidates.

ARTICLE 26

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued from Article 24.)

Advisory Committee 4, Publications, Rev. James A. Vander Slik reporting, presents the following:

I. CRC Publications

A. *Materials*

1. CRC Publications Report, pp. 174-94
2. CRC Publications Supplement

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod recommend Friendship Ministries (United States) and Friendship Series Charities (Canada) to the churches for financial support for 2007.

—*Adopted*

2. That synod instruct the BOT to ensure that the liturgical forms and the installation forms for ministers, ministry associates, and officebearers are reviewed and updated as needed by CRC Publications so that they appropriately reflect current cultural, theological, biblical interpretation, and language usage in accordance with synodically approved guidelines.

Grounds:

- a. Regular updating of these forms is necessary in a changing world.
- b. CRC Publications has the staff and board expertise to ensure that this task will be carried out responsibly.
- c. Synod has already given local churches permission to adapt these forms if the adaptations conform to synodical guidelines.

—Adopted

3. That synod instruct the BOT to ensure that updated forms are posted on the CRCNA denominational website and/or other denominational worship site.

Ground: Posting these forms on the denominational website will help ensure that the updated forms are easily available and that people can easily provide input regarding needed changes.

—Adopted

II. Historical Committee

A. *Materials:* Historical Committee Report, pp. 257-63

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Dr. Richard H. Harms when matters pertaining to the Historical Committee's mandate come before synod.

—Granted

2. That synod by way of the ballot elect one candidate to the Historical Committee for a three-year term to replace Rev. Michael DeVries, who has served the maximum of two terms.

—Adopted

3. That synod stress to the local congregations that they diligently produce and keep minutes of the meetings of council, elders, and deacons; that synod emphasize that it is incumbent on retiring clerks to transfer to their successors all such records; and that newly appointed clerks make a specific effort to ensure that they receive a complete set of all minutes when they begin their term.

Ground: The committee notices that the frequency of individual congregations being unable to locate significant portions of these minutes (all absolutely necessary for both congregational and legal purposes) has risen from one or two per year to more than ten during the past year.

—Adopted

4. That synod urge congregations to contact the Archives before discarding any copies of minutes and noncurrent membership records in order that

existing gaps in the archival holdings may be filled. Further, that congregations regularly contact the Archives to determine whether it is time to microfilm minutes (typically once every ten years).

—Adopted

5. That synod remind the stated clerks of each classis that all the records of discontinued ministries be sent to the Archives for safekeeping.

—Adopted

6. That synod request that all classes add the Archives to their mailing lists (surface or electronic) as the most expedient means to prevent gaps from occurring in these records.

—Adopted

III. Sermons for Reading Services

A. *Materials*: Sermons for Reading Services Report, p. 308

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod approve the work of the committee and encourage the churches to avail themselves of the sermons for reading services on the CRCNA website.

—Adopted

2. That synod by way of the ballot approve the appointment of Rev. Richard J. deLange for a three-year term.

—Adopted

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued in Article 28.)

ARTICLE 27

Advisory Committee 5, Education, Rev. Aldon L. Kuiper reporting, presents the following:

I. Introduction

The advisory committee met with all the mission agencies of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and was encouraged by the scope and depth of mission activity carried on by the CRCNA throughout the world. It was also encouraged by a spirit of unity and cooperation among the agencies and a strong commitment among the agencies to work together in ways that develop a truly integrated mission strategy and program for the CRCNA.

II. Christian Reformed Home Missions

A. *Materials*: Christian Reformed Home Missions Report, pp. 195-210

B. *Observations*

In its report, Home Missions states, “The North American cultural landscape is changing, and, therefore Christian Reformed Home Missions, along with all CRC ministries, lives in metamorphosis.” In response to changes evident in cultural and social attitudes, Home Missions has made structural and strategy adjustments to better carry out its synodical mandate.

In a structural reorganization, the departments of new-church, established-church, and campus ministry are now brought together in the ministry development team. Rev. Willis (Bill) Van Groningen serves as ministry development director, Rev. Allen Likkel serves as ministry teams director, and Mr. Tom Bratt serves as ministry advancement director. The goal of this Home Missions reorganization is to strengthen the capacity of our churches for mission and church planting among people “where they are.”

As a strategy adjustment, Home Missions encourages mission-focused (established) churches to intentionally see themselves as congregations celebrating the outpouring of God’s grace through their daily ministries. Home Missions continues to work in placing campus ministries at the gateways of leadership in our culture in calling students at college to consider God’s mission in their own pursuits. Home Missions also understands that effective church planting strategy in its simplest form calls for churches to plant churches. This reflects Home Missions’ commitment to the principle that mission is always local, encouraged in partnerships of support and prayer.

Home Missions takes note that by God’s grace, the Christian Reformed Church has added more than fifty thousand persons through evangelism since 1990. Presently, Home Missions supports ninety-seven church plants and, this year, twelve ethnic and eight Anglo churches were added as new church plants.

C. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Dr. Mary Buteyn, Home Missions board president, Rev. John Rozeboom, Home Missions director, and Rev. Allen Likkel, Ministry Teams director, when matters pertaining to Home Missions are discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod encourage all Christian Reformed churches to recognize Easter Sunday and Reformation Day Sunday as significant opportunities to receive an offering for Christian Reformed Home Missions.

—*Adopted*

Rev. Vernon Vander Zee leads in prayer for elder delegate Javier Torres, recently appointed Hispanic regional director for CR Home Missions.

III. The Back to God Hour

A. Materials

1. The Back to God Hour Report, pp. 151-55
2. The Back to God Hour Supplement

B. Observations

We rejoice in the ways The Back to God Hour continues to touch the lives of people in the nations of the world as the gospel is proclaimed through the means of radio, television, telephone, and the Internet. We rejoice in hearing the stories of those who become followers of Jesus Christ as they respond to the proclamation of the gospel in their language.

Nevertheless, The Back to God Hour has experienced significant changes in the past year. First, the departure of Rev. David Feddes and Dr. Calvin Bremer

made it necessary to begin the search for executive leadership replacement. Second, in response to a study that addressed strategic ministry issues, The Back to God Hour decided to close the production of Primary Focus and relocate senior leadership to Grand Rapids.

In the midst of these changes, however, The Back to God Hour has not only demonstrated a deep commitment to its mission but has also been blessed with a renewed vision of its mission under the leadership of its recently appointed director, Rev. Robert Heerspink, and of Rev. Jimmy Lin who is serving as administrative director of the BTGH Palos Heights office and Chinese ministry director.

With joy and thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness, The Back to God Hour is looking to the future with great expectation. We give thanks to God for the work of Revs. Jimmy Lin and Robert Heerspink in leading the ministry of The Back to God Hour through a difficult year and for the sense of renewed vision they have helped to create, together with the board, in evaluating new ministries and delivery systems in proclaiming the gospel to the nations of the world.

The Back to God Hour's multilanguage ministries continue to bear fruit around the world. Exciting opportunities for enhanced media ministries are constantly emerging, especially in the area of English language broadcasting and ministry partnerships. New technologies and increasing global expansion of the English language provide The Back to God Hour with new ministry challenges and opportunities. As one door closes, God continues to open new ones for the mission of The Back to God Hour.

C. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Mr. Sybren Vander Zwaag, president; and Rev. Robert Heerspink, director of The Back to God Hour when Back to God Hour matters are discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect board members to serve from the nominations presented.

—*Adopted*

IV. Christian Reformed World Missions

A. Materials: Christian Reformed World Missions Report, pp. 211-29

B. Observations

We praise God and rejoice for the work of Christian Reformed World Missions among the nations of the world. They have been gracious in urging our churches to give their time, talent, and treasures in carrying out the Great Commission. They have been fruitful in their work of establishing a network of partner relationships and indigenous leadership in creating new opportunities to tell a dying world about the living God. They have been faithful in following the leading of the Holy Spirit in seeking new opportunities of leading our churches in a partnership of telling a broken world about God's redeeming and recreating work in our world.

Christian Reformed World Missions takes note of four events as "the wind of God's blessings" on our back: (1) the centenary of the Christian Reformed

Church of Nigeria celebrated on November 12, 2005; (2) the organization of the Covenant Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines in Tacloban among the Waray-Waray people in February 2005; (3) two emerging congregations developed by CRWM organized and joined the Reformed Church of Japan, and a third is planning to join in 2006; and (4) the dedication of the complete Bible in Bassa as a fruit of the partnership of World Missions with the Christian Education Foundation of Liberia.

C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Rev. John Tenyenhuis, president of World Missions-Canada; Ms. Joy Engelsman, president of World Missions-USA; and Dr. Gary Bekker, World Missions director, when synod deals with matters related to this agency.

—*Granted*

2. That synod elect by way of the printed ballot those slates of nominees presented for election to the board of World Missions.

—*Adopted*

3. That synod, along with the Board of Trustees, encourage all Christian Reformed churches to recognize Pentecost Sunday as a significant opportunity to pray for and take an offering for Christian Reformed World Missions.

—*Adopted*

V. **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee**

A. *Materials*: Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Report, pp. 230-45

B. *Observations*

Never before in the history of the CRWRC were there so many calls for disaster relief assistance, and never before was the compassion so evident as churches and people responded in reaching out to those in desperate need all over the world.

In its report, the work of CRWRC in its ministry programs demonstrates its commitment of working to involve churches in North America in disaster response services through community transformation and constituency development. The goal of CRWRC is to connect churches and people in building relationships with communities around the world that serve to create permanent, transformational change. We praise God for the ways CRWRC has helped the Christian Reformed Church in North America work for the “physical and spiritual transformation of communities at home and abroad in ways that build justice, dignity, and spiritual growth for everyone.”

God has blessed the ministry services of CRWRC in touching the lives of over three hundred thousand people who were able to see God’s love, and we are grateful for the way people and resources were made available in helping CRWRC carry out its ministries around the world. As CRWRC continues to respond to God’s call, we welcome Mrs. Ida Kaastra Mutoigo who now serves as director designate of CRWRC Canada.

C. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to the following: Ms. Mary Dengerink, president of CRWRC-U.S.A.; Mr. Jim Romahn, president of CRWRC-Canada; Ida Kaastra Mutoigo, director designate of CRWRC-Canada; and Mr. Andrew Ryskamp, director of CRWRC-U.S.A. when CRWRC matters are discussed and need to be addressed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod urge the churches to take at least four offerings per year in lieu of ministry-share support.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 5 is continued in Article 63.)

ARTICLE 28

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued from Article 26.)

Advisory Committee 4, Publications, Rev. James A. Vander Slik reporting, presents the following:

CRC Publications

A. Materials – Continuation of discussion in Article 24

B. Recommendation: That synod designate the TNIV version of the Bible as acceptable for use in CRC worship services.

Grounds:

- a. The TNIV is very similar to the NIV, a version accepted earlier by synod for use in worship. The TNIV differs from the last revision of the NIV (1984) in approximately 7 percent of the text. Thus, about 93 percent of the text of the TNIV is identical to that of the NIV.
- b. The TNIV contains many important improvements over the NIV, as the fruit of the ongoing work by the International Bible Society.
- c. The TNIV uses gender-accurate language. Because gender-inclusive language has become the approved style in contemporary English and is the style taught in the schools, it is understandable that such a version is desirable for use in both curricular materials and in worship.
- d. While the committee agreed that many of the changes improved either the accuracy or the clarity of the translation, they also did prefer in some cases an alternate translation and were concerned about the lack of internal consistency in the translation of several key terms. Nevertheless, these preferences do not question the general acceptability of the TNIV.
- e. In addition to the request from CRC Publications, churches are asking for advice on this matter. Some of them have studied this matter for themselves and are already using the TNIV in worship. Other churches will wait for synod to decide whether it is acceptable for use in the churches.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued in Article 31.)

ARTICLE 29

Rev. Pedro L. Toledo leads in closing prayer. The morning session is adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 13, 2006

Fifth Session

ARTICLE 30

Rev. Robert C. Heerspink, director of The Back to God Hour announces *Psalter Hymnal* 412, vs. 1, 3-5; “Jesus Shall Reign” and shares with delegates re the work of The Back to God Hour. He reads from Isaiah 55 and presents a video on The Back to God Hour. Rev. Heerspink introduces Rev. Paul Mpindi, the French-language ministry leader, who addresses synod. Rev. Heerspink leads in opening prayer.

ARTICLE 31

(The report of Advisory Committee 4 is continued from Article 28.)

Advisory Committee 4, Publications, Rev. James A. Vander Slik reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Overture 15: Declare the New Living Translation (NLT) Version of the Bible to Be Acceptable for Use in Worship Services in the Christian Reformed Church

A. *Materials:* Overture 15, pp. 520-26

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod not accede to this overture.

Ground: It has not been reviewed by a study committee.

—Adopted

2. That synod direct the Board of Trustees to establish a Translation Committee to review, study, and make recommendations regarding the use of new Bible translations in the churches.

Grounds:

- a. There are many new Bible translations being produced today. CRC Publications has independently convened an ad hoc committee to study one of those translations, the TNIV. This committee provided a good evaluation of the TNIV, and a Translation Committee could do the same with other new translations.
- b. With so many translations being produced and used, churches have and are likely to overture synod regarding these translations. A Translation Committee would be proactive in providing review, study, and recommendations regarding current and future translations.

—Adopted

II. First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee

A. *Materials*: First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee Report, pp. 455-62

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Dr. Wayne Brouwer (chair) and Dr. William Koopmans (reporter) when this matter is being discussed.
—*Granted*
2. That synod affirm First Toronto CRC in their “resolve to acknowledge the CRC guidelines with respect to homosexuality as the current position of our denomination” and their agreement “to tailor its ministry accordingly,” and we encourage First Toronto CRC to diligently seek to understand and implement those guidelines in their ministry setting.
—*Adopted*

The following negative vote is registered by a delegate: Rev. C.J. den Dulk (Grand Rapids North).

3. That synod encourage Classis Toronto to continue to provide support to First Toronto CRC in their efforts “to tailor its ministry” according to denominational guidelines for same-gender relationships and to provide accountability as they do so.

Grounds:

- a. First Toronto CRC has a sincere and admirable desire to minister compassionately to its members who experience same-gender attraction, and they have committed themselves to do so within denominational guidelines, yet this has been a struggle for them. For this reason it is appropriate for Classis Toronto to offer them both support and accountability in the gentle and humble spirit described in Galatians 6:1.
- b. It is the responsibility of classis to offer such support and accountability to one of its member churches, not that of synod or another jurisdictional body.
—*Adopted*
4. That synod approve the work of the First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee in conjunction with the actions of Classis Toronto in response to the matter of First Toronto CRC’s position regarding persons living in committed same-sex relationships.
—*Adopted*
5. That synod declare this to be its answer to previous overtures and communications with respect to First Toronto CRC’s position regarding persons living in committed same-sex relationships.

Grounds:

- a. The council of First Toronto CRC has presented a signed statement to Classis Toronto indicating that it will be guided by the position of the denomination in dealing with members with same-gender attraction.
- b. Classis Toronto, with the concurrence of the First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee, has accepted the signed statement from the council

of First Toronto CRC as fulfillment of conditions required to remain with integrity and good faith within the denomination.

—*Adopted*

6. That synod express appreciation to Classis Toronto and to the Council of First Toronto CRC for the manner in which this issue has been addressed.

—*Adopted*

7. That synod declare the work of the First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee to be completed.

—*Adopted*

III. Response to Communications 6 and 7

A. Materials

1. Communication 6, pp. 550-57
2. Communication 7, pp. 557-59

B. Recommendation: That synod receive these communications as information.

—*Adopted*

Note: The advisory committee took into consideration the above communications with regard to our deliberation.

Rev. James A. Vander Slik leads in prayer for the work of the First Toronto CRC In Loco Committee and the members of First Toronto CRC, its pastor, and Classis Toronto.

ARTICLE 32

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services I, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Polity sections II, A, 1-5, 8-11, 13, 16-17, 19-20; including Appendices E and G; pp. 21-28, 50-54, 64-70)
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Sections I, A-E, G, I-L, and II, D; including Appendix A)

B. Recommendations: Regarding the appointment of Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra:

1. That synod interview Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra for the position of executive director of the CRCNA.

—*Adopted*

2. That synod appoint Rev. Jack Gray to interview Rev. Dykstra in the presence of the entire synodical delegation.

—*Adopted*

3. That synod, subject to a satisfactory interview, appoint the Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra to the position of executive director of the CRCNA effective July 1, 2006 (BOT Supplement section I, I).

Grounds:

- a. Rev. Dykstra possesses the gifts and qualifications to serve in this office.
- b. Rev. Dykstra has demonstrated his leadership ability in a variety of settings.
- c. Rev. Dykstra has indicated his willingness to serve the CRC in this position.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 35.)

ARTICLE 33

Advisory Committee 6, Finance, elder delegate Melvin C. Vander Bie reporting, presents the following:

I. CRC Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.

A. *Materials:* CRC Loan Fund, Inc., U.S. Report, pp. 246-47

B. Recommendations

1. That the Loan Fund's director, or any members of the board of directors of the Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., be given the privilege of the floor when matters pertaining to the Loan Fund are discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod elect two board members from the nominees provided to serve on the board of directors of the Christian Reformed Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.

—*Adopted*

II. Pensions and Insurance

A. *Materials:* Pensions and Insurance Report including Appendix, pp. 248-56

B. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to members of the Canadian Pension Trustees and of the U.S. Board of Pensions and to Mr. John H. Bolt when insurance matters and matters pertaining to pension plans for ministers and employees are discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod designate up to 100 percent of a minister's early or normal retirement pension or disability pension for 2007 as housing allowance for United States income-tax purposes (IRS Ruling 1.107-1) but only to the extent that the pension is used to rent or provide a home.

—*Adopted*

3. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members for the U.S. Board of Pensions and for the Canadian Pension Trustees from the nominees presented.

—Adopted

4. That synod receive for information the following pension board matters:
 - a. The Board of Trustees took note of the average salary survey data for 2006 being \$42,429 in the United States and \$46,451 in Canada. Because the *final* average salary used for pension computation is based on a three-year rolling average (2004, 2005, and 2006), the pension computation for persons retiring in 2006 will be based on \$41,929 for U.S.-based service and \$45,099 for Canadian-based service.
 - b. The Board of Trustees endorsed the Pension Trustees recommendation that the 2007 per-member assessment for the Canadian Plan be set at \$29.52 and that the Canadian per-participant assessment be set at \$7,384. Similarly, the 2007 per-member assessment for the U.S. Plan be set at \$25.56 and the U.S. per-participant assessment be set at \$5,776.

—Adopted

III. Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Sections I, C; II, A, 12; and Appendices D and O); pp. 20, 25-26, 43-48, 115-48
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Section II, B and Appendix B)
3. *Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement*

B. Recommendations

1. That synod receive as information the condensed financial statements for the agencies and educational institutions (see Appendix O).

—Adopted

2. That synod receive the agencies and institutional budgets as information and approve a ministry share of \$289.88 for calendar year 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 2).

—Adopted

(The report of Advisory Committee 6 is continued in Article 36.)

ARTICLE 34

The ED introduces elder delegate Chris Stoffel Overvoorde, artist of the sesquicentennial painting, who proceeds to unveil the painting and read the artist statement to the assembly.

The president leads in prayer for the denomination.

ARTICLE 35

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 32.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services I, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

Sesquicentennial Committee (150th Anniversary Committee)

A. *Materials*: Sesquicentennial Committee Report, pp. 309-11

B. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Ms. Darlene Meyering, chairperson; Dr. Richard Harms, secretary; and Dr. Peter Borgdorff when the report of the Sesquicentennial Committee is discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod approve the work of the committee.

—*Adopted*

Ms. Darlene Meyering, chairperson of the Sesquicentennial Committee, addresses delegates on the work and planning being done by the committee.

3. That synod endorse the \$5 million endowment campaign for the establishment of an Institute for Christian Leadership as a sesquicentennial gift to the CRC and encourage the churches to contribute with not less than two offerings during 2007.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 37.)

ARTICLE 36

(The report of Advisory Committee 6 is continued from Article 33.)

Advisory Committee 6, Finance, elder delegate Melvin C. Vander Bie reporting, presents the following:

I. Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Sections I, C; II, A, 12; and Appendices D and O); pp. 20, 25-26, 43-48, 115-48
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Section II, B and Appendix B)
3. *Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement*

B. Recommendations

1. That synod adopt the following recommendations with reference to agencies requesting to be placed on the recommended-for-offerings list:
 - a. That synod approve the list of above-ministry share and specially designated offerings for the agencies and institutions of the CRC and recommend these to the churches for consideration (BOT Supplement section II, B, 3).
 - b. That synod receive as information the list of nondenominational agencies, previously accredited, that have been approved for calendar year 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 4).

—*Adopted*

—*Adopted*

- c. That synod deny the following new requests for inclusion on the list of accredited nondenominational agencies (BOT Supplement section II, B, 5):

1) Salt Lake City Theological Seminary

Ground: Salt Lake City Theological Seminary is a regional cause. Support can be requested from the nearby classes.

Note: A late communication was received from First CRC, Salt Lake City, asking the advisory committee to reconsider the decision of the BOT. The appeal was reviewed and discussed with no change being made by the advisory committee to the recommendation made by the BOT.

—Adopted

2) Leadership Resources

Ground: Leadership Resources overlaps in some places with the ministry of Christian Reformed World Missions.

—Adopted

3) Open Doors

Ground: Open Doors is not a CRC constituency-related ministry.

—Adopted

2. That synod receive as information the decision of the BOT with reference to stated supply compensation for 2007 (BOT Supplement section II, B, 6).

—Adopted

3. That synod adopt the denominational salary grid for senior positions as proposed (BOT Supplement section II, B, 7).

—Adopted

4. That synod encourage the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees to consider affordability of seminary tuition as it works to attract our gifted students.

—Adopted

5. That synod encourage the BOT to evaluate our future funding allocations in an effort to provide more funds for outreach ministries.

The advisory committee on financial matters, having spent some time reviewing the financial details of each of our agencies and denominational support organizations, is thankful for the wonderful work these agencies do for our denomination. We praise God for these people and agencies and their dedication in moving forward God's kingdom. In its deliberations, the advisory committee on financial matters has observed some overall trends it wishes to bring to synod's attention.

We see a decline in the allocations of resources, particularly ministry shares, away from outreach ministries while administration, service, and education are increasing. Outreach and related ministries are a vital part of our church.

—Adopted

6. That synod commend and encourage the BOT in their creation of a coordinated development strategy for increasing revenue.

—*Adopted*

7. That synod encourage the BOT to investigate strategies that improve contribution of requested ministry shares.

The advisory committee notes that many churches continue to pay well below their full ministry shares.

—*Adopted*

II. Response to Overture 9: Establish an Exemption Re Ministers' Pension Fund

A. Materials: Overture 9, p. 487

B. Recommendation: That synod defer action on Overture 9 and refer it to the appropriate pension trustees to implement the procedure requested in the overture if possible.

Grounds:

1. The advisory committee supports the overture out of a concern for fairness and equity.
2. Refer to Rules for Synodical Procedure, section VI, G.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 37

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 35.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services I, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Polity sections II, A, 1-5, 8-11, 13, 16-17, 19-20; including Appendices E and G; pp. 21-28, 50-54, 64-70)
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Sections I, A-E, G, I-L, and II, D; including Appendix A)

B. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Rev. W. Wayne Leys, chairman of the Board; Dr. Peter Borgdorff, executive director; and members of the executive staff as needed when matters pertaining to the Board of Trustees are discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That one of the officers of synod offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. David H. Engelhard's service as general secretary from 1994 to 2005. Furthermore, that synod adopt the following resolution and communicate it to Mrs. Jeanne Engelhard and her family:

The synod of the Christian Reformed Church, gathered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10-16, 2006, expresses its gratitude to the Lord for the service of Dr. David H. Engelhard, and to his family for sharing in David's life and ministry during his years of service. The members of synod express their Christian empathy and condolences to the Engelhard family for the passing from this life of Dr. Engelhard December 22, 2005. May the God of all comfort sustain and encourage you.

—Adopted

Rev. David Koll leads in prayer for Dr. David H. Engelhard's service to the CRC and for his family.

3. That synod approve the interim appointments made by the Board to the agency boards and as synodical deputies (II, A, 1; BOT Supplement section I, A).

—Adopted

4. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members for the Board of Trustees from the slate of nominees presented (II, A, 5).

—Adopted

5. That synod by way of the printed ballot ratify the reelection of members for the Board of Trustees from the slate of nominees presented (II, A, 5).

—Adopted

6. That synod adopt the recommendations of the BOT re the membership count report (II, A, 13) as follows:

- a. That the following be added to the current hardship policy in the *Denominational Ministry Shares, Offerings, and Other Financial Information*:

- e. A significant number of professing members in military service or other commissioned services.
- f. A significant number of professing members who have moved to localities where there is no Christian Reformed church and have requested that their membership be retained in the church of their former residence" or in "the nearest Christian Reformed church" (Church Order Article 67).

—Adopted

- b. That the following be added to the current Ministry Share Policies section in the *Denominational Ministry Shares, Offerings, and Other Financial Information*:

That synod remind the churches of the definition of *inactive* membership adopted by Synod 1998 as cited above and judged by Synod 1999 to be sufficiently clear and of the fact that this definition is included annually on the *Yearbook* reporting form.

—Adopted

- c. That the following be added as a conclusion to the current policies listed in the *Denominational Ministry Shares, Offerings, and Other Financial Information*:

In reporting membership counts, churches are encouraged to follow the current policies and definitions as indicated above and to make faithful use of the appropriate guidelines in place with respect to hardship and inactive member categories. Prior to mailing the membership count to the yearbook, the count shall be ratified by the full council. Churches are reminded that our unique system of ministry share contributions is entirely dependent on mutual trust and accountability, on honesty, on forthrightness, and on equity for all.

—Adopted

7. That synod *not* adopt the recommendation of the Board of Trustees re membership count as stated in the BOT report Appendix E, p. 54, as follows:

That synod request that the following be added to the current conclusion in the *Denominational Ministry Shares, Offerings, and Other Financial Information*: “That synod declare that with respect to the count of inactive members only those numbers will be so recorded in the *Yearbook* that have been presented to and approved by a church’s classis at its fall meeting. The stated clerk of each classis shall communicate to the executive director of the CRC by November 1 of each year. It is understood that these approved numbers are deemed accurate for the purposes of the Minister’s Pension Fund, classical ministry shares, and denominational ministry shares.”

Grounds:

- a. This plan would not make an appreciable improvement in the accuracy of counting members, and therefore does not warrant adding this procedure to the work of classes.
- b. Increased accuracy in counting members will not increase ministry share receipts. Past ministry share receipts are a better guide for setting budgets.

—Adopted

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 42.)

ARTICLE 38

Rev. Derek Van Dalen leads in closing prayer. The afternoon session is adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING, June 13, 2006 Sixth Session

ARTICLE 39

Elder delegate Chris Kostelansky reads from Isaiah 41:9-10 and leads in opening prayer. He announces *Psalter Hymnal* 500, “How Firm a Foundation.”

ARTICLE 40

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued from Article 22.)

Advisory Committee 3, Education, Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels reporting, presents the following:

Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee

A. *Materials*

1. Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee Report including Appendix, pp. 312-61
2. Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee Supplement

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Rev. Thea Leunk, Rev. Shawn Brix, and Dr. Peter Borgdorff when the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee report is discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod approve the mandate for the SMCC as first developed by the Board of Trustees in September 2004 with the following addition (in italics) after the second item:

Establish, with the approval of synod, standards that will result in consistency, fairness, and justice in applying the denomination's requirements for each person who desires to become a minister of the Word in the CRC, whether applying under Articles 6, 7, or 8 of the Church Order, or who desires to be a ministry associate applying under Article 23.

Grounds:

- a. A systemic address to ministerial leadership guidelines in the CRCNA requires that such matters as are covered in Article 23 as well as in Articles 6, 7, and 8 be addressed under the supervision of one committee as was recognized by previous synods in their decisions to deal with these matters in the same study committee.
 - b. Confusion and inequity exist in the application of these standards relative to Article 23.
3. That synod reaffirm the standards (character, knowledge, and skill) as well as approve the functions assigned to the SMCC and detailed in the Appendix to the SMCC report.
 4. That synod receive as information the sections of the manual that describe the functions of the church council and the classis in the candidacy process as detailed in the Appendix.

—*Adopted*

—*Adopted*

—*Adopted*

5. That synod require participation in a modified EPMC program by all persons seeking candidacy in the CRC by means of Church Order Article 7 or 8. Exceptions to this requirement could only be granted by the SMCC.

Grounds:

- a. The SMCC wishes to affirm Synod 2004's desire that standards for ordination to the ministry of the Word be maintained. The Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) EPMC program clearly reflects those standards.
- b. The SMCC will work with CTS to adapt the EPMC program to be appropriate for a wide range of persons seeking ordination through Article 7 or 8.
- c. The denomination has a strong interest in every CRC minister of the Word having a minimum orientation to CRC church history, CRC polity, Reformed theology, and Reformed hermeneutics as that is taught at the seminary of the denomination.
- d. Article 7 and 8 candidates who demonstrate an inability to fulfill the EPMC residency requirements may, by way of exception, be granted the opportunity by the SMCC to complete the program through a number of alternative means, including, for example, on-line courses, mentor-supported learning contracts, regional educational strategies, and contextually shaped learning opportunities.

—Adopted

6. That synod withdraw the assignment that the SMCC develop licensing to exhort guidelines for administrative personnel as instructed by Synod 2005.

Grounds:

- a. Historically, licensure has been granted to individuals based on the need of churches and not based on the need or desire of an agency of the church.
- b. The CRC has a longstanding principle and practice of "guarding the pulpit," and the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee believes that both this principle and the practice ought to be maintained.
- c. Nonordained administrative personnel normally would have no training in exhorting, homiletics, or biblical studies.
- d. The Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee was unable to develop or deduce a meaningful rationale for the statement of Synod 2005: "That synod permit agency personnel who might legitimately be called upon to exhort in CRC churches. . . ."

—Adopted

7. That the SMCC be authorized to incorporate all regulations that govern the candidacy and licensure process into the SMCC Manual, including such as are presently located in the Church Order Supplement, and that the Board of Trustees be authorized to approve the required editorial changes in the Church Order and its Supplements that result from this action.

—Adopted

8. That synod by way of the printed ballot elect members for the SMCC from the nominees presented.

—Adopted

9. That synod approve the proposed designated terms of membership of the SMCC members.

Dr. Al Wolters (2012)
Henry Jonker (2011) (one year beyond the two-term limit)
Thea Leunk (2010)
Jay Shim (2010)
Annalee Ward (2009)
Rudy Gonzalez (2009)
Emmett Harrison (2008)
Roy Berkenbosch (2007)
Norman De Graaf (2007)
Peter Borgdorff (ex officio for the ED)
Duane Kelderman (ex officio as the Calvin Seminary representative)
Paul Bremer (nonvoting committee staff)

Note: Synod 2004 appointed the present membership of the SMCC for a three-year term. This rotation schedule is proposed so that continuity on the committee can be assured.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued in Article 62.)

ARTICLE 41

Rev. Robert C. Heerspink addresses synod re his appointment to the position of director of The Back to God Hour.

Ms. Ida Kaastra Mutiogo addresses synod re her appointment to the position of director of CRWRC-Canada.

ARTICLE 42

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 37.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services I, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Polity sections II, A, 1-5, 8-11, 13, 16-17, 19-20; including Appendices E and G; pp. 21-28, 50-54, 64-70)
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Sections I, A-E, G, I-L, and II, D; including Appendix A)

B. Recommendation: That synod proceed according to the procedure already adopted (see Article 32) and, subject to a satisfactory interview, appoint the Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra to the position of executive director of the CRCNA effective July 1, 2006 (BOT Supplement section I, I).

Grounds:

- a. Rev. Dykstra possesses the gifts and qualifications to serve in this office.
- b. Rev. Dykstra has demonstrated his leadership ability in a variety of settings.
- c. Rev. Dykstra has indicated his willingness to serve the CRC in this position.

—Adopted

Reverend Jack Gray conducts the interview followed by questions from the floor. Upon the completion of the interview, the motion to appoint the Reverend Gerard L. Dykstra as the executive director of the CRCNA effective July 1, 2006, is unanimously passed.

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 58.)

ARTICLE 43

The president announces *Psalter Hymnal* 573, “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.” Rev. Bruce Adema, director of Canadian ministries; woman adviser Jane Vander Haagen; Dr. Duane Kelderman; and Dr. Peter Borgdorff lead in prayer for Rev. and Mrs. Dykstra. The evening session is adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 14, 2006
Seventh Session

ARTICLE 44

Elder delegate John Szto announces *Psalter Hymnal* 540, vs. 1, 2, and 5; “In Christ There Is No East or West” and sings a variation of the Lord’s Prayer. He leads in a litany of prayer and reads from Psalm 19:1-14 and 2 Timothy 4:1-8. Mr. Szto leads in a litany affirming our faith and closes with singing of the doxology.

The roll call indicates that Rev. Dan A. Gritter (Grand Rapids South) is absent.

Alternate Curtis A. Walters (Grand Rapids South) has replaced Rev. Dan A. Gritter.

ARTICLE 45

Advisory Committee 7, Interdenominational Matters, Rev. Peter Slofstra reporting, presents the following:

I. Interchurch Relations Committee

A. Materials

1. Interchurch Relations Committee Report (including Appendices A through D), pp. 264-307
2. Interchurch Relations Committee Supplement

B. Recommendations

1. That Dr. Philip De Jonge (vice president), Dr. James Payton, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, and members of the IRC subcommittee re Q. and A. 80 be given the privilege of the floor when matters relating to the IRC are being discussed.

—*Granted*

2. That synod note with gratitude and appreciation the proposal to form the World Reformed Communion (WRC) as advanced by the WARC and REC cooperation committee.

Grounds:

- a. The unity of the church, especially those in the Reformed tradition, is enhanced by this development.
- b. Uniting together is a better testimony to the world than remaining separate.
- c. The confessional basis proposed for the World Reformed Communion will be inviting for others to join the new organization.
- d. The basis for the World Reformed Communion is consistent with the confessional basis of the CRC in that WRC will be based on “the Word of the triune God, incarnated in Jesus Christ, the foundation of the Church, and written in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. This communion embodies the Reformed identity articulated in the historic Reformed confessions and continued in the life and witness of the Reformed community.”
- e. In times of financial constraint, combining the witness of WARC and REC is responsible financial stewardship.

—*Adopted*

3. That the CRC retain Q. and A. 80 as part of its text of the Heidelberg Catechism (Appendix A).

Observations: The advisory committee appreciates the work of the IRC as well as the work put into Overtures 10, 11, and 12. The committee approached the issue with a desire to make clear the historical struggle that explains the strong tone of Q. and A. 80, an interest in respecting the integrity of the original text, and a pastoral concern for our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church.

Grounds:

- a. It preserves the integrity of the Heidelberg Catechism as a historical document in the form in which it has been held as a confession in the CRC.
- b. It keeps intact the text of the catechism used as a form of unity by other denominations in the Reformed family of churches.
- c. It can function as a warning against any teachings, attitudes, and practices related to the Eucharist that deny the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ or contribute to idolatrous worship.

—*Adopted*

4. That in the future, printings of the CRC’s text of the Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 be placed in square brackets (Appendix A).

Grounds:

- a. Q. and A. 80 does not accurately represent either official Roman Catholic teaching about the Mass or contemporary liturgical practice that is in accordance with that teaching.
- b. Synod 2004 declared that “Q. and A. 80 can no longer be held in its current form as part of our confession.”
- c. This helps to identify Q. and A. 80 as a part of the Heidelberg Catechism to which members of the CRC are no longer required to subscribe.
- d. This allows us to be pastorally sensitive to our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church.

—*Tabled*

(Recommendation 4 is tabled in order that delegates can address Recommendation 5.)

5. That in future printings of the CRC’s text of the Heidelberg Catechism, the following italicized note be placed *above* the bracketed text of Q. and A. 80 (Appendix A):

Q. and A. 80 was altogether absent from the first German edition of the Heidelberg Catechism (January 1563) but appeared in a shorter form in the second German edition (March 1563). The translation below is of the expanded text of the third German edition (ca. April 1563). Its strong tone reflects the setting in which the Catechism was written.

At the request of Synod 1998, the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee conducted a study of Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Mass. The study, which included discussions with Roman Catholic bishops and theologians from the United States and Canada, concluded that “when the Eucharist is celebrated as approved by the Roman Catholic church, it does not deny” the one suffering and sacrifice of Christ nor “constitute idolatry” (Agenda for Synod 2004, p. 304). Q. and A. 80 is printed here so that the full historical text of the Catechism is available to the reader and so that the text continues to call attention to the dangers of idolatry and of the denial of the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ in any celebration of the Supper of the Lord. The text has been placed in brackets, however, to indicate that members of the CRC are no longer required to recognize Q. and A. 80 as part of their common confession of faith.

Grounds:

- a. This note is in keeping with the decision of Synod 2004: “Q. and A. 80 can no longer be held in its current form as part of our confession.”
- b. This note conveys both the reason for placing Q. and A. 80 in brackets and the reason for retaining (rather than deleting) the Q. and A. 80 text.
- c. This note captures the key findings of the extensive and thorough study process.
- d. This note corresponds to the gravity of the charges that Q. and A. 80 levels.
- e. This note honors the conversations with Catholic representatives that confirm the reports’ findings.

- f. This note exemplifies the clarity and forthrightness that are the pedagogical hallmarks of the Heidelberg Catechism itself.

Delegates spend time discussing the above recommendation. No decision is made at this time, but it will be taken up again later in the day.

(The report of Advisory Committee 7 is continued in Article 50.)

ARTICLE 46

The ED introduces Rev. Henk DeWaard, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, who addresses synod. The vice president responds.

The ED introduces Rev. Nefefe Mbulaheni Silas, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Churches of South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod), who addresses synod. The president responds.

The ED introduces Mr. Steven P. Weber, fraternal delegate from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who addresses synod. The vice president responds.

The ED introduces Prof. Andries le R. du Plooy and Dr. Douw Breed, fraternal delegates from the Reformed Churches of South Africa. Prof. du Plooy addresses synod. The first clerk responds.

The ED introduces Rev. Doug Fromm, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in America, who addresses synod. The second clerk responds.

ARTICLE 47

Rev. David Zylstra leads in closing prayer. The morning session adjourns at 11:58 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 14, 2006

Eighth Session

ARTICLE 48

Mr. Andy Ryskamp, director of CRWRC-U.S.A., acknowledges CRWRC staff present and leads in opening prayer from Psalm 117. He announces *Psalter Hymnal* 483, "How Great Thou Art" and shares with delegates the work of CRWRC.

Ms. Ida Kaastra Mutoigo, director of CRWRC-Canada, shares a success story that is a result of training by CRWRC staff.

Mr. Ryskamp leads in prayer and announces *Psalter Hymnal* 410, "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

ARTICLE 49

The ED introduces Rev. Chuck Jacob, fraternal delegate from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, who addresses synod. The president responds.

The ED introduces Rev. Bruce Adema who addresses the delegates re his recent appointment as director of Canadian ministries.

ARTICLE 50

(The report of Advisory Committee 7 is continued from Article 45.)

Advisory Committee 7, Interdenominational Matters, Rev. Peter Slofstra reporting, presents the following:

Interchurch Relations Committee

A. Materials

1. Interchurch Relations Committee Report (including Appendices A through D), pp. 264-307
2. Interchurch Relations Committee Supplement

B. *Recommendation*: That in future printings of the CRC's text of the Heidelberg Catechism, the following italicized note be placed *above* the bracketed text of Q. and A. 80 (Appendix A):

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Grounds:

- a. This note is in keeping with the decision of Synod 2004: "Q. and A. 80 can no longer be held in its current form as part of our confession."
- b. This note conveys both the reason for placing Q. and A. 80 in brackets and the reason for retaining (rather than deleting) the Q. and A. 80 text.
- c. This note captures the key findings of the extensive and thorough study process.
- d. This note corresponds to the gravity of the charges that Q. and A. 80 levels.
- e. This note honors the conversations with Catholic representatives that confirm the reports' findings.

- f. This note exemplifies the clarity and forthrightness that are the pedagogical hallmarks of the Heidelberg Catechism itself.

—*Recommitted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 7 is continued in Article 61.)

ARTICLE 51

Advisory Committee 9, War and Peace, Rev. John W. Medendorp reporting, presents the following:

Committee to Study War and Peace

A. *Materials:* Committee to Study War and Peace Report including Appendices, pp. 381-452

B. *Observations*

“There is . . . a time for war and a time for peace” (Eccl. 3:12). What time is it? We receive the Study Committee Report on War and Peace during a time of conflict and war. We receive this report on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers and a recent break-up of an alleged terrorist cell in Canada. The report will be read in light of the world events that have caused and will continue to cause discussion and debate on the actions and policies of governments, political parties, and government leaders.

The church joins this discussion in its prophetic role as a spokesperson for peace and justice and also stands apart to clearly articulate that everlasting peace is possible only when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2:10, 11).

The members of this advisory committee would articulate that we did not speak with one voice in agreeing or disagreeing with each and every line of the report. Nevertheless, we did find that our discordant voices came to speak in harmony as to the revised recommendations to the study report that we are now submitting. We strove to issue recommendations that address our current situation while not being bound by it. We would, therefore, encourage the delegates to consider the recommendations that we are submitting to synod in their own right.

Although some members of the committee expressed deep reservations and others were very supportive of the study report, we all felt it incumbent upon us, the church at this critical juncture in history, to speak a word of peace to the nations. We refer the report to the churches for study, debate, discussion, and prayerful reflection. It is a report that, once again, will be read in light of current events, but the report also contains certain challenges and perspectives that will help guide our study, debate, discussion, and prayer in the future.

The committee would like to call one important matter to the attention of the delegates in the reading of the following recommendations. The committee felt that the word *peace* was used somewhat ambiguously in the study report, encompassing both the redemptive and the sociopolitical aspects of peace. In our revised recommendations we have attempted to use the words *peace* and *peace-making* exclusively in the sociopolitical sense while reserving the word *shalom* for the redemptive sense.

We also invite and encourage the churches to recall other study reports on this topic as background for the current discussion (see Committee to Study War and Peace, section V, E, pp. 394-97, for references). As discussion of these important issues stimulates our life together, may we be mindful that we approach this matter as part of the church whose voices are united when we sing:

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
His Kingdom is at hand.
From pole to pole let warfare cease
And Christ rule every land!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For you have died for me.
Your praise shall never, never fail
Through all eternity.

C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Rev. Carl Kammeraad, chairman; Rev. Herman Keizer, Jr., reporter; and Dr. James Skillen, member of the study committee.

—*Granted*

2. That synod urge the Christian Reformed Church, through assemblies, congregations, and agencies to affirm the gospel's call to Christians to be agents of shalom in a broken world and to encourage members to take specific and intentional steps to fulfill this calling, including the following:
 - a. That synod acknowledge and affirm the content of previous synodical statements on war and peace and commend them to the churches as background to this current report.
 - b. That synod express appreciation for branches of the Christian church for work being done to make peace with justice a strong vocation and seek to work more closely with them, where possible, to enhance a collective impact and learn from one another.
 - c. That synod urge our congregations and assemblies to make our calling to be agents of shalom a matter of attention, including both prayers and biblically informed actions for peace that deepen our understanding of the implications of our Christian calling and its applications in all areas of life.
 - d. That synod urge our congregations and assemblies to set aside time for prayerful reflection on, and discussion of, our responsibility as peacemakers and agents of shalom.
 - e. That synod urge our congregations and assemblies to pray for guidance for the leaders of nations to establish just governance, maintain peace, strengthen international cooperation, and prevent conflict.
 - f. That synod urge our congregations and assemblies to commend and pray for the safety and well-being of all peacemakers, including those

who serve in our armed forces and those who participate in nongovernmental missions of peace and reconciliation.

- g. That synod urge our church members and assemblies to participate actively in building cultures of peace at all levels of society where we individually and collectively have influence; for example, participating in government and the political process, supporting nonviolent conflict resolution, strengthening respect for human rights, and opposing increasing militarization and other tendencies when they threaten peace and justice.

—Adopted

3. That synod acknowledge the pressing pastoral concern (see section IX, B, Committee to Study War and Peace, p. 414) and direct the Board of Trustees to encourage CRC Publications to partner with pastoral care experts to make available materials to assist churches in ministering to members and their families who are contemplating entering or serving in the military, as well as to veterans in their congregations.

—Adopted

4. That synod acknowledge the challenge of accomplishing peace with justice and urge the agencies and offices of the Christian Reformed Church and Reformed institutions of higher education to educate our members, especially our children and youth, on these issues; to work toward peace with justice; and to inform the Board of Trustees and the congregations of the Christian Reformed Church of their work.

—Adopted

5. That synod encourage congregations to urge their members to exercise responsible citizenship by calling upon the governments of the United States and Canada to expand efforts in their calling to be agents of peace with justice through good governing. Topics for their consideration and study could include:

- a. Alternatives to war so that military force is the last resort,
- b. Alternative ideas on national security,
- c. Analysis of budget allocations for military and nonmilitary interventions,
- d. The development of postwar military doctrine for justice and peace that includes postwar conditions (*post bello*),
- e. Arms production and sales, and
- f. The militarization of space.

—Adopted

6. That synod acknowledge that the call for shalom in a broken world goes beyond any one nation's borders and urge the agencies and members of the CRC to promote and actively engage in international initiatives for building peace with justice.

—Adopted

7. That synod approve the following moral statements and direct the executive director to communicate these moral concerns to the U.S. and Canadian governments:

- a. Moral clarity requires a careful distinction between preemptive and preventive military actions.
- b. Preventive military actions, actions initiated by a government against an adversary who *may* pose a serious threat at some future date, is inconsistent with the moral standards expressed in the just-war criteria of just cause and last resort.
- c. Preemptive military actions, actions initiated by a government against an adversary who *will* pose a serious threat at some future date, need to be justified under the moral standards expressed in the just-war criterion of the right to resort to force.

Delegates spend time discussing Recommendation 7. No decision is made at this time, but discussion will resume in the evening.

(The report of Advisory Committee 9 is continued in Article 54.)

ARTICLE 52

The chair introduces Rev. Wes Granberg-Michaelson, general secretary of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), who pays tribute to Dr. Peter Borgdorff for the contributions that he has made as ED for the relations between the RCA and the CRC.

Rev. Roy Palavicini leads in the singing of "You Are Just," and the vice president leads in closing prayer. The afternoon session is adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 14, 2006

Ninth Session

ARTICLE 53

Ethnic adviser Yatta Foryoh leads in opening prayer taken from 2 Timothy 3:16-17. She announces "At the Cross" and "There Is Power in the Blood."

ARTICLE 54

(The report of Advisory Committee 9 is continued from Article 51.)

Advisory Committee 9, War and Peace, Rev. John W. Medendorp reporting, presents the following:

I. Committee to Study War and Peace

A. *Materials*: Committee to Study War and Peace Report including Appendices, pp. 381-452

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod approve the following moral statements and direct the executive director to communicate these moral concerns to the U.S. and Canadian governments:

- a. Moral clarity requires a careful distinction between preemptive and preventive military actions.
- b. Preventive military actions, actions initiated by a government against an adversary who *may* pose a serious threat at some future date, is inconsistent with the moral standards expressed in the just-war criteria of just cause and last resort.
- c. Preemptive military actions, actions initiated by a government against an adversary who *will* pose a serious threat at some future date, need to be justified under the moral standards expressed in the just-war criterion of the right to resort to force.

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Curtis L. Dubay (Hackensack).

- 2. That synod instruct the executive director to communicate to the U.S. and Canadian governments:
 - a. Our moral opposition to the development or deployment of new weapons of mass destruction.
 - b. Our continued support for conducting negotiations with other nations to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to further reduce nuclear arsenals, with the ultimate goal of multilateral nuclear disarmament as called for under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (and the recommendations of synod's report of 1982).

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Curtis L. Dubay (Hackensack).

- 3. That synod instruct the executive director to petition the President of the United States as well as the Department of Defense to provide a process and establish procedures wherein those who object to selective conflicts on the basis of just-war criteria are honorably discharged.

Grounds:

- a. The current policy is from the days of military draft. With the advent of the all volunteer force, the U.S. government has the ability to change policy to include those who conscientiously object to select conflicts.
- b. We have addressed the U.S. government policy of conscientious objection in previous decisions of our synod, noting that the policy stands "quite contrary to that of our church" (*Acts of Synod 1973*, p. 738). Under this policy, our members "have no legal recourse" (*Acts of Synod 1973*, p. 738).
- c. We have made strong statements concerning the obligation of our members to obey the national authority but also that our ultimate loyalty is to God. We also recognize our church's pastoral responsibility to counsel and support commitment to that ultimate loyalty when conscientious objection is based on "intelligent and adequate grounds to be convinced that the given war to which he is summoned is an unjust war" (*Acts of Synod 1939*, p. 249).

- d. We have pastoral responsibilities as previously outlined in the *Acts of Synod 1977*.

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Curtis L. Dubay (Hackensack).

4. That synod direct the executive director to present a copy of this report and its recommendations to the Canadian government to encourage study of the peacebuilding components of its foreign policy.

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Curtis L. Dubay (Hackensack).

5. That synod urge the Board of Trustees to encourage the Christian Reformed Church through its members, assemblies, appropriate agencies, and committees to participate more intentionally in policy development and programs for peace building, such as Project Ploughshares in Canada and other interchurch policy dialogues on war and peace issues.

—Adopted

6. That synod refer the study report, adopted recommendations, and supplemental materials to the churches for study, debate, discussion, and prayerful reflection and that synod dismiss the committee with thanks.

—Adopted

7. That synod join in singing verse 3 of *Psalter Hymnal* 410, “Crown Him with Many Crowns.”

—Adopted

II. Response to Overture 18: Revise Recommendation J in the Committee to Study War and Peace Report

A. *Materials*: Overture 18, pp. 533-35

B. *Recommendation*: That synod not accede to Overture 18.

Grounds:

1. It is customary to refer all matters of instruction to the executive director.
2. It is assumed that the executive director will work through appropriate structures and agencies to accomplish the intent of the directive from synod.

—Adopted

III. Response to Overture 19: Refer Report of the Committee to Study War and Peace Back to the Churches

A. *Materials*: Overture 19, p. 535

B. *Recommendation*: That synod not accede to Overture 19.

Ground: Although it is true that “significant long-term issues that require further study” are indeed raised by this report, the committee does not consider the study report the definitive word but, rather, a helpful point of departure in an ongoing discussion regarding the posture of the church toward the pressing issues of war and peace. We would fully expect there to

be “further study” as well as further action on these issues in the congregations and assemblies of the church.

—Adopted

IV. Response to Overture 20: Not Adopt Recommendation I of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report

A. *Materials*: Overture 20, pp. 535-36

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider Recommendation 9 of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report the committee’s response to Overture 20.

—Adopted

V. Response to Overture 21: Amend Section X, B of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report

A. *Materials*: Overture 21, p. 537

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider Recommendation 4 of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report the committee’s response to Overture 21.

—Adopted

VI. Response to Overture 22: Withdraw Support for the Conclusions of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report

A. *Materials*: Overture 22, Supplementary materials

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider the above observations and significantly revised recommendations our response to Overture 22.

Grounds:

1. Although many members of the committee viewed the study report as a significant departure from past statements on war and peace, it was recalled that part of the mandate to the study committee was to “give special attention” to “the underlying theology and principles of peacemaking and peacekeeping to inform the conscience and praxis of the church.” The study report accepts, assumes, and relies on past proclamations of the church on issues of just war but focuses the majority of its attention on issues of peacemaking, for which there is little precedent in the assemblies of our church. The above recommendations attempted to preserve the essence of that mandate while departing from some of the language in the report.
2. We acknowledge that more could have been said about the scriptural principles underlying the conclusions of this report. Nevertheless, we do not view this report as the definitive statement on the issue of peacemaking and strongly encourage the church in the above recommendations to continue to study the issues from a biblical perspective.
3. While recognizing the biblical command to be subject to governments, the church must retain its prophetic role over against the governments to which it is subject, for which there is ample biblical precedent (the Old Testament prophets’ exhortations to the government of Israel as well as

the governments of the region; the command of Jesus Christ to his disciples in Matthew 10:15-20; the response of Jesus Christ to Pilate in John 18:33-38, 19:9-11; and the response of the Peter and John in Acts 4:19-20). We have, therefore, encouraged the church through the above recommendations to reflect thoughtfully and biblically on its prophetic role.

—Adopted

VII. Response to Communication 3

A. *Materials*: Communication 3, pp. 544-46

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider the following recommendations of the Committee to Study War and Peace report our response to the comments of Communication 3:

1. Comment A – Recommendation 2, a
2. Comment B – Recommendation 5
3. Comment C – Recommendation 7
4. Comment D – Recommendation 8, a
5. Comment E – Recommendation 9

—Adopted

VIII. Response to Communication 4

A. *Materials*: Communication 4, pp. 546-48

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider the following recommendations of the Committee to Study War and Peace report our response to Communication 4:

1. Communication 1 – Recommendation 2, g
2. Communication 2 – Recommendation 4
3. Communication 3 – Recommendation 5
4. Communication 6 – Recommendation 7
5. Communication 7 – Recommendation 8
6. Communication 8 – Recommendation 9

—Adopted

IX. Response to Communication 5

A. *Materials*: Communication 5, pp. 548-50

B. *Recommendation*: That synod consider the above observations and recommendations our response to Communication 5.

—Adopted

ARTICLE 55

Rev. Bruce Adema leads in closing prayer. Delegates join in singing *Psalter Hymnal* 410, vs. 3; “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” The evening session adjourns at 9:11 p.m.

ARTICLE 56

Rev. Ted S. Bootsma leads in opening prayer and reads from Romans 8, Ephesians 4, and 1 Corinthians 12. He reflects on the Spirit of the living God who draws all together. God's Holy Spirit breathes life into us as congregations and as a denomination. Rev. Bootsma announces *Psalter Hymnal* 416, vs. 1, 4, 5; "For Your Gift of God the Spirit." He reads a "Litany for Pentecost" and announces *Sing! A New Creation* 169, "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow."

The roll call indicates that George Cooper (Northern Illinois) is absent with notice.

ARTICLE 57

Advisory Committee 10, Judicial Code Committee, Mr. Robert Jonker reporting, presents the following:

Judicial Code Committee

Recommendations:

A. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to Mr. Robert Jonker, chair, to present the committee recommendations and to respond to questions from the delegates.

—Granted

B. That synod not sustain the appeal of Mr. Heersink.

Grounds:

1. This is an appeal that must properly be considered to be on the record compiled by Classis Rocky Mountain, rather than based on a new plenary evidentiary hearing before synod or the Judicial Code Committee. (See Judicial Code, Articles 16, 21. See also Report and Recommendation of the Judicial Code Committee on the Synodical Appeal of Russ Highfield, June 7, 2004 [adopted by Synod 2004].)
2. There is no basis on the record compiled in the classical hearing to conclude that Classis Rocky Mountain abused its discretion in refusing to sustain Mr. Heersink's appeal from the congregation's remedial response to Mr. Heersink.
3. There is no basis on the record compiled in the classical hearing to conclude that Classis Rocky Mountain failed to provide a fair hearing to Mr. Heersink, even considering the procedural comments submitted by Mr. Heersink in his letter of April 11, 2006. The committee further notes that not all procedural objections were preserved as required by Article 10-f of the Judicial Code.
4. The question of what particular level of compensation, what particular words of apology, or what other particular remedial response is necessary to avoid "injustice" requires investigation and policy judgments that go well beyond the particulars of this case. The unadorned standard of injustice referenced in Church Order Article 30-a is simply too broad

and undefined to permit the kind of calibration that Mr. Heersink's appeal seeks. These issues require a discussion of broad policy issues and development of a set of more specific and concrete rules, standards, or guidelines that can apply to all similarly situated cases.

—*Adopted*

C. That synod instruct the Board of Trustees to appoint a small task force to consider how best to respond to the underlying issues raised by Mr. Heersink's appeal: namely, how the denomination ought to be responding, whether in financial terms or otherwise, to the very real consequences of sexual abuse in the lives of current and former members, and that the Board of Trustees report its recommendations to Synod 2008.

Grounds:

1. The issues raised by Mr. Heersink's appeal are significant and recurring. They deserve thoughtful consideration throughout the denomination.
2. Mr. Heersink and the congregation have both indicated a willingness to facilitate and participate in this kind of discussion based on their experiences.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 58

The vice president assumes the chair.

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 42.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services I, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

I. Board of Trustees

A. Materials

1. Board of Trustees Report (Polity sections II, A, 1-5, 8-11, 13, 16-17, 19-20; including Appendices E and G; pp. 21-28, 50-54, 64-70)
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Sections I, A-E, G, I-L, and II, D; including Appendix A)

B. Recommendations

The following recommendation is discussed in strict executive session:

1. Regarding the Resignation of Dr. Calvin Bremer

a. Observations

The advisory committee met in executive session with Dr. Peter Borgdorff and with Rev. Wayne Leys, chairman of the BOT. Disclosure was made of the actions of the BOT and Dr. Borgdorff. All questions offered by advisory committee members were answered. The advisory committee is convinced that synod and the denomination would be best served by not opening a general discussion of this matter and by passing the recommendation offered below. This matter is highly sensitive and, if taken up by the general body of synod, should be done so in executive session.

b. Recommendation

That synod endorse the work of the BOT regarding the resignation of Dr. Calvin L. Bremer as the director of The Back to God Hour and as the executive director-designee for the CRC, and that synod commend the BOT for their wise and pastoral leadership through this difficult situation.

—*Referred back to committee*

Synod returns to open session.

2. That synod accept the invitation of the First CRC of Edmonton, Alberta, to be the convening church for Synod 2010 (II, A, 16).

—*Adopted*

3. That synod by way of the printed ballot reappoint the eligible members of the Judicial Code Committee for a second three-year term and elect a member to the Judicial Code Committee from the nominee presented (II, A, 17; BOT Supplement section I, E).

—*Adopted*

4. That synod adopt the recommendations of the Affiliation Process Report as follows (II, A, 19):

- a. That synod approve the affiliation process as described in Appendix G.

—*Adopted*

- b. That synod instruct classes and synodical deputies to follow the procedures and phases outlined in this report so that consistency can be achieved in the affiliation process.

—*Adopted*

- c. That synod approve the process and phases for affiliation to be inserted as a Supplement to Article 38-g of the Church Order.

—*Adopted*

5. Regarding the appointment of a new denominational director of ministries:

- a. That synod not accede to the recommendation of the BOT as stated in the BOT Supplemental report:

That synod grant power-to-act to the Board with reference to the appointment of a director of denominational ministries candidate if one is available prior to Synod 2007 (BOT Supplement section I, J).

—*Defeated*

- b. The reporter from the advisory committee presents the following motion:

That synod grant power-to-act to the Board with reference to the appointment of a director of denominational ministries candidate if one is available prior to Synod 2007 (BOT Supplement section I, J).

—*Adopted*

6. That synod approve the following revision of Article VI of the Constitution of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (change in *italics*) (BOT Supplement section I, K):

Members and alternate members shall serve three-year (3-year) terms. Members and alternate members who have served two (2) consecutive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reelection to a third consecutive term. No person shall serve as a member for more than six (6) consecutive years. *When an alternate member assumes the status of a member, the alternate shall complete the then current term and be eligible for one additional term of three (3) years.*

—Adopted

7. That synod recognize with joy and gratitude the significant contributions of Dr. Peter Borgdorff as executive director of the CRCNA (BOT Supplement section I, L), that a prayer of thanks be offered by synod for his service, and that he be appropriately recognized at the honorary dinner of synod.

—Adopted

Rev. David R. Koll leads in a prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. Borgdorff's service to the CRCNA.

8. That synod receive as information the decision of the BOT to not provide funding for the discipleship office and for the restorative justice staff positions in the 2006-2007 budget (II, B, 4; BOT Supplement section II, D).

—Adopted

9. That synod receive as information the material presented in the BOT report regarding the Form of Subscription revision, the Contemporary Testimony revision and reports on other publications produced by the denominational offices.

—Adopted

II. Response to Overture 6: Ensure That the Synodical Worship Service Reflects the Diversity of Our Denomination

A. *Materials:* Overture 6, pp. 480-81

B. *Recommendation:* That synod not accede to Overture 6 regarding synodical worship services.

Grounds:

1. The Rules for Synodical Procedure state, "On the Sunday following the opening of Synod, a service of prayer and praise, in charge of the convening council, shall be held" (section I, D; p. 83, Rules of Synodical Procedure). The local council's leadership therefore needs to be respected.
2. The occasion giving rise to this overture was one particular incident, arising from organizational misunderstandings that have already been resolved by public apology and forgiveness.

—Adopted

III. Response to Overture 7: Revise Method of Selecting Synod Officers

A. Materials: Overture 7, pp. 482-84

B. Recommendations

1. That synod not accede to Overture 7.

Ground: Synod is a gathering of the entire church, and they as a gathered body select the officers.

—Adopted

2. That synod instruct the BOT to modify the Rules for Synodical Procedure, VI, A, 4, b; p. 91, to provide a brief bio of all delegates and a classis recommendation regarding any who have qualifications and a willingness to serve as an officer of synod.

—Adopted

IV. Response to Overture 8: Amend the Board of Trustees’ Election Process

A. Materials: Overture 8, pp. 484-86

B. Recommendation: That synod not accede to Overture 8.

Grounds:

- 1. The present election procedure should be retained.
- 2. The BOT is not like other denominational boards because, besides its corporate and ministry oversight functions, it is also the interim committee of synod. That fact alone makes it appropriate that synod elect its own representatives to function in that capacity.
- 3. Regional elections do not guarantee that member classes will know nominees better than synodical delegates do.
- 4. Classical nominations are taken seriously by the BOT in deciding what names to advance to synod for election.

—Adopted

V. Response to Communication 8: Classis Grand Rapids East

A. Materials: Communication 8, Supplementary materials

B. Recommendation: That synod remind the Board of Trustees (BOT) that generalized statements in reports produced for general distribution, while they may be true, might not be helpful for fostering good relationships with the churches.

—Adopted

VI. Ministerial retirements

A. Information

Synod has received notice of the following ministerial retirements:

Minister	Classis	Effective Date
Jerry L. Alferink	Zeeland	February 7, 2006
Edward J. Blankespoor	Grand Rapids North	May 1, 2006
H. Hendrik Boer	Northern Illinois	February 1, 2006

Ronald L. Bouwkamp	Grand Rapids South	June 17, 2006
Paul L. Bremer	Thornapple Valley	June 30, 2006
Arlo D. Compaan	Chicago South	February 1, 2006
Gerald L. Essenburg	Lake Superior	April 27, 2006
Richard O. Grevengoed	Northern Illinois	April 15, 2006
Raymond Hommes	California South	April 10, 2006
Kyusik H. Hong	Northern Illinois	September 1, 2005
Lawrence J. Howerzyl	Southeast U.S.	January 16, 2006
Philip J. Kok	Central California	September 25, 2006
Robert Koornneef	Grand Rapids East	December 31, 2005
Alfred Lindemulder	Arizona	March 26, 2006
Henry Numan	B.C. North-West	January 14, 2007
Melle Pool	Alberta North	September 30, 2005
Henry R. Post, Jr.	Grand Rapids East	March 1, 2006
C. Harry Salomons	Quinte	August 1, 2006
William A. Stroo	Grand Rapids South	February 1, 2006
Loren J. Swier	Pacific Northwest	July 31, 2006
James L. Vanderlaan	Grand Rapids South	June 30, 2006
Stanley E. Ver Heul	Greater Los Angeles	September 18, 2006
Kenneth J. Verhulst	Hudson	May 16, 2006
Harold J. Westra	Minnkota	February 1, 2006
Ping (Philip) Wu	Chicago South	September 30, 2005

B. Recommendations

1. That synod offer a prayer of gratitude for the servants of God mentioned above and the many years of faithful service that they represent.
—*Adopted*
2. That synod ask the executive director to send a letter of appreciation to each of the retirees that have been identified.
—*Adopted*

VII. Work of synodical deputies

A. Classical examination of candidates

Synodical deputies report their concurrence with the decisions of classes to admit the following to the office of minister of the Word:

Candidate	Classis	Synodical Deputies and Classes
Bryan D. Berghoef	Northern Michigan (10-25-05)	G. Koning (Georgetown) D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) G.D. Postema (Muskegon)
Ruth (Hoekwater) Boven	Grand Rapids East (9-15-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North)
Ryan W. Braam	Niagara (10-19-05)	J. Kuntz (Toronto) D.R. Tigchelaar (Chatham) B.B. Baker (Quinte)
Daniel G. Brown	Eastern Canada (10-21-05)	J.M. Van de Hoef (Huron) H.D. Praamsma (Toronto) E.W. Visser (Quinte)
Michael A. Bruinooge	Grand Rapids East (9-22-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South)

Steven J. deBoer	Niagara (9-21-05)	J. Kerssies (Huron) H.D. Praamsma (Toronto) H. Kranenburg (Hamilton)
Heidi S. (Peterson) DeJonge	Holland (9-08-05)	G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland) G. Koning (Georgetown) D.A. Kamstra (Grandville)
Paul J. Droogers	Chatham (9-13-05)	H.A. Vander Windt (Niagara) G.H. Pols (Hamilton) J. Kerssies (Huron)
Ryan L. Faber	Pella (2-24-06)	D. Visser (Lake Superior) W.D. Vis (Minnkota) D. Tinklenberg (Heartland)
Stanley J. Groothof	B.C. North-West (9-20-05)	A. Beukema (B.C. South-East) K. Van Schelven (Columbia) M.J. Kooy (Pacific Northwest)
Beth E. Guikema-Bode	Grand Rapids East (11-17-05)	W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown) T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North)
Kyle E. Haack	Northcentral Iowa (11-1-05)	J. Gray (Pella) D. Visser (Lake Superior) D. Tinklenberg (Heartland)
Patrick Arthur Hennen	Rocky Mountain (9-23-05)	W. Verhoef (California South) T. Vander Ziel (Yellowstone) J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa)
Charles M. Hong	California South (10-13-05)	B. Persenaire (Central California) D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles) S.J. Kang (Pacific Hanmi)
Benjamin M. Hulst	Thornapple Valley (10-18-05)	D.A. Kamstra (Grandville) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East)
Zachary J. King	Grand Rapids East (9-15-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North)
Mark T. Klompjen	Minnkota (9-15-05)	D. Visser (Lake Superior) R.W. Sparks (Iakota) D.L. Heilman (Heartland)
Kenneth T. Krause	Pella (2-24-06)	D. Visser (Lake Superior) D. Tinklenberg (Heartland) W.D. Vis (Minnkota)
Nathan Kuperus	Quinte (9-27-05)	H.D. Praamsma (Toronto) J. Kerssies (Huron) G.H. Pols (Hamilton)
David P. Loew	Wisconsin (9-27-05)	G. Veenstra (Illiana) M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois) J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South)
Carol S. Muller	Grand Rapids East (5-18-06)	H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) D.A. Kamstra (Grandville)
Christopher B. Pool	Huron (11-23-05)	G.H. Pols (Hamilton) D.R. Tigchelaar (Chatham) H.D. Praamsma (Toronto)
Mark C. Roeda	Lake Erie (4-04-06)	J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) G. Bouma (Thornapple Valley)

Paul Ryan	Grand Rapids East (9-22-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South)
Steven L. Schulz	Northcentral Iowa (7-19-05)	J. Sajdak (Pella) D.A. Zylstra (Lake Superior) D. Tinklenberg (Heartland)
Jeffrey W. Scripps	Iakota (11-15-05)	L.G. Christoffels (Minkota) D. Visser (Lake Superior) D. Tinklinberg (Heartland)
Sharon Segaar-King	Grand Rapids East (9-15-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North)
J. Greg Sinclair	Alberta South/ Saskatchewan (10-28-05)	J. Weeda (Yellowstone) H. Vriend (Alberta North) H. Jonker (B.C. South-East)
Benjamin W. Van Arragon	Grand Rapids East (9-15-05)	D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley) W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North)
Norlyn J. Van Beek	Heartland (9-23-05)	R.W. Sparks (Iakota) F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa) J. Gray (Pella)
Douglas J. Vandekamp	Toronto (9-22-05)	J. Kersses (Huron) G.H. Pols (Hamilton) B.B. Bakker (Quinte)
H. John Vanderburgh	Grand Rapids North (9-20-05)	W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South) J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East) D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley)
Duane E. Vander Laan	Niagara (10-19-05)	J. Kuntz (Toronto) D. Tigchelaar (Chatham) B.B. Bakker (Quinte)
Lisa R. Vander Leek	Quinte (9-27-05)	H.D. Praamsma (Toronto) J. Kerssies (Huron) G.H. Pols (Hamilton)
Aaron J. Vriesman	Zeeland (1-18-06)	D.A. Kamstra (Grandville) D. Stravers (Holland) M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown)
Willemina L. Zwart	Chatham (1-24-06)	J. De Jong (Niagara) J.M. Van de Hoef (Huron) G.H. Pols (Hamilton)

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

B. Classical examinations via Church Order Article 7

1. Synodical deputies D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa), and D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of Bethel Princeton Christian Reformed Church, Princeton, Minnesota, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7 and its Supplement, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Superior in session on March 7, 2006, to grant **Mr. Rob Braun** the right to exhort in Christian Reformed churches until March 2007.

2. Synodical deputies G. Koning (Georgetown), G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), and D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), having considered the gifts of the applicant, and having heard the examination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on September 8, 2005, to declare **Mr. Pablo Canche** eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on September 27, 2005, to admit **Mr. Bradley Center**, to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies J. Corvers (Alberta South/Saskatchewan) and K.D. Koeman (Pacific Northwest), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on September 28, 2005, to admit **Mr. William Delleman**, to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies J.W. Dykhuis (Red Mesa), N. Koch (California South), and D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of Sunshine Community Christian Reformed Church, El Paso, Texas, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7 and its Supplement, concur in the decision of Classis Arizona in session on March 4, 2006, to grant **Mr. Eduardo Gonzales** the right to exhort in Christian Reformed churches until September 16, 2006.
6. Synodical deputies A. Beukema (B.C. South-East), J. Corvers (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and K. Van Shelven (Columbia), having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of Victoria Christian Reformed Church, Victoria, British Columbia, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7 and its Supplement, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West in session on March 7, 2006, to grant **Mr. Rob Jirucha** the right to exhort in Christian Reformed churches until next classis.
7. Synodical deputies W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), and D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of West Leonard Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7 and its Supplement, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North in session on January 17, 2006, to grant **Dr. Mwaya Kitavi** the right to exhort in Christian Reformed churches.
8. Synodical deputies D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having considered

the gifts of the applicant, and having heard the examination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session on May 16, 2006, to declare **Dr. Mwaya Kitavi** eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

9. Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), and M.A. Palsrock (Georgetown), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on January 19, 2006, to admit **Mr. Randall S. Ledeboer** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
10. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having considered the gifts of the applicant, and having heard the examination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast in session on March 2, 2006, to declare **Mr. Kenneth Prol** eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), T. Vander Ziel (Yellowstone), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of Cragmor Christian Reformed Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort in accordance with Church Order Article 7 and its Supplements, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on September 23, 2005, to grant **Mr. Scott Roberts** the right to exhort in Christian Reformed churches until October 2007.
12. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), R.D. Goudzwaard (Greater Los Angeles), and J.P. Groenewold (Columbia), having examined the overture submitted by the council of Hope in Christ Christian Reformed Church, Bellingham, Washington, and having heard the deliberations and motion regarding Article 7 and its Supplement, **do not concur** in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest in session on March 7, 2006, to grant **Ms. Cheryl Terpstra** the right to be examined via Article 7.
13. Synodical deputies W.D. Vis (Minnkota), D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), and D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), having considered the gifts of the applicant, and having heard the examination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Superior in session on September 20, 2005, to declare **Mr. Tom Van Engen** eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

C. Ministers from other denominations, Church Order Article 8

1. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having reviewed the docu-

ments specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Lake Erie, in session on November 5, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Joseph Hun-suk Bae**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as pastor of Hope Christian Reformed Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Statement of need: To advance new church development and leadership in the (unorganized) emerging Hope Christian Reformed Church, which has been accepted for initial affiliation with the CRCNA.

2. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Joseph Hun-suk Bae**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on November 5, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Sung Soo Baek**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as pastor of Southern California Seomoon Presbyterian Church.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

4. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South) and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Matthew B. Ford**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on June 14, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Darwin Glassford**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 18, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
6. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and S.J. Kang (Pacific Hanmi), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. John Gonzales**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 13, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Statement of need: Rev. Gonzales will pastor an emerging Hispanic ministry, Alto Poder (High Point Ministry) in Santa Ana, California. Rev. Gonzales will be supervised by The River CRC in Redlands, California.

7. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South) and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on June 14, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Jin Phil Huh**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as church planter in Bakersfield, California.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

8. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), F.J. Walhof (Arizona), and W. Verhoef (California South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jin Phil Huh**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on December 8, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies J. Vande Lune (Atlantic Northeast), K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 7, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Chul Woong Jung**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as church planter.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church. He comes with a church of forty-five people committed to growth in their community.

10. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Nam Joong Kang**) from another denomination (Presbyterian Church in Korea) to serve as pastor of One Life Presbyterian Church.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

11. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Seo K. Kang**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as pastor of the Sae Soon Dong San Christian Reformed Church.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

12. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), R.D. Goudzwaard (Greater Los Angeles), and J.P. Groenewold (Columbia), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 7, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Bomsu Kim**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian) to serve as minister of the Word.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

13. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Dong Il Kim**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
14. Synodical deputies J. Vande Lune (Atlantic Northeast), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 7, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Eun Beom Kim**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as church planter.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

15. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), W. Verhoef (California South), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Sung Soo Kim**) from another denomination (The Evangelical Church Alliance) to serve as pastor of Smyrna Church.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

16. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Tae Kuk Ko**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church Hap Dong) to serve as pastor of Good Tree Church in Los Angeles, California.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

17. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Tae Kuk Ko**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

18. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Eun Sung Lee**) from another denomination (Korean American Presbyterian Church) to serve as pastor of East Bay Presbyterian Church.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

19. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South) and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jai Kun Lee**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on June 14, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

20. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Kyung Ryul Lee**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

21. Synodical deputies H.D. Praamsma (Toronto), J. Kerssies (Huron), and G.H. Pols (Hamilton), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. James Liebenberg**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Quinte, in session on September 27, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

22. Synodical deputies H. Numan (B.C. North-West), B. Persenaire (Central California), and K.D. Koeman (Pacific Northwest), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Dan Lioy**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Columbia, in session on September 24, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

23. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on

September 13, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Byung Duk Min**) from another denomination (Presbyterian Church USA) to serve as pastor of Pilgrim Church in Sacramento, California.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

24. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation of **Rev. Byung Duk Min**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

25. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Jae Seong Moon**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church of America) to serve as pastor of Body of the Lord CRC in Los Angeles, California.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

26. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Dong Woo Nam**) from another denomination (Presbyterian Church of Korea) to serve as pastor of Land of Love, an emerging church, in Henderson, Nevada.

Statement of need: There is a need for indigenous leadership in a multicultural or ethnic minority church.

27. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Dong Woo Nam**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Hanmi, in session on February 14, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

28. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and J. Vande Lune (Atlantic Northeast), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Arturo Olguin**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on March 7, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

29. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Lake Erie, in session on November 5, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Peter Sang Ho Pae**) from another denomination (Korean Presbyterian Church) to serve as pastor of All Nations Community Christian Reformed Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Statement of need: To advance new church development and leadership in the (unorganized) emerging All Nations Community Christian Reformed Church (Toledo), which has been accepted for initial affiliation with the CRCNA.

30. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Peter Sang Ho Pae**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on November 5, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
31. Synodical deputies R. Engle (Lake Erie), S.J. Vander Klay (Atlantic Northeast), and K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jae Park**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on September 20, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
32. Synodical deputies G.H. Pols (Hamilton), B.B. Bakker (Quinte), and J. Kerssies (Huron), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Toronto, in session on September 22, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Phillip Scheepers**) from another denomination (Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa) to serve as minister of the Word.
33. Synodical deputies G.H. Pols (Hamilton), B.B. Baker (Quinte), and J.M. Van de Hoef (Huron), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Phillip Scheepers**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on January 19, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
34. Synodical deputies G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Georgetown, in session on November 17, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Terry Scholten**) from another denomination (Reformed Church in America) to serve as pastor of First Christian Reformed Church in Jenison, Michigan.

Statement of need: They had conversations with over fifty CRC pastors. The one they called did not accept. Terry Scholten has the gift mix they need and the willingness to serve.

35. Synodical deputies D.M. Stravers (Holland), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Terry Scholten**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on February 16, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
36. Synodical deputies K. Van Schelven (Columbia), A. Beukema (B.C. South-East), and M.J. Kooy (Pacific Northwest), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on September 20, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Thomas S. Semper**) from another denomination (Anglican Church of Canada) to candidate for service as minister of the Word.

Statement of need: (1) His gifts and abilities would be beneficial to the CRC. (2) The need for ministers of the Word is extremely high in the CRC, particularly in Canada.
37. Synodical deputies A. Beukema (B.C. South-East), J. Corvers (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and K. Van Schelven (Columbia), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Thomas S. Semper**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on March 7, 2006, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
38. Synodical deputies T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Muskegon, in session on September 22, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Greg Stamm**) from another denomination (Reformed Church in America) to serve as pastor of Celebration Community Church in Muskegon, Michigan.
39. Synodical deputies T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Greg Stamm**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on November 3, 2005, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Statement of need: (1) Celebration Church conducted a thorough search and found Rev. Stamm to be the clear choice. (2) Rev. Stamm is a “highly qualified pastor,” rooted in a Reformed world and life view and will be a good addition to a denomination facing “pastoral shortages.”
40. Synodical deputies D. Kwantes (B.C. North-West), A. Joosse (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and A. Beukema (B.C. South-East), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 8, 2006, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a

minister (**Rev. Colin Ward**) from another denomination (Baptist Union of Western Canada) to serve as pastor of West End Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta.

Statement of need: West End Christian Reformed Church, Edmonton, Alberta, has demonstrated the need.

41. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North), having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, concur in the declaration of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2005, that a **need** has been demonstrated to call a minister (**Rev. Carolyn J. Wharton**) from another denomination (Presbyterian Church in the USA) to serve as chaplain at Spectrum Hospital.
42. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Carolyn J. Wharton**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 22, 2005, to declare her eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

D. Ministers in specialized services, Church Order Article 12-c

1. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and G. Veenstra (Illiana), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of South Bend Christian Reformed Church of South Bend, Indiana, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on January 19, 2006, to approve the position of chaplain for Hospice @ Home, Buchanan, Michigan, as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Philip A. Apol**.
2. Synodical deputies G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), G. Koning (Georgetown), and D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Harderwyk Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on September 8, 2005, to approve the position of professor of religion and Crossroads counselor at Hope College as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Dr. Wayne Brouwer**.
3. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and E. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Grace Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having been satisfied

that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2005, to approve the position of ministries plan director, CRCNA, as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by candidate **Mr. Michael A. Bruinooge**.

4. Synodical deputies M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Family of Faith Church of Monee, Illinois, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on September 20, 2005, to approve the position of director of the center for advanced studies, Crossroads Bible Institute, as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. David J. Feddes**.
5. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), K. Van Schelven (Columbia), and H. Numan (B.C. North-West), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of First Korean Christian Reformed Church of Kent, Washington, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on October 27, 2005, to approve the position of church planting trainer as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Steve J. Kim**.
6. Synodical deputies F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa), D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), and D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Bridgewood Christian Reformed Church of Savange, Minnesota, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on March 7, 2006, to approve the position of Bible teacher at Calvin Christian High School as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Arlan W. Koppendrayner**.
7. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Iakota), L.G. Cristoffels (Minnkota), and G.M. McGuire (Northcentral Iowa), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Peace Christian Reformed Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Pella, in session on September 17, 2005, to approve the position of director of Geneva Campus Ministry as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Edward J. Laarman**.
8. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Seymour Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in

session on September 15, 2005, to approve the position of coordinator of Christian formation for worship, Calvin Institute of Worship, as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by candidate **Mr. Paul Ryan**.

9. Synodical deputies G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of EverGreen Ministries Christian Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on November 17, 2005, to approve the position of president of Mission India as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. David E. Stravers**.
10. Synodical deputies D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Pioneer Christian Reformed Church of Cedar Springs, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session on May 16, 2006, to approve the position of student chaplain as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. David Van Harten**.
11. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2005, to approve the position of hospital chaplain as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Carolyn J. Wharton**.
12. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), K.D. Koeman (Pacific Northwest), and H. Numan (B.C. North-West) having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church of Beaverton, Oregon, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Columbia, in session on September 24, 2005, to approve the position of instructor in apologetics as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Stephen Whatley**.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

E. Loaning a minister to another denomination under Article 13-c

1. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), E.A. Van Baak (Grand Rapids East), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in

the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on November 5, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Lee Chul Jeong** to serve Rock Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

2. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and S.J. Kang (Pacific Hanmi), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 13, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Matthew C. Kim** to serve Austin Korean Presbyterian Church of Austin, Texas.
3. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), K. Van Schelven (Columbia), and H. Numan (B.C. North-West), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on October 27, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Simon (SangEnn) Kim** to serve First Lutheran Church of Tacoma, Washington.
4. Synodical deputies M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), G. Veenstra (Illiana), and H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on September 1, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Erica L. Schemper** to serve Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois.
5. Synodical deputies M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on September 20, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Ferenc Varga** to serve the American Hungarian Reformed Church of Allen Park, Michigan.
6. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and S.J. Kang (Pacific Hanmi), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 13, 2005, to approve loaning **Rev. Randal K. Young** to serve New Community Chapel of Northridge, California.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

F. Release from the ministry under Article 14-b

1. Synodical deputies J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having heard the discussion relating to the resignation of **Rev. J. Mark Beach**, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on March 7, 2006, to declare that **Rev. J. Mark Beach** is honorably released, with regret and sadness, from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies J. Vande Lune (Atlantic Northeast), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack South), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having heard the discussion

relating to the resignation of **Rev. John C. Fisher**, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on March 7, 2006, to declare that **Rev. John C. Fisher** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

3. Synodical deputies H. Admairaal (Grand Rapids North), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Mark D. Mayer** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 18, 2006, to declare that **Rev. Mark D. Mayer** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having heard the discussion relating to the resignation of **Rev. Cornelis P. Venema**, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on March 7, 2006, to declare that **Rev. Cornelis P. Venema** is honorably released, with regret and sadness, from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

G. Release from office of one whose vocation is judged to be nonministerial, Article 14-c

Synodical deputies J.W. Dykhuis (Red Mesa), W. Verhoef (California South), and D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), having heard the discussion of Classis Arizona, in session on September 17, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Charles H. Fondse** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

H. Return of a person who was released under Article 14-e

Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on January 24, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that **Rev. Jung S. Rhee** is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

I. Release from ministry in a congregation under Article 17-a

1. Synodical deputies J. Kerssies (Huron), G.H. Pols (Hamilton), and B.B. Bakker (Quinte), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the

discussion of Classis Toronto, in session on September 22, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Phil Apoll** is released from ministerial service in Covenant Christian Reformed Church of Barrie, Ontario.

2. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis California South, in session on May 13, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Bruce T. Ballast** is released from ministerial service in Crosspoint Christian Reformed Church of Chino, California.
3. Synodical deputies J.M. Ouwinga (Chicago South), M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Southeast U.S., in session on September 23, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Daniel G. Buis** is released from ministerial service in New Hope Christian Reformed Church of Dunwoody, Georgia.
4. Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), D.A. Struyk (Grand Rapids South), and M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on May 16, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Jack D. De Jong** is released from ministerial service in Caledonia Christian Reformed Church of Caledonia, Michigan.
5. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), K. Van Schelven (Columbia), and H. Numan (B.C. North-West), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on October 27, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kyung Soo (Paul) Jho** is released from ministerial service in Vision Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Lynwood, Washington.
6. Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on January 24, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kiwoong Kim** is released from ministerial service in Korean Christian Reformed Church of Vicksburg, Michigan.
7. Synodical deputies J. Corvers (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), H. Numan (B.C. North-West), and H. Jonker (B.C. South-East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 19, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kirk MacNeil** is released from ministerial service in Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lacombe, Alberta.

8. Synodical deputies P.H. Kim (Pacific Hanmi), B. Persenaire (Central California), and W. Verhoef (California South), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on September 27, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Pieter A. Manuhutu** is released from ministerial service in Hope International Christian Reformed Church of Arcadia, California.
9. Synodical deputies H. Numan (B.C. North-West), K.D. Koeman (Pacific Northwest), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Columbia, in session on September 24, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Oscar C. Perdamo** is released from ministerial service in Quincy Christian Reformed Church of Quincy, Washington.
10. Synodical deputies M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), G. Veenstra (Illiana), and H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Chicago South, in session on September 1, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Robert J. Price** is released from ministerial service in Roseland Christian Reformed Church of Chicago, Illinois.
11. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and T. Vander Ziel (Yellowstone), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on September 23, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kenneth R. Rip** is released from ministerial service in Community Oaks Christian Reformed Church of Round Rock, Texas.
12. Synodical deputies M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown), J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grandville, in session on March 30, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Roger Y. Ryu** is released from ministerial service in Hahn-In Christian Reformed Church of Wyoming, Michigan.
13. Synodical deputies L.G. Christoffels (Minnkota), D. Visser (Lake Superior), and D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Iakota, in session on November 15, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Roger W. Sparks** is released from ministerial service in Calvin Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley, Iowa.
14. Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having read the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Lake Erie, executive committee, in session on April 21, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev.**

Spencer M. Tuttle is released from ministerial service in Covenant Christian Reformed Church of Lansing, Michigan.

15. Synodical deputies M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and S.R. Van Eck (Illiana), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Wisconsin, in session on February 28, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Robert Zomermaand**, is released from ministerial service in First Christian Reformed Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

J. Extension of eligibility for call under Article 17-c

1. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having heard the discussion of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 6, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Carlos Aringuiz's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
2. Synodical deputies W.D. Visser (Lake Superior), L.G. Christoffels (Minnkota), and D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), having conferred with Classis Iakota, in session on March 7, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Robert R. Broekema's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
3. Synodical deputies W. D. Vis (Minnkota), D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), and D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), having heard the discussion of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 20, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. James G. Busscher's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
4. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), and G. Veenstra (Illiana), having heard the discussion of Classis Chicago South, in session on October 5, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Timothy Howerzyl's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
5. Synodical deputies G. Veenstra (Illiana), M. Den Bleyker (Northern Illinois), and J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), having heard the discussion of Classis Wisconsin, in session on September 27, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Timothy R. Hull's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
6. Synodical deputies J.M. Van de Hoef (Huron), H.D. Praamsma (Toronto), and E.W. Visser (Quinte), having heard the discussion of Classis Eastern Canada, in session on October 21, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, the **Rev. Bryan J. Hummel's** eligibility for call is extended for one year, with no further extension.

7. Synodical deputies H.D. Praamsma (Toronto), J. Kerssies (Huron), and G.H. Pols (Hamilton), having heard the discussion of Classis Quinte, in session on September 27, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Arlan W. Koppendrayer's** eligibility for call is extended for six months.
8. Synodical deputies W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), and M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown), having heard the discussion of Classis Zeeland, in session on September 21, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Dongo Pewee's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

K. Release from the office of minister of the Word under Article 17-c

Synodical deputies J.M. Van de Hoef (Huron), H.D. Praamsma (Toronto), and E.W. Visser (Quinte), having heard the discussion of Classis Eastern Canada, in session on October 21, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. James A. Broekema** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

L. Declaration that a ministry associate's position fits the guidelines adopted by Synod 2001 under Article 23

1. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Crossroads Christian Reformed Church of San Marcos, California, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on May 13, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Jose Baideras** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
2. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Iakota), W.D. Vis (Minnkota), and F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Tracy Christian Reformed Church of Tracy, Iowa, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Pella, in session on June 8, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Al Bandstra** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
3. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New Covenant Christian Reformed Church of North Hampton, New Hampshire, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 6, 2005, that

the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Ryan Bradley** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

4. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 6, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Tony Brown** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
5. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), R.D. Goudzwaard (Greater Los Angeles), and J.P. Groenewald (Columbia), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Second Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 7, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Jim Carberry** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
6. Synodical deputies J.W. Dykhuis (Red Mesa), N. Koch (California South), and D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sunshine Community Christian Reformed Church of El Paso, Texas, and by the Home Missions committee of Classis Arizona, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Arizona, in session on March 4, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Eric Cepin** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
7. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), B. Persenaire (Central California), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of San Diego Christian Reformed Church of San Diego, California, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on May 13, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Leo Clemente** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
8. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst, (Hudson), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and J. Vande Lune (Atlantic Northeast), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Good Shepherd Christian Reformed Church of Haledon, New Jersey, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 7, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Felipe Cortes** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
9. Synodical deputies T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), G.G. Heyboer (Zeeland), and D.M. Stravers (Holland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Second Christian Reformed Church of Fremont, Michigan, and having compared them with the guidelines re

office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on September 22, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Gregg DeMey** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

10. Synodical deputies W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), T.D. Slachter (Grand Rapids North), and J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Second Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on September 13, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Fred De Young** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
11. Synodical deputies G.H. Pols (Hamilton), J. Van de Hoef (Huron), and B.B. Baker (Quinte), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Meadowvale Community Christian Reformed Church of Mississauga, Ontario, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on January 19, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Ken Dryfhout** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
12. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 6, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Bruce Dykstra** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
13. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), J.P. Boonstra (Rocky Mountain), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Crownpoint Christian Reformed Church of Crownpoint, New Mexico, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on November 12, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Randy Freeland** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
14. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and S.J. Kang (Pacific Hanmi), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Trinity Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of San Diego, California, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 13, 2005, that the ministry associate position of missionary/church developer in Tijuana, Mexico, to be filled by **Mr. Scott Geurink** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
15. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), B. Persenaire (Central California), and D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), having examined the

written materials submitted by the council of Hope Community Christian Reformed Church of Riverside, California, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on February 9, 2006, that the ministry associate position of director of youth ministries to be filled by **Mr. Andrew Holybee** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

16. Synodical deputies J.A. Molenbeek (Grand Rapids East), M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Heritage Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on May 18, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Todd Kuperus** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
17. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), J.P. Boonstra (Rocky Mountain), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Maranatha Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Farmington, New Mexico, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on November 12, 2005, that the ministry associate position of pastor of Maranatha Fellowship Christian Reformed Church to be filled by **Ms. Susan LaClear** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
18. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), R.D. Goudzwaard (Greater Los Angeles), and J.P. Groenewold (Columbia), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Faith Christian Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Everson, Washington, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 7, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Tim Nieuwsma** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
19. Synodical deputies D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), J.P. Boonstra (Rocky Mountain), and F.J. Walhof (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bethany Christian Reformed Church of Gallup, New Mexico, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on November 12, 2005, that the ministry associate position of chaplain at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Healthcare System to be filled by **Ms. Kristen Pikaart** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
20. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Iakota), W.D. Vis (Minnkota), and F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Faith Christian Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Pella, in session on June 8, 2005, that the ministry associate position of pastor of

youth and evangelism to be filled by **Mr. Brian Seifert** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

21. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), K. Van Schelven (Columbia), and H. Numan (B.C. North-West), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hope in Christ Christian Reformed Church of Bellingham, Washington, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on October 27, 2005, that the ministry associate position of director of Envision Ministries in Bellingham, Washington, to be filled by **Mr. Mitchell Senti** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
22. Synodical deputies K.J. Verhulst (Hudson), C. Vander Neut (Hackensack), and R. Engle (Lake Erie), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on March 2, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. James Simpson** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
23. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), F.E. Pott (Northcentral Iowa), and D. Tinklenberg (Heartland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Edina, Minnesota, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on March 7, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Chanthala Sithavonga** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
24. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Wisconsin), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and G. Veenstra (Illiana), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Christ Community Christian Reformed Church of Plainfield, Illinois, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on September 21, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Jeff Talbert** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
25. Synodical deputies D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), and E.J. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids North), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Church of the Servant Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Ms. Angela Taylor Perry** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
26. Synodical deputies H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), J.T. Medenblik (Chicago South), and G. Veenstra (Illiana), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of South Bend Christian Reformed Church of

South Bend, Indiana, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on January 19, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Ms. Paula Triezenberg** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

27. Synodical deputies J. Gray (Pella), R. Timmer (Iakota), and L.G. Cristoffels (Minnkota), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on March 4, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Newton Trowbridge** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
28. Synodical deputies G.H. Pols (Hamilton), J. Van de Hoef (Huron), and H.D. Praamsma (Toronto), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Covenant Christian Reformed Church of St. Catharines, Ontario, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Niagara, in session on February 15, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Ms. Alida Van Dijk** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
29. Synodical deputies D.A. Kamstra (Grandville), M.A. Palsrok (Georgetown), and W.R. Witte (Grand Rapids South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of The River Christian Reformed Church of Allegan, Michigan, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Zeeland, in session on September 21, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Jonathan Vugteveen** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
30. Synodical deputies H. Jonker (B.C. South-East), H. Numan (B.C. North-West), and J. Corvers (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of The River Christian Reformed Church of Edmonton, Alberta, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 7-8, 2006, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Ms. Karen Wilk** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.
31. Synodical deputies H. Numan (B.C. North-West), K.D. Koeman (Pacific Northwest), and B. Persenaire (Central California), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New Hope Christian Reformed Church of Spokane, Washington, and having compared them with the guidelines re office and ordination adopted by Synod 2001, concur with the decision of Classis Columbia, in session on September 24, 2005, that the ministry associate position to be filled by **Mr. Douglas Yi** is in keeping with the guidelines established by Synod 2001.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

M. Deposition of a minister of the Word under Articles 82-83

1. Synodical deputies W. Verhoef (California South), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and T. Vander Ziel (Yellowstone), having heard the grounds submitted by the council of Third Christian Reformed Church of Denver, Colorado, and the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on September 23, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. Elias Burgos** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies M.J. Kooy (Pacific Northwest), K. Van Shelven (Columbia), and W. Verhoef (California South), having heard the grounds submitted by the council of Community Christian Reformed Church of Oakdale, California, and the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on May 16, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. Tony W. Koeman** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies H. Numan (B.C. North-West), N. Koch (California South), and K. Van Shelven (Columbia), having heard the grounds submitted by the classis of Pacific Northwest, in session on August 11, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. Samuel K. Sung** from the ministry of the Word (emeritus) in the Christian Reformed Church in North America
4. Synodical deputies H. DeVries (Kalamazoo), D.D. Poolman (Thornapple Valley), and A. Petroelje (Muskegon), having heard the grounds submitted by the council of Lamont Christian Reformed Church of Lamont, Michigan, and the discussion of Classis Zeeland, in session on November 17, 2005, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. Richard A. Terpstra** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America
5. Synodical deputies F.J. Walhof (Arizona), R.D. Goudzwaard (Greater Los Angeles), and J.P. Groenewold (Columbia), having heard the grounds submitted by classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 7, 2006, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Article 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. Chun S. Won** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

—Adopted

N. Recommendation: That synod offer a prayer for the many pastors, families, and congregations that are listed above, thanking God for the joys that are represented, and asking God for his mercy and healing in the pain that has been experienced

—Adopted

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 69.)

ARTICLE 59

Elder delegate Andrew J. Konynenbelt leads in closing prayer. The morning session is adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 15, 2006

Eleventh Session

ARTICLE 60

Rev. John Tenyenhuis, president of the Christian Reformed World Missions board, announces *Sing! A New Creation* 172, "Faith Begins by Letting Go" and leads in opening prayer. He recognizes staff from Christian Reformed World Missions that are present and reads from Isaiah 52:7. Rev. Tenyenhuis shares the work of Christian Reformed World Missions.

Dr. Gary Bekker, director of Christian Reformed World Missions, addresses delegates. Rev. Tenyenhuis announces *Sing! A New Creation* 177, "O Christ, the Great Foundation" and leads in opening prayer.

Alternate Rev. Tom Groelsema (Grandville) has replaced Rev. Roger Ryu and Charles Uken (Muskegon) has replaced Larry D. Baar.

ARTICLE 61

The president of synod resumes the chair.

(The report of Advisory Committee 7 is continued from Article 50.)

Advisory Committee 7, Interdenominational Matters, Rev. Peter Slofstra reporting, presents the following:

I. Interchurch Relations Committee

A. Observation

Having heard both the discussion on the floor of synod and the invaluable input of the members of the IRC, Advisory Committee 7 is unanimous in proposing the following recommendation re Q. and A. 80 of the Heidelberg Catechism:

B. Recommendation (previously recommitted): That in future printings of the CRC's text of the Heidelberg Catechism, the last three paragraphs of Q. and A. 80 be placed in brackets and an italicized footnote be placed below the bracketed text (Appendix A) as shown in the following:

Question 80: How does the Lord's Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

Answer: The Lord's Supper declares to us
that our sins have been completely forgiven
through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ
which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

It also declares to us
that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ,
who with his very body
is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father
where he wants us to worship him.

[But the Mass teaches us
that the living and the dead
do not have their sins forgiven
through the suffering of Christ
unless Christ is still offered for them daily by the priests.

It also teaches
that Christ is bodily present
in the form of bread and wine
where Christ is therefore to be worshiped.

Thus the Mass is basically
nothing but a denial
of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ
and a condemnable idolatry.]

Footnote:

Q. and A. 80 was altogether absent from the first German edition of the Heidelberg Catechism (January 1563) but appeared in a shorter form in the second German edition (March 1563). The translation above is of the expanded text of the third German edition (ca. April 1563). Its strong tone reflects the setting in which the Catechism was written.

In response to a mandate from Synod 1998, the Christian Reformed Church's Interchurch Relations Committee conducted a study of Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Mass. Based on this study, Synod 2004 declared that "Q. and A. 80 can no longer be held in its current form as part of our confession." Synod 2006 directed that Q. and A. 80 remain in the CRC's text of the Heidelberg Catechism but that the last three paragraphs be placed in brackets to indicate that they do not accurately reflect the official teaching and practice of today's Roman Catholic Church and are no longer confessionally binding on members of the CRC.

Grounds:

1. Synod 2004 declared that Q. and A. 80 can no longer be held in its current form as part of our confession.
2. According to the IRC report of 2004, Q. and A. 80 does not accurately represent either official Roman Catholic teaching about the Mass or contemporary liturgical practice that is in accordance with that teaching.
3. This footnote honors the conversations with official Catholic representatives that confirm the report's findings.
4. These changes are pastorally sensitive to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Tyler Wagenmaker (Zeeland).

II. Response to the Interchurch Relations Committee Recommendation K (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 276): “That synod decide to restore the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) to the status of a church in full ecclesiastical fellowship” (majority report)

A. *Materials*: Interchurch Relations Committee Report (pp. 265-69, 271-73)

B. *Observation*

The IRC provided seven grounds for recommending that synod restore the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) as a church in full ecclesiastical fellowship (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, pp. 268-69). Whereas the advisory committee understands that “there is nothing in the present Ecumenical Charter that requires churches in ecclesiastical fellowship to be in total agreement, even on important issues” (Ground 4, p. 268), the PCN’s interpretation of Scripture was important enough to prompt synods 1983 and 1996 to impose restricted fellowship. Because the PCN’s official position on this issue has not changed, we cannot support the IRC’s recommendation. In the meantime, restricted fellowship limits but still retains our ties with the PCN.

C. *Recommendation*: That Synod 2006 declare that the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) will retain the status of a church in restricted ecclesiastical fellowship.

Grounds:

1. The PCN’s interpretation of Scripture regarding homosexuality remains an essential problematic issue.
2. Restricted ecclesiastical fellowship with the PCN allows us to still share our common history and confessions and to work together ecumenically while retaining a mutual relationship of influence

According to the Rules of Synodical Procedure, the minority report re the issue of the Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PCN) is presented as information by delegate Rev. Andrew Beunk:

Response to the Interchurch Relations Committee Recommendation K (*Agenda for Synod 2006*, p. 276): “That synod decide to restore the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) to the status of a church in full ecclesiastical fellowship” (minority report)

A. *Materials*: Interchurch Relations Committee Report (pp. 265-69, 271-73)

B. *Observations*

The committee found itself dealing simultaneously with the IRC’s proposed new ecumenical charter and the IRC recommendation that the CRC restore full ecclesiastical fellowship with the PCN. As we discussed the kind of relationship to have with the PCN, we found ourselves wishing that the new charter were already in place to help us. Therefore, it seems wise that we delay any decision regarding a change in our relationship with any denomination until the issue of the new ecumenical charter and its guidelines are settled so that we clearly understand the framework in which we will make our recommendations and decisions.

C. *Recommendation*: That Synod 2006 defer making a decision on IRC's recommendation to restore full ecclesiastical fellowship with the PCN until Synod 2007.

Grounds:

1. The new ecumenical charter, should it be adopted, creates a new and in some ways different framework for ecumenical discussion and requires additional time for assessing and establishing this ecclesiastical relationship.
2. The new ecclesiastical charter will allow us to reevaluate whether the same restrictions with the PCN, as were in place with the GKN, need to be maintained.

Following the rules of procedure, synod returns to consideration of the recommendation of the advisory committee's majority report.

That Synod 2006 declare that the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) will retain the status of a church in restricted ecclesiastical fellowship.

Grounds:

1. The PCN's interpretation of Scripture regarding homosexuality remains an essential problematic issue.
2. Restricted ecclesiastical fellowship with the PCN allows us to still share our common history and confessions and to work together ecumenically while retaining a mutual relationship of influence

—*Adopted*

III. Interchurch Relations Committee

A. *Materials*

1. Interchurch Relations Committee Report (including Appendices A through D), pp. 264-307
2. Interchurch Relations Committee Supplement

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod receive the following minor revisions of the report entitled "Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Eucharist, Part II (2004)" (Appendix A):
 - a. The addition of hyphens to the page reference 418-19 (*Agenda for Synod 2004*, p. 300, line 10), the date 1545-63 (*ibid.*, p. 302, line 9), and the date 1962-65 (*ibid.*, p. 303, line 24).
 - b. The replacement of the clause "that are idolatrous and that obscure the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ" (*Agenda for Synod 2004*, p. 304, paragraph lines 6-7) with the clause "that, in effect, either deny the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ or contribute to idolatrous worship."

Ground: This brings the wording of this paragraph into line with what has been said in the previous two paragraphs. It is the denial, not the obscuring, of the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ that Q. and A. 80 continues to warn against. The report has already stated (first four lines on

p. 304) that the Eucharist, even when celebrated in accordance with Roman Catholic teaching, may in significant ways *obscure* the reality of that one sacrifice.

—Adopted

2. That this report be included as “Part III (2006)” of the document “Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Eucharist” and that the office of the executive director of the CRCNA be instructed to publish all three parts of the document in a separate booklet for public distribution, taking into account the revisions in the recommendation above (Appendix A).

—Adopted

3. That synod instruct the office of the executive director of the CRCNA to send the complete report and the synodical decisions to the Canadian and United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops, thanking them for engaging in dialogue with us and indicating a desire to continue dialogue on these matters, particularly by means of participation in the Reformed-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the United States, which is currently addressing baptism and Eucharist, and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Appendix A).

—Adopted

4. That synod instruct the office of the executive director of the CRCNA to send the complete report and the synodical decisions to appropriate ecumenical bodies, stating the need for further dialogue on matters raised by Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80—dialogue both among the Reformed churches and with the Roman Catholic church (Appendix A).

—Adopted

5. That synod declare this to be our response to Overtures 10, 11, and 12 and Communications 1 and 2.

—Adopted

6. That synod adopt the revised Ecumenical Charter (Appendix C).

Grounds:

- a. The revised ecumenical charter more accurately reflects the ecumenical practice of the CRC and those with whom we interact in bilateral and multilateral relationships.
- b. Ecumenical relationships today are initiated and maintained primarily for the purpose of promoting common ministry in presenting the Christian message to a needy world, rather than being focused on ascertaining and assuring ongoing agreement in confessional stance and practice.
- c. The proposed ecumenical charter simplifies the categories of relationship by eliminating one that has been proven to be unproductive, that of “corresponding fellowship.” This allows for greater clarity in the use of the other two relationships: “churches in ecclesiastical fellowship” and “churches in dialogue.”

—Adopted

7. That synod authorize the IRC to initiate a formal process of discussion and consideration of the Belhar Confession with a view toward making a recommendation to a future synod concerning its applicability to, and compatibility with, the confessional basis of the CRC (Appendix D).

Grounds:

- a. In our ecumenical conversations with the Reformed Church in America, the CRC was asked to study the Belhar Confession simultaneously with the RCA.
- b. We do not have a strong confession on race relations.
- c. The several Reformed Churches in South Africa have asked the member churches of REC and WARC to study this confession and respond to it.

—*Adopted*

8. That synod declare this to be our response to Overtures 13 and 14.

—*Adopted*

9. That synod, by way of the printed ballot elect members for the IRC from the slate of nominees presented above and in the supplemental report.

—*Adopted*

10. That synod express appreciation to our fraternal delegates and grant them the privilege of extending greetings to synod.

—*Adopted*

11. A delegate presents the following motion:

That synod instruct the IRC to communicate to the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) re the change to Q. and A. 80 and call on the RCC to likewise revisit the official doctrines and anathemas of the Council of Trent in a mutual spirit of reconciliation and truth.

Ground: To effectively mandate what is unofficially occurring.

—*Defeated*

(The report of Advisory Committee 7 is continued in Article 71.)

ARTICLE 62

(The report of Advisory Committee 3 is continued from Article 40.)

Advisory Committee 3, Education, Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels reporting, presents the following:

I. Higher Educational Institutions Related to the CRCNA

A. Materials

1. Dordt College Report, pp. 365-66
2. Institute for Christian Studies Report, p. 367
3. The King's University College Report, pp. 368-69
4. Redeemer University College Report, p. 370
5. Kuyper College Report (formerly Reformed Bible College), pp. 371-72
6. Trinity Christian College Report, pp. 373-74

The reports from these institutions were reviewed and discussed, and the committee wishes God's blessing upon their continued work.

B. Recommendation: That synod commend these institutions for the excellent work they are doing and give thanks to God for their contributions to the advancement of God's kingdom, particularly through Christian higher education.

—Adopted

II. Dynamic Youth Ministries

A. Materials: Dynamic Youth Ministries Report, pp. 375-77

B. Recommendation: That synod commend Dynamic Youth Ministries (Cadets, GEMS, and Youth Unlimited) for expanding ministries that lead children and youth into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

—Adopted

III. Calvin College

A. Materials

1. Calvin College Report, pp. 156-62
2. Calvin College Supplement

B. Recommendations

1. That synod grant the privilege of the floor to the chair of the board, Mr. Bastian Knoppers; the vice-chair of the board, Jack Harkema; the secretary of the board, Ms. Cynthia Veenstra; and the president of the college, Dr. Gaylen J. Byker when matters pertaining to education are presented.

—Granted

2. That synod ratify the following reappointments:

- a. W. James Bradley, Ph.D., director of assessment and institutional research, two years, effective September 1, 2005.
- b. Kenneth D. Bratt, Ph.D., director of the honors program, three years, partial load, effective September 1, 2006.
- c. Randall F. VanDragt, Ph.D., director of the ecosystem preserve, three years, partial load, effective September 1, 2006.
- d. John Witte, M.A., dean of residence life, two years, effective September 1, 2005.
- e. Michelle E. Zomer, M.A., counselor, Broene Counseling Center, two years, effective, September 1, 2005.
- f. Kenneth D. Hassler, Ph.D., director, student academic services, two years, effective September 1, 2005.
- g. Chaka S. Holley, M.S.W., counselor, Broene Counseling Center, two years, effective, September 1, 2005.
- h. Sarah E. Kolk, M.S.I., instruction librarian, Hekman Library, two years, effective September 1, 2005.
- i. Henry Aay, Ph.D., Frederik Meijer Endowed Chair in Dutch Language and Culture, three years, effective September 1, 2006.

- j. Linda M. McFadden, M.Ln., M.B.A., reference and acquisitions librarian, two years, effective November 1, 2005.

—Adopted

3. That synod ratify the following provost appointment:

Claudia D. Beversluis, Ph.D., provost, effective July 1, 2006, five years, retaining tenured appointment as professor of psychology.

—Adopted

4. That synod ratify the following reappointments with tenure (*italics indicate promotion to that rank*):

- a. Adel S. Abadeer, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and business
- b. Jerry G. Bergsma, M.A., *associate professor* of physical education
- c. Keith D. Brautigam, D.M.A., professor of music
- d. Kimerly R. Gall, Ph.D., professor of physical education
- e. Margaret J. Goetz, Ph.D., *associate professor* of communication arts and sciences
- f. Deborah B. Haarsma, Ph.D., *associate professor* of physics and astronomy
- g. William H. Katerberg, Ph.D., associate professor of history
- h. Amy S. Patterson, Ph.D., *associate professor* of political science
- i. Laura A. Smit, Ph.D., *associate professor* of religion
- j. James K. A. Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy
- k. James R. Timmer, Jr., Ph.D., associate professor of physical education
- l. Deanna van Dijk, Ph.D., assistant professor of geography
- m. Jennifer J. Van Antwerp, Ph.D., *associate professor* of engineering
- n. Jeremy G. Van Antwerp, Ph.D., *associate professor* of engineering
- o. Julie Walton, Ph. D., *associate professor* of health

—Adopted

5. That synod give appropriate recognition to the following for service to Calvin College and the Christian Reformed Church and confer on them the titles listed below:

- a. M. Joy De Boer Anema, M.S.W., associate registrar, emerita
- b. Barbara M. Carvill, Ph.D., professor of German, emerita
- c. Robert L. DeVries, Ph.D., professor of political science, emeritus
- d. George N. Monsma, Jr., Ph.D., professor of economics, emeritus
- e. Barbara Omolade, Ph.D., professor of sociology, dean for multicultural affairs, emerita
- f. Arden R. Post, Ed.D., professor of education, emerita
- g. Yvonne H. Van Ee, Ph.D., professor of education, emerita
- h. Ronald A. Wells, Ph.D., professor of history, emeritus
- i. Charles R. Young, III., Ph.D. professor of art, emeritus

—Adopted

6. That synod by way of printed ballot elect the nominees for membership on the Calvin College Board from the slate of nominees presented (terms to begin and end on the convening date of the first full board meeting following the meeting of synod).

—Adopted

ARTICLE 63

(The report of Advisory Committee 5 is continued from Article 27.)

Advisory Committee 5, Missions, Rev. Aldon L. Kuiper reporting, presents the following:

Board of Trustees

A. *Materials*: Board of Trustees Supplement section II, C; including Appendix C

B. *Observations*

Synod 2005 instructed the BOT and Home Missions to propose a unified plan regarding assistance to smaller congregations and to support the development of healthy congregations—in such a way that gives meaningful expression to the covenant of support underlying our denominational relationships.

In response to this directive of synod, a task force composed of various agency representatives developed an initial plan for implementation contained in Appendix C:

1. Concept

Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) is modeled after Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE). The core idea is to use funds to provide small grants to congregations to support their efforts to attain and sustain health and excellence. Funds would be directed almost exclusively to local congregations or groups of congregations.

2. Planning and Implementation Team

A planning team of six to eight people would be created. If the BOT approves this recommendation, the team spends four months writing a detailed plan for the project. The broad elements of the plan—or the plan itself—should be ready for senior staff approval and BOT endorsement in September 2006.

This team would then transpose into an SCE Implementation Team, following the SPE model, with responsibility for approving grants to churches and providing guidance for the project.

3. Focus group

As part of its proposal writing process, the implementation team would convene a focus group in the summer of 2006 for the purpose of discussing the questions: What do congregations need in order to thrive? What can a denomination do to help?

This group would be no larger than twenty-five people, invited from both inside and outside the denomination and including both pastors and laypeople.

4. Design elements

a. Analysis

What is congregational health and excellence? In considering this and related questions, the SCE planning team would make use of the above-mentioned focus group input, the BOT's Ministries Priorities III report, the work of the Ministries Plan Scorecard deployment team that is

developing an index of congregational health, natural church development, Peter Steinke's systems approach, and other resources.

b. Program tracks and principles

The planning team would make use of focus group input and its own experience to identify principles it will follow as it administers SCE grants to congregations. These principles might be accompanied by a defined number of funding tracks, such as (1) church council education and support, (2) congregational health initiatives (NCD, coaching, Steinke training), (3) continuing education for congregational leaders, and (4) pastor and ministry staff peer learning related to congregational health.

c. Administration

The project will be administered from within the denominational office and utilize present staff.

d. Advisory board

There would be an advisory board of ten members that would meet annually to review program elements; advise staff concerning project administration; and evaluate progress for the benefit of the CRC executive director, director of denominational ministries, and other senior staff. Advisory board membership would be determined in consultation with senior staff and the Ministry Council.

e. Other elements

- 1) The SCE planning team would be asked, as part of its responsibilities, to design and propose a strategic plan to implement congregational advocacy within the denomination. This would be presented to the BOT in the spring of 2007.
- 2) The SCE planning team could choose to include other elements in the SCE project design during the planning phase.

f. Timeline

April 2006	Executive director review Ministry Council endorsement
May 2006	Board of Trustees approval
June 2006	Synod approval Planning and implementation team convened
July / August 2006	Focus group convened
September 2006	SCE plan completed; approved by ED and BOT
November 2006	SCE implementation begins
March 2007	First SCE grants approved
April 2007	Present congregational advocacy plan to BOT

5. SCE rationale

- a. Substantially satisfies synod's decision to provide funding to assist local churches.

- The intent of the funding is congregational health and excellence.
 - SCE fosters the initiatives that will lead to the financial independence that also concerned synod.
- b. Creates a single track for funding and administration.
 - c. Avoids creating a new administrative entity for administration.
 - d. Minimizes administrative costs.
 - e. Demonstrates strong commitment to the denomination's strategic priority.
 - f. Uses a collaborative, interagency approach.
 - g. Encourages flexible, innovative thinking in congregations.
 - h. Makes maximum use of funds as they are received.
 - i. Will not create dependency.
 - j. Is accountable to the executive director and other senior staff.
6. Other considerations
- a. Grants would be targeted at small and/or struggling congregations.
 - b. The project would use only funds available through the \$10 ministry share.
 - c. The project would run for an initial two years should synod approve, and it would use an estimated \$1.8 million raised through ministry shares in 2005-2007.
 - d. The project can be brought to a "soft landing" at any time thereafter, due to the time lag between synodical decisions and actual receipt (or termination) of ministry share income.

Synod is presented with a concept of how such a plan can be developed and implemented, using the model of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), in which the core idea is to provide grants to support the efforts of smaller congregations to attain and sustain congregational health and excellence.

In the course of developing this SCE proposal, the Healthy Churches Task Force realized broader organizational challenges in our denominational agency structure as we seek to refocus our denominational ministry priorities around creating and sustaining healthy local congregations.

Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) is a concept plan that encourages the Board of Trustees to develop a unified plan and strategy for assisting smaller churches and encouraging the development of healthy congregations. The Board of Trustees' implementation of the SCE concept plan addresses both the challenge of providing assistance to smaller churches, and the challenge of supporting the development of healthy congregations.

C. Recommendation: That synod approve the Board of Trustees' implementation of the Synod 2005 directive in support of the healthy churches initiative (BOT Supplement section II, C):

1. To create a Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE) project to promote healthy congregations, using the \$10 ministry share approved by Synod 2005 to assist local churches, directed specifically toward smaller congregations.

2. To request that the executive director recommend to the BOT the most effective way to structure the denomination's ministries so as to implement the priority of healthy congregations.

Grounds:

- a. This would communicate strongly the BOT's desire to see that our structure enhances rather than impedes effective ministry.
- b. The administration is in the best position to determine how to design such a plan.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 5 is continued in Article 71.)

ARTICLE 64

Elder delegate Dick L. Kranendonk leads in closing prayer. The afternoon session is adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING, June 15, 2006 Twelfth Session

ARTICLE 65

Rev. Theodore Lim leads in opening prayer, first in Korean, followed in English. He announces *Psalter Hymnal* 462, "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound."

ARTICLE 66

Advisory Committee 8, Church Order and Appeals, Rev. Paul R. De Vries reporting, presents the following:

Response to Overture 5: Permit the Delegation of Women Officebearers to Synod; Delete the Word *Male* from Church Order Article 3-a

A. Materials

1. Overture 5, pp. 478-80
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (Section I, F)

B. Pastoral observation

Any current discussion and decision regarding women in church office must take into account the history of the discussion over the last several decades. Particularly instructive to the issues before us today are the decisions of the last eleven years. Synod 1995 affirmed that "there are two different perspectives and convictions, both of which honor the scriptures as the infallible Word of God, on the issue of whether women are allowed to serve in the offices of elder, minister and evangelist" (*Acts of Synod 1995*, p. 731). Although this assertion by synod has been challenged at times and is not universally embraced by the churches, it remains the stated position of the denomination.

Several synods, the majority of our classes, and many churches of the denomination have increasingly taken action to permit increased opportunity for women for service in these offices. Many churches have elected women as elders and several have called women pastors. More than half of the classes have declared the word *male* in Church Order Article 3-a inoperative. At the same time, many classes and churches do not permit women to serve in these offices. Many who remain in the denomination fear that their convictions and consciences either already are or will be bound by the denomination's position on this issue. Nevertheless, the denomination's essential position on the issue has remained constant, and the denominational anxiety and conflict on the issue has been quieted to some extent. Thus, we have a clearly stated, long-held conviction on the matter without having clear consensus while also maintaining a reasonable level of unity.

What is most notable to this committee is that in spite of the continued passion and disagreement regarding the issue of women serving in church office, the church has (for the most part) managed to maintain a respectful, God-honoring demeanor even in the midst of our disagreement. It is this committee's desire to see this continue. Therefore, in the spirit of unity, we have prepared a single report even though we disagree on some of the fundamental issues.

We respectfully encourage and invite synod to join us in our attempt to walk together, rather than apart, on this difficult issue. The words of Ephesians 4:1-3 are pastorally instructive:

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod recommend that the word *male* be deleted from Church Order Article 3-a (and make related revisions) provided that women ministers and elders not be allowed to serve as synodical delegates or synodical deputies.

Grounds:

- a. This allows women to serve in the offices of minister, elder, and ministry associate on the local and regional level while honoring and respecting on the synodical level those who oppose women serving in the offices of minister or elder.
- b. For over a decade, the denomination's official position has been that both of the two different perspectives and convictions on the issue of whether women are allowed to serve in the offices of elder, minister, and ministry associate are within the bounds of biblical authority and Reformed theology.

The president leads in prayer for the vote.

—*Adopted*

The following delegates register their negative vote: James E. Blankespoor (Grand Rapids East), Jean Lauziere (Eastern Canada), George Vander Weit (Grand Rapids East).

2. A delegate of synod presents the following motion:

That synod insert the following regulation into Church Order Supplement, Articles 45 and 48:

Women ministers and elders shall not be permitted to serve as synodical delegates or synodical deputies.

—*Adopted*

3. That synod propose the revision of Church Order Article 3 to read as follows:

All confessing members of the church who meet the biblical requirements are eligible for the offices of minister, elder, deacon, and ministry associate.

Only those who have been officially called and ordained or installed shall hold and exercise office in the church.

Ground: This wording is consistent with the previous recommendation and simplifies the wording of the article.

—*Adopted*

4. That synod propose the following addition to Church Order Article 45: “No classis shall delegate a woman minister or elder to synod.”

Ground: The importance of this provision to the primary recommendation calls for it to be part of the Church Order and not the Supplement.

—*Defeated*

5. That synod propose the following addition to Church Order Article 48-a: “No woman shall be nominated by a classis (or appointed by synod) as a synodical deputy.”

Ground: The importance of this provision to the primary recommendation calls for it to be part of the Church Order and not the Supplement.

—*Defeated*

6. That synod instruct the BOT to draft the related revisions to the Church Order (including, but not limited to Articles 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 34, 43, 61, 73, and editorial changes in the materials in the Supplement to the Church Order) and prepare them for distribution to the church by November 1, 2006, so that the changes can be considered for approval by Synod 2007.

Grounds:

a. These related revisions are necessitated by the deletion of the word *male* from Church Order Article 3-a.

b. The timing outlined above will allow the churches sufficient opportunity to review and consider the changes before Synod 2007.

—*Adopted*

7. That synod revert to regulation B, 2 of the Supplement, Article 3-a in its pre-2005 reading, namely: “A classis that has decided that “the word *male* in Article 3-a is inoperative for its constituent churches” shall not have the right to appoint a women minister to serve as synodical deputy.”

Ground: This is consistent with the primary Recommendation 1 above.

—*Adopted*

8. That synod, understanding the difficulty of this issue, encourage the church to undertake a Sabbath rest of seven years following the adoption of these changes in the Church Order before revisiting this action in the assemblies.

Ground: This course of action will effectively remove the debate from the floor of synod for a number of years and will allow the denomination and its churches to concentrate on their ministries. (This ground is taken from *Acts of Synod 1995*, p. 735.)

—*Adopted*

9. That the reporter for advisory committee 1, Rev. Paul DeVries, and advisory committee member, Rev. Ronald Meyer, be designated to represent the change in Church Order Article 3 at Synod 2007 (see Church Order Supplement, Article 47-e).

—*Adopted*

10. That synod declare this to be its response to Overture 5.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 8 is continued in Article 70.)

ARTICLE 67

Second clerk Cecil Van Niejenhuis leads in closing prayer and announces *Psalter Hymnal* 561, “Rejoice, O Pure in Heart.” The evening session is adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 16, 2006

Thirteenth Session

ARTICLE 68

Elder delegate Lawrence Hoogerhyde, Sr., asks delegates to observe a moment of silence to hear the voice of the Spirit. He announces *Sing! A New Creation* 11, “Be Still, for the Presence” and reads from Psalm 100. He announces *Sing! A New Creation* 12, “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise;” *Sing! A New Creation* 77, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light;” and *Psalter Hymnal* 548, “When We Walk with the Lord.” He leads in opening prayer.

ARTICLE 69

The vice president assumes the chair.

Synod enters into strict executive session.

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 42.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services 1, Rev. David R. Koll reporting, presents the following:

Regarding the Resignation of Dr. Calvin L. Bremer

A. *Observations*

The advisory committee met in executive session with Dr. Peter Borgdorff; Rev. Wayne Leys, chairman of the BOT; and delegates who asked to speak to the committee. Disclosure was made of the actions of the BOT and Dr. Borgdorff. All questions offered by advisory committee members were answered. The advisory committee is convinced that synod and the denomination would be best served by not opening a general discussion of this matter and by passing the recommendation offered below. This matter is highly sensitive and, if taken up by the general body of synod, should be done so in executive session.

B. Recommendation: That synod endorse the work of the BOT regarding the resignation of Dr. Calvin L. Bremer as the director of The Back to God Hour and as the executive director-designee for the CRC, and that synod commend the BOT for their wise and pastoral leadership through this difficult situation.

—Adopted

ARTICLE 70

The president resumes the chair.

Synod returns to open session.

(The report of Advisory Committee 8 is continued from Article 66.)

Advisory Committee 8, Church Order and Appeals, Rev. Paul R. De Vries reporting, presents the following:

I. Board of Trustees

A. Materials: Board of Trustees Report (Sections II, A, 14-15 including Appendix F)

B. Recommendations

1. That synod adopt the recommendations for the revision of Article 41 of the Church Order as proposed (see Appendix F):
 - a. That synod adopt the following revision of Church Order Article 41:

In order to assist the churches, the classis shall allocate sufficient time at its meetings to respond to requests for advice or help from the churches and, at a minimum of one of its meetings annually, shall allocate sufficient time to discuss at least one ministry issue that the classis considers to be especially important in the life and ministry of member congregations or in the denomination.

Grounds:

- 1) The history of Article 41 demonstrates that the current formulation generally has not resulted in fruitful work.
- 2) Encouraging churches to discuss ministry issues that they believe are important for their life together is likely to result in fruitful work.

- 3) Although the wording of Article 41 has changed, the fundamental principles of accountability of the councils to the classis and mutual assistance have not been altered. The advisory committee judges that this is not a substantial change (Church Order Supplement, Article 47).

—Adopted

- b. That synod revise the Classical Credential Form by adding the following sentence to the top half of the form:

We testify that our council faithfully adheres to the doctrinal standards of the Christian Reformed Church and diligently and effectively attends to ministry within our congregation, community, classis, denomination, and the broader kingdom of God.

—Adopted

- c. That synod revise the Classical Credential Form by deleting the word *hereby* from the sentence currently on the form. The bottom half of the credential would read:

Church Order Article 41 calls classis to assist its member churches in the following way:

In order to assist the churches, the classis shall allocate sufficient time at its meetings to respond to requests for advice or help from the churches and, at a minimum of one meeting annually, shall allocate sufficient time to discuss at least one ministry issue that the classis considers to be especially important.

Two questions would follow. First, “In what aspect of your ministry would you like the assistance of classis?” This was one of the questions under Article 41 from 1914-1947 and, in essence, has remained a question because the back of the credential reads, “Items of Information and Requests for Advice or Help of Classis.” Making this an open question encourages each council to think specifically about its ministry and highlights the availability of assistance from classis.

The second question is: “What aspect of ministry would you like to discuss at classis?” This question will assist the classis in determining matters of specific importance to its member churches.

—Adopted

- d. That synod revise the Classical Credential Form as found in the Addendum to Appendix F with the addition of a line that would allow the delegation of deacons.

—Adopted

2. That synod adopt the change proposed by Synod 2005 in Church Order Article 8 (II, A, 15).

Ground: No church or person has expressed objection to the proposed change.

—Adopted

II. Response to Overture 3: Revise the Examination Procedure in Church Order Supplement, Articles 10 and 23

A. *Materials:* Overture 3, pp. 470-72

B. *Recommendation:* That synod not accede to Overture 3.

Grounds:

1. Classis already has the ability to implement any of the procedures suggested by the overture.
2. The infrequent occurrence of incidents of the type that stimulated this overture fails to justify the change that the overture requests.

—*Adopted*

(The report of Advisory Committee 8 is continued in Article 73.)

ARTICLE 71

(The report of Advisory Committee 5 is continued from Article 61.)

Advisory Committee 5, Missions, Rev. Aldon L. Kuiper reporting, presents the following:

Response to Overture 16: Appoint a Study Committee to Examine the Admission of All Baptized Members to the Lord's Supper and to Consider the Nature and Practice of Profession of Faith Both in the Life of Individuals and the Church (majority report)

A. *Materials:* Overture 16, pp. 526-30

B. *Observations*

Synod 1988 did not accept a study committee report that argued that covenant children should be welcomed at the table simply on the basis of their covenant status and the evidence of a desire to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Instead, Synod 1988 declared that the church is warranted in admitting to the Lord's Supper covenant children who give evidence of faith and that covenant children should be encouraged to make public profession of faith as soon as they give the evidence of discerning faith in Jesus Christ.

Synod 1995 received reports from another study committee that again focused on the question of children's participation in the Lord's Supper. Synod 1995 again refused to accept the position that covenant status should be the only prerequisite for participation in the Lord's Supper. Synod 1995 provided steps and guidelines of ways in which churches could encourage a child's expression of faith in Jesus Christ and celebrate a child's first communion in the joy of God's love for them in Jesus Christ.

Step 1: The child expresses interest in participating in the Lord's Supper to his/her parent(s) or perhaps to a church-school teacher or another faith mentor within the church.

Step 2: The parent(s) discusses with the child the meaning of the sacrament and assesses the motivation of the child for participating. Convinced that this inquiry arises from a genuine stirring of the

Spirit in the heart of the child, the parent(s) contacts an elder and/or pastor.

Step 3: The elder and/or pastor meets with the child and parent(s) to hear the testimony of the child with respect to his or her faith and desire to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Step 4: The child makes a public profession of faith in a simple and appropriate manner during a regular worship service.

Overture 16 states that both study committee reports of 1988 and 1995 include arguments in favor of admitting all baptized members to the Lord's Supper and that children ought to be admitted to the Lord's Supper simply by their status of being members of the covenant.

The advisory committee takes note of two things: (1) these arguments were not accepted by Synod 1988 or 1995; (2) both synods strongly encouraged covenant children to express their faith in Jesus Christ as soon as they show the evidence of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a genuine desire to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

C. Recommendations

1. That synod not accede to Overture 16.

Grounds:

- a. The grounds are not sufficiently new or weighty to warrant another committee to study this matter.
- b. The 1995 synodical report addressed these issues thoroughly and is sufficient to provide the information the churches need to study and discuss this issue.

2. That synod direct the BOT to appoint a task force to:

- a. Evaluate the impact and implementation of the 1995 synodical decisions regarding synod's position on children at the Lord's Supper.
- b. Discover the challenges and joys that have resulted from the synodical decisions of 1995.
- c. Propose approaches to further the discipleship of professing and communicant children toward greater spiritual growth, a deeper relationship with Christ, a more meaningful involvement with the body of Christ, and a greater understanding and affirmation of the Reformed faith.
- d. Evaluate the manner in which our churches are implementing Church Order Article 59-b and propose appropriate ways of celebrating the entrance of young confessing members into the full privileges and responsibilities of adult membership.

Grounds:

- 1) It has been a decade since the synodical decisions of 1995 regarding the issue of profession of faith by younger children. There is a sense that guidelines for the implementation of these decisions are unclear.

- 2) The present practices in churches of what follows a profession of faith by a younger child are confusing and inconsistent.
- 3) The deep concern we have for our church youth demands that we do all we can to help them grow in Christ (Eph. 4:14-16) by an effective discipling process.

According to the Rules of Synodical Procedure, the minority report re the issue of appointing a study committee re profession of faith is presented as information by Rev. Erick J. Schuringa:

Response to Overture 16: Appoint a Study Committee to Examine the Admission of All Baptized Members to the Lord's Supper and to Consider the Nature and Practice of Profession of Faith Both in the Life of Individuals and the Church (minority report)

A. *Materials*: Overture 16, p. 52

B. *Observations*

We agree with the essence of the recommendations of the majority report. Overture 16 asks for a study committee. We believe enough study has been done on this matter and so another study committee is not warranted. Instead, we believe that synod should recognize that "there is no basis in the theology of the covenant or the theology of the sacraments for denying to growing children the Lord's Supper" (*Agenda for Synod 1988*, p. 283).

C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod allow for the admission of all baptized members to the Lord's Supper on the basis of their full membership in the covenant community.

Grounds:

- a. The five grounds of Overture 16 along with the Report B of 1995 show that there are valid theological reasons to consider membership in the covenant as the basis for participation in communion just as membership in the old covenant was the basis for participation in the Passover.
- b. Opening communion to all baptized members is not a denial of the need of an expression of faith (i.e., age-appropriate profession) but is a healthier understanding that such faith is expressed in many ways and at many levels within and through the covenant community and not only through a verbal affirmation of beliefs.

The essential question is: What is evidence of faith in a covenant member? The very act of hearing the "invitation" to communion and responding in faith by participating is an age-appropriate expression of knowing that communion is about being part of a community that receives the gift of life from the Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

2. That synod add to the task force (presuming it is formed according to the majority report request) the responsibility to bring Church Order Article 59 into conformity with the reality that children are welcomed to the Lord's Supper on the basis of their membership in the covenant community of faith.

Following the rules of procedure, synod returns to consideration of the recommendation of the advisory committee's majority report. Synod discusses the majority recommendations and adopts Recommendation 1 (below), however, it decides to table Recommendation 2 in order to consider the recommendations of the minority report (actions follow).

Recommendation of the majority report: That synod not accede to Overture 16.

Grounds:

- a. The grounds are not sufficiently new or weighty to warrant another committee to study this matter.
- b. The 1995 synodical report addressed these issues thoroughly and is sufficient to provide the information the churches need to study and discuss this issue.

—Adopted

Recommendations of the minority report:

1. That synod allow for the admission of all baptized members to the Lord's Supper on the basis of their full membership in the covenant community.

Grounds:

- a. The five grounds of Overture 16 along with the Report B of 1995 show that there are valid theological reasons to consider membership in the covenant as the basis for participation in communion just as membership in the old covenant was the basis for participation in the Passover.
- b. Opening communion to all baptized members is not a denial of the need of an expression of faith (i.e., age-appropriate profession) but is a healthier understanding that such faith is expressed in many ways and at many levels within and through the covenant community and not only through a verbal affirmation of beliefs.
- c. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper, like preaching and the sacrament of baptism, is a means of grace to all members of God's covenant.

The essential question is: What is evidence of faith in a covenant member? The very act of hearing the "invitation" to communion and responding in faith by participating is an age-appropriate expression of knowing that communion is about being part of a community that receives the gift of life from the Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

—Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Robert Walter, Jr., (Arizona).

2. That synod direct the BOT to appoint a task force to:
 - a. Bring any appropriate Church Order Articles into conformity with the reality that children are welcomed to the Lord's Supper on the basis of their membership in the covenant community of faith.
 - b. Evaluate the impact and implementation of the 1995 synodical decisions regarding synod's position on children at the Lord's Supper.
 - c. Discover the challenges and joys that have resulted from the synodical decisions of 1995.

- d. Propose approaches to further the discipleship of professing and communicant children toward greater spiritual growth, a deeper relationship with Christ, a more meaningful involvement with the body of Christ, and a greater understanding and affirmation of the Reformed faith.
- e. Evaluate the manner in which our churches are implementing Church Order Article 59-b and propose appropriate ways of celebrating the entrance of young confessing members into the full privileges and responsibilities of adult membership.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 72

Vice president William C. Veenstra presents the following motion re the Sea to Sea Bike Tour in celebration of the centennial of the CRC in Canada:

That Synod 2006 acknowledge with joy and gratitude the centennial of the CRC in Canada and the celebration that took place in 2005. Furthermore, synod expresses its gratitude to those who were involved at every level of participation in the Sea to Sea celebration.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 73

(The report of Advisory Committee 8 is continued from Article 70.)

Advisory Committee 8, Church Order and Appeals, Rev. Paul R. De Vries reporting, presents the following:

Response to Overture 4: Revise Article 21 of the Church Order

A. *Materials*: Overture 4, pp. 473-77

B. *Recommendations*

1. That synod not accede to Overture 4.

Grounds:

- a. The Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee (SMCC) is currently addressing the issue of inequity and will be working in consultation with the Classical Ministerial Leadership Teams (CMLTs) on this issue (see SMCC Report Appendix, section V, E and section VI, A-C, pp. 326, 328).
- b. The denomination has intentionally moved in the direction of increasing classis involvement with candidates whereas this overture moves us in the opposite direction.

—*Adopted*

2. That synod encourage the SMCC to work diligently to provide clear leadership and advice to the CMLTs on the financial equity and balance of support for all who are studying for the ordained ministry.

Ground: The overture addresses real concerns that call for synodical attention and the SMCC provides the best vehicle for that attention.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 74

Appointments, officers, and functionaries are presented for review. This listing reflects the results of the synodical elections and appointments and includes study committees that are synodically approved.

I. Officers, functionaries, and convening church for Synod 2007

A. Officers

- 1. Executive director: Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra
- 2. Director of denominational ministries: Vacant
- 3. Director of finance and administration: Mr. John H. Bolt
- 4. Director of Canadian ministries: Rev. Bruce G. Adema

B. Functionaries

Arrangements for Synod 2007: Mr. Jeff Stob, director of conference and campus events at Calvin College

C. Convening churches

Convening churches for Synod 2007: Graafschap Christian Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan; Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan; First Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan

II. Synodical deputies

Classis	Deputy	Alternate	Term Expires
Alberta North	Rev. Harry Vriend	Rev. Cecil Van Niejenhuis	2006(1)
Alberta South/ Saskatchewan	Rev. Jake Corvers	Rev. Andrew Joosse	2007(1)
Arizona	Rev. Frederick J. Walhof		2008(1)
Atlantic Northeast	Rev. Stanley J. Vander Klay	Rev. James Vande Lune	2006(2)
B.C. North-West	Rev. Henry Numan	Rev. Dick Kwantes	2007(1)
B.C. South-East	Rev. Henry Jonker	Rev. Alvin Beukema	2007(1)
California South	Rev. William Verhoef	Rev. Neville Koch	2007(1)
Central California	Rev. Bruce Persenaire	Rev. Al Helder	2007(1)
Chatham	Rev. Dirk Miedema	Rev. Rich deLange	2008(1)
Chicago South	Rev. Julius T. Medenblik	Rev. Gerald R. Erffmeyer.	2008(2)
Columbia	Rev. Kenneth Van Schelven	Rev. Jelmer P. Groenewold	2009(2)
Eastern Canada	Rev. Nicolaas Cornelisse	Rev. Kenneth M. Gehrels	2006(1)
Georgetown	Rev. Matthew A. Palsrok	Rev. Gerald Koning	2007(1)
Grand Rapids East	Rev. Thea Leunk	Rev. Leonard J. Hofman	2009(1)
Grand Rapids North	Rev. Terry D. Slachter	Rev. Henry Admiraal	2007(1)
Grand Rapids South	Rev. Wilmer R. Witte	Rev. David A. Struyk	2007(2)
Grandville	Rev. Douglas A. Kamstra	Rev. Donald J. Steenhoek	2007(2)
Greater Los Angeles	Rev. David R. Koll	Rev. Ronald D. Goudzwaard	2006(2)
Hackensack	Rev. Clair Vander Neut	Rev. Douglas H. Bratt	2006(1)
Hamilton	Rev. Gordon H. Pols	Rev. Henry Kranenburg	2007(1)
Heartland	Rev. Duane Tinklenberg	Rev. David L. Heilman	2007(2)
Holland	Rev. Dick M. Stravers	Rev. Michael De Vries	2006(1)
Hudson	Rev. Kenneth J. Verhulst	Rev. Mark Lucas	2007(1)
Huron	Rev. John Kerssies	Rev. Jacob M. Van de Hoef	2007(1)
Iakota	Rev. Robert Timmer		2008(1)
Illiana	Rev. Gerrit Veenstra	Rev. Stephan R. Van Eck	2007(1)
Kalamazoo	Rev. Hendrik De Vries	Rev. Kenneth A. Baker	2008(1)
Lake Erie	Rev. Randall Engle	Rev. Robert Arbogast	2008(2)

Lake Superior	Rev. Dale Visser	Rev. Jack Van Marion	2008(1)
Minnkota	Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels	Rev. William D. Vis	2007(1)
Muskegon	Rev. Allen Petroelje	Rev. Gerald D. Postema	2007(1)
Niagara	Rev. Harry A. Vander Windt	Rev. Gerald Van Smeerdyk	2008(1)
Northcentral Iowa	Rev. Frank E. Pott	Rev. George M. McGuire	2007(1)
Northern Illinois	Rev. Merle Den Bleyker	Rev. John Schuurman	2009(2)
Northern Michigan	Rev. Robert D. Steen	Rev. Ronald Klimp	2007(1)
Pacific Hanmi	Rev. Peter H. Kim	Rev. Seung J. Kang	2008(1)
Pacific Northwest	Rev. Kenneth D. Koeman	Rev. Michael J. Kooy	2007(2)
Pella	Rev. Jack Gray	Rev. Jeffrey L. Sajdak	2007(1)
Quinte	Rev. B. Bernard Bakker	Rev. Ed W. Visser	2009(2)
Red Mesa	Rev. John W. Dykhuis	Rev. John J. Greydanus	2006(2)
Rocky Mountain	Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra		2007(2)
Southeast U.S.	Rev. Vernon Vander Zee	Rev. Larry Howerzyl	2006(1)
Thornapple Valley	Rev. David D. Poolman	Rev. Gerard Bouma	2007(1)
Toronto	Rev. Jacob Kerkhof	Rev. C. Nick Overduin	2008(1)
Wisconsin	Rev. Kenneth Vande Griend	Rev. Daniel J. Roeda	2008(1)
Yellowstone	Rev. Thomas Vander Ziel	Rev. Randal Van Osdol	2008(2)
Zeeland	Rev. Gerry G. Heyboer	Rev. Ronald De Young	2008(1)

III. Boards and committees

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Region 1—Classes B.C. North-West and B.C. South-East

Region 2—Classes Alberta North, Alberta South/Saskatchewan, and Lake Superior (Canadian congregations)

Region 3—Classes Eastern Canada, Quinte, and Toronto

Region 4—Classes Chatham, Hamilton, Huron, and Niagara

Region 5—Classes Columbia, Pacific Northwest, and Yellowstone

Region 6—Classes Central California, Greater Los Angeles, California South, and Pacific Hanmi

Region 7—Classes Rocky Mountain, Red Mesa, and Arizona

Region 8—Classes Heartland, Iakota, Lake Superior (U.S. congregations), Minnkota, Northcentral Iowa, and Pella

Region 9—Classes Illiana, Chicago South, Northern Illinois, and Wisconsin

Region 10—Classes Georgetown, Holland, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Northern Michigan, and Zeeland

Region 11—Grand Rapids East, Grand Rapids North, Grand Rapids South, Grandville, Lake Erie, and Thornapple Valley

Region 12—Classes Atlantic Northeast, Hackensack, Hudson, and Southeast U.S.

A. Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

District	Deputy	Alternate	Term Expires
<i>Canadian members</i>			
Alberta North	Rev. John Pasma	Rev. Neil De Koning	2009(2)
Alberta South/ Saskatchewan	Mr. Hessel Kielstra	Mr. Durk De Jong	2007(2)
B.C. North-West	Mr. William Crofton	Mr. Andy deRuyter	2009(2)
B.C. South-East	Rev. Kenneth D. Boonstra	Rev. Colin Vander Ploeg	2009(1)
Chatham	Mr. Jack Geschiere	Mr. Patrick McNamara	2008(2)
Eastern Canada	Rev. Paul R. Vanderkooy	Rev. Gerald van Leeuwen	2007(1)
Hamilton	Rev. Arie G. Van Eek		2007(1)
Huron	Mr. Gary VanArragon	Mr. Jack Tacoma	2008(1)
Lake Superior	Rev. William C. Tuininga	Rev. Evert Busink	2008(2)
Niagara	Rev. Andrew E. Beunk	Rev. James C. Dekker	2009(2)
Quinte	Rev. Jake Kuipers	Dr. William T. Koopmans	2008(2)
Toronto	Mr. Enno Meijers		2007(2)
At-large members	Ms. Gayle Monsma	Ms. Hilda Roukema	2008(1)
	Mr. Keith Oosthoek	Mr. Bert Schouten	2009(2)
	Mrs. Patricia Storteboom	Mrs. Cindy Bruin	2007(1)
Ex officio	Rev. Bruce G. Adema, director of Canadian ministires		
<i>U.S. members</i>			
Region 5	Rev. Rod Vander Ley		2007(1)
Region 6	Rev. Mark D. Vermaire		2008(1)
Region 7	Mrs. N. Theresa Rottschäfer	Mr. Walter F. Ackerman	2008(2)
Region 8	Rev. Robert Timmer	Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels	2007(2)
	Mr. Marion D. Van Soelen	Mr. Lane Bonnema	2008(2)
Region 9	Rev. Robert A. Lyzenga	Dr. James La Grand	2009(1)
Region 10	Rev. John Rop, Jr.	Dr. Ronald D. De Young	2009(1)
	Rev. Leonard J. Vander Zee	Rev. Marvin J. Hofman	2009(2)
Region 11	Mrs. Beverly A. Weeks	Mrs. Kathy Steenwyk	2008(2)
	Rev. Daniel B. Mouw	Rev. Kenneth E. Van Wyk	2007(1)
	Ms. Jane Vander Haagen	Ms. Judy Bredeweg	2007(2)
Region 12	Mr. Dan Cooke	Mr. Cornelius J. Bushoven	2008(2)
At-large members	Mr. James Clousing		2007(1)
	Rev. Mary S. Hulst	Rev. Eleanor M. Rietkerk	2009(1)
	Ms. Sari Mills	Mrs. Cindy Vander Kodde	2007(1)
Ex officio	Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, executive director		

B. The Back to God Hour

Region	Member	Term Expires
Region 1	Rev. Ezra Sui Cheung Ng	2007(1)
Region 2	Mrs. Rose Olthuis	2008(2)
Region 3	Mr. Sybren VanderZwaag	2009(2)
Region 4	Rev. Jerry Hoytema	2007(2)
Region 5	Rev. Mark Van Haitisma	2008(2)
Region 6	Rev. Bruce Persenaire	2009(1)
Region 7	Mr. Henry W. Rottschäfer	2008(2)
Region 8	Mr. Doug Kallemeyn	2007(2)
Region 9	Ms. Ellen Hamilton	2007(1)
Region 10	Mrs. Carol Woltjer	2008(1)
	Rev. Marvin J. Hofman	2008(1)
Region 11	Mr. Lorin Bossenbroek	2009(1)
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Region 12	Mr. Jim Putt	2009(1)
At-large	Mr. Harry Boessenkool	2009(1)

C. Calvin College Board of Trustees

Region	Member	Alternate	Term Expires
Regions 1 and 2	Dr. Alyce Oosterhuis	Rev. Christopher Fluit	2008(1)
Region 3	Mr. Martin Mudde	Ms. Ineke Neutel	2009(2)
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Region 8	Rev. David A. Zylstra	Mrs. K. Brinks-Starkenburger	2007(1)
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	Mr. Roger N. Brummel	Mr. Calvin Hulst	2009(1)
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Region 11	Mr. William J. Alphenaar	Mr. Ralph Katerberg	2008(2)
	Mr. James Haagsma	Ms. Evonne Plantinga	2009(2)
	Mr. Craig Klamer	Mr. Max Van Wyk	2007(1)
Region 12	Rev. Douglas H. Bratt	Mr. Donald Sporn	2008(2)
Alumni	Mrs. Marjorie Youngsma		2007(2)
	Mr. Ronald E. Baylor		2008(1)
	Ms. Ruth J. Vis		2009(2)
At-large	Mr. Stephen C.L. Chong		2008(3)
	Dr. Jack Harkema		2007(3)
	Ms. Michell Van Dyke		2008(1)
	Mr. Bastian A. Knoppers		2009(2)
	Mrs. Elsa Prince Broekhuizen		2007(2)
	Mr. Scott A. Spoelhof		2009(1)
	Ms. Jacquelyn S. Vander Brug		2007(3)
	Mr. David Vander Ploeg		2008(2)
	Mrs. Janice Van Dyke-Zeilstra		2008(2)
	Ms. Cynthia Rozendal Veenstra		2008(3)
	Rev. Harry W. Lew		2009(2)
	Rev. Norberto Wolf		2009(3)

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Region 4	Rev. Jack De Vries	Rev. Frederick Heslinga	2009(2)
	Rev. James Poelman	Rev. Shawn Brix	2008(1)
Region 5	Ms. Sue Imig	Ms. Leslie C. Ruiter	2009(2)
Region 6	Rev. Kevin J. Adams	Rev. George G. Vink	2007(1)
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Region 8	Rev. Greg Dyk	Rev. James T. Peterson	2009(1)
	Mr. Byron Noordewier	Ms. Jerelyn Schelhaas	2009(1)
Region 9	Rev. Julius T. Medenblik	Rev. Joel J. Sheeres	2007(1)
Region 10	Rev. Richard Hamstra	Rev. Christopher De Vos	2008(1)
	Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis		2007(2)
Region 11	Rev. Ruth Hofman	Rev. Rozanne Bruins	2008(2)
	Ms. Doris Rikkers	Mr. Gary Tinklenberg	2009(1)
Region 12	Rev. Andrew Chun	Rev. Xavier L. Suarez	2008(2)
At-large	Mr. Sidney J. Jansma, Jr.	Mr. Bernard te Velde, Sr.	2007(3)
	Mr. Douglas L. Kool	Mr. James V. Hoekstra	2009(2)
	Dr. Margaret E. Toxopeus	Rev. Mary S. Hulst	2007(3)

E. CRC Publications

Region	Member	Alternate	Term Expires
Region 1	Rev. Sidney Couperus	Mr. Stan Potma	2007(2)
Region 2	Ms. Anita Veeneman	Rev. William Nieuwenhuis	2008(1)
Region 3	Mrs. Irene Bakker	Ms. Carrie Zwart	2007(1)
Region 4	Rev. Pieter Pereboom	Rev. Jack Van de Hoef	2009(1)
Region 5	Mrs. Beverly Vander Beek	Ms. Kathy Eekhof	2009(1)
Region 6	Ms. Ruth Palma	Mr. Matthew Kim	2009(2)
Region 7	Ms. Wilma Wiersma	Ms. Lisa Ragsdale	2009(1)
Region 8	Mr. Jim Lipscomb	Dr. Mike Vanden Bosch	2009(2)
Region 9	Ms. Mae Cooper	Ms. Veronique Le Blanc	2008(1)
Region 10	Rev. Kenneth Baker	Rev. Hendrik de Vries	2008(1)
Region 11	Rev. Ecko De Vries	Rev. James E. Blankespoor	2008(2)
Region 12	Mr. John Szto	Ms. JoMae Spoelhof	2009(2)
At-large	Mr. Ken Bosveld Mr. Ji Hyun Jun Mr. Tom Prince		2007(2) 2008(2) 2009(1)
At-large – Reformed Church in America	Rev. George Brown Rev. Phyllis Palsma Rev. Jim O'Connell	Rev. Kirsty DePree (for the three RCA at-large members)	2008(1) 2008(1) 2008(1)

F. Christian Reformed Board of Home Missions

Region	Member	Alternate	Term Expires
Region 1	Mr. Victor Chen	Rev. Henry Devries	2009(2)
Region 2	Rev. Phil F. Reinders	Rev. Ronald E. Klok	2009(2)
Region 3	Rev. Samuel Cooper	Mr. Peter Runia	2008(2)
Region 4	Mr. Michael Talsma	Mr. Al Martens	2009(1)
Region 5	Rev. Virgil Michael	Dr. Clifton Sanders	2009(1)
Region 6	Rev. Paul H. Vander Klay	Rev. Cornelius Pool	2007(1)
Region 7	Mr. Rodney Hugen	Mr. Ernie Benally	2008(1)
Region 8	Rev. Mark Brouwer	Ms. Marcia Allspach	2007(1)
Region 9	Dr. Harley Ver Beek	Rev. Joel Zuidema	2009(1)
Region 10	Rev. Peter R. Byma	Rev. Paul Bakker	2008(2)
Region 11	Dr. Mary Buteyn	Rev. Jerome Burton	2007(1)
Region 12	Rev. Sheila Holmes	Mrs. Beth Fylstra	2007(2)
At-large	Mr. Charles Brown Ms. Emma Kee Dr. Allan Kramer		2007(2) 2008(1) 2008(2)

G. Christian Reformed World Missions Board

Region	Member	Term Expires
Region 1	Ms. Jacoba (Ko) Spyksma	2009(1)
Region 2	Mrs. Ruth Krabbe	2007(2)
Region 3	Rev. John Tenyenhuus	2009(2)
Region 4	Ms. Harmene Sytsma	2008(2)
At-large	Rev. Robert Loerts Ms. Jocelyn Langendoen	2008(2) 2009(1)
Region 5	Rev. Loren Swier	2009(2)

Region 6	Mr. Ray Hayes	2007(2)
Region 7	Mrs. Joy Engelsman	2007(2)
Region 8	Mr. Ken Van Zee	2009(1)
Region 9	Rev. Gary Schipper	2007(1)
Region 10	Ms. Jan Stravers	2009(1)
Region 11	Rev. Archie Vander Hart	2008(2)
Region 12	Rev. Kenneth Vander Wall	2008(2)
At-large	Rev. Jeffrey Dykema	2007(2)
	Ms. Evelyn Huttinga	2007(1)
	Rev. Manny Bersach	2008(1)
	Mr. Colin Watson	2009(1)

H. Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Region	Member	Term Expires
Alberta North	Mr. Quentin Nanninga	2008(1)
Alberta South/ Saskatchewan	Mr. George Lubberts*	2006(1)
Arizona	Mr. J.P. Bear	2009(1)
Atlantic Northeast	Ms. Gloria Ranney*	2007(2)
B.C. North-West	Mr. Gerrit Keegstra	2009(1)
B.C. South-East	Mr. John Richey*	2007(2)
California South	(Vacant)	
Central California	Mr. Albert Veldstra	2008(1)
Chatham	Mr. Ed deJong	2009(1)
Chicago South	Ms. Debbie Turrisi	2007(1)
Columbia	(Vacant)	
Eastern Canada	Mrs. Renee Gray	2008(2)
Georgetown	Mr. Bernard Potgeter	2007(1)
Grand Rapids East	Ms. Mary Dengerink*	2007(2)
Grand Rapids North	Mr. Wayne Van Wylen	2008(1)
Grand Rapids South	Mr. Randy Ledebor	2008(1)
Grandville	Mr. Lawrence Hoogerhyde, Sr.	2007(1)
Greater Los Angeles	Ms. Joyce Vander Vis	2006(1)
Hackensack	Mr. Richard Dykema	2007(1)
Hamilton	Mr. Dirk Veeneman*	2006(1)
Heartland	Mr. Harvey Verbrugge	2008(1)
Holland	Rev. Anthony Louwerse	2009(1)
Hudson	Ms. Linda Van Lenten	2007(2)
Huron	Mr. Jim Romahn	2008(2)
Iakota	Ms. Nancy Visser	2008(2)
Illiana	Mr. Daniel J. Zandstra	2007(1)
Kalamazoo	Mr. Willard Haak	2007(2)
Lake Erie	(Vacant)	
Lake Superior (Canada)	Mr. Henry Bakker	2008(1)
Lake Superior (U.S.)	(Vacant)	
Minnkota	Mr. John Schaap	2009(1)
Muskegon	Ms. Mary Ann Mellema	2007(1)
Niagara	Ms. Shirley Vandenberg*	2007(2)
Northcentral Iowa	Mr. Wes Bonnema	2007(1)
Northern Illinois	Rev. Juan Flores	2008(2)
Northern Michigan	Mr. Ken Vander Heide	2008(1)
Pacific Hanmi	Rev. Dong Il Kim	2008(1)
Pacific Northwest	Mr. Pieter Kroon	2009(2)
Pella	Mr. Randy Nugteren	2009(1)
Quinte	Mr. Frank Westerhof	2007(2)
Red Mesa	Mr. Norman Chee	2007(1)
Rocky Mountain	(Vacant)	
Southeast U.S.	Mr. Mike Van Roy	2009(1)

Thornapple Valley	Mr. Chris Van Spronsen*	2007(1)
Toronto	Mr. Dennis Jurjens	2008(1)
Wisconsin	Mr. Duane DuMez	2007(1)
Yellowstone	Ms. Dawn Menning*	2007(1)
Zeeland	Mr. Joel Ploegstra	2007(2)
Pastoral adviser (U.S.)	Dr. Mariano Avila*	2008(1)
Pastoral adviser (Canada)	Rev. Roy Berkenbosch	2008(1)
At-large Canada	Mrs. Mary Both	2006(1)
	Mr. Jerry Bulthuis	2006(1)
	Mr. Bany Castellanos*	2006(1)
	Mr. Jeff DeHaan	2008(2)
	Mr. Ulrich Haasdyk	2006(1)
	Ms. Gerda Kits	2008(1)
	Ms. Ellen Vandergrift	2008(1)
	Mr. Ben VanHoffen	2007(2)
	Ms. Joanne Van Loenen	2006(1)
At-large U.S.	Mr. Vincent Bivens	2008(2)
	Ms. Martha Carey	2009(1)
	Mr. Stan Cole*	2008(1)
	Mr. Marvin DeBoer	2008(1)
	Mr. Lawrence DeRuiter*	2008(1)
	Ms. Jackie Terpstra	2008(1)
	Mr. Fred Van Swol	2008(1)

* Also a member of the Board of Directors

IV. Service committees

A. *Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S. Committee*

Ms. Diane Apol (2007/2), Rev. Julius T. Medenblik (2007/2), Mr. Ronald Haan (2008/1), Mr. Scott Lee (2008/1), Mr. Ronald Baylor (2009/2), Mr. Donald Koopman (2009/1); ex officio member: Mr. Carl A. Gronsman.

B. *Historical Committee*

Mrs. Janet Sheeres (2007/2), Dr. Robert Swierenga (2007/2), Rev. Lugene Schemper (2008/1), Dr. James A. DeJong (2009/1).

C. *Interchurch Relations Committee*

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D. *Judicial Code Committee*

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E. *Ministers' Pension Funds committees*

Canadian Pension Trustees

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U.S. Board of Pensions

Mr. William Terpstra (2007/1), Mr. James Clousing (2008/1), Rev. Arthur J. Schoonveld (2009/1), Mr. Ray Vander Weele (2009/2), Mr. Alan Van Noord (2009/1).

F. Sermons for Reading Services Committee

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G. Sesquicentennial Committee

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V. Study committee

Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism (scheduled to report in 2007)

Dr. Mariano Avila, Rev. Amanda J. Benckhuysen, Dr. Paul Taming, Dr. Ruth Tucker, Rev. Ray Vander Kooij, Dr. Albert Wolters.

Recommendation: That synod approve the list of the boards and committees.

—*Adopted*

ARTICLE 75

The ED expresses thanks to the members of the worship committee and testimonial dinner committee. He thanks the faculty advisers, ethnic advisers, and women advisers as well as the Calvin College staff, synod office staff, and synod news office staff.

The vice president, Rev. William C. Veenstra, expresses thanks on behalf of synod to the president for his leadership during Synod 2006.

The ED expresses the gratitude of synod to the four officers and presents them with gifts.

The president of synod, Rev. W. Wayne Leys, expresses thanks to his fellow officers—Rev. William C. Veenstra, vice president; Mr. William B. Weidenaar, first clerk; and Rev. Cecil Van Niejenhuis, second clerk—for the support they have given him. He expresses appreciation to Dr. Peter Borgdorff for his presence and contribution and to Mrs. Janet Borgdorff for the many things she has done.

ARTICLE 76

(The report of Advisory Committee 2 is continued from Article 23.)

Advisory Committee 2, Synodical Services II, the president of synod, presents the following:

That synod encourage its agencies and institutions to implement the Denominational Ministries Plan through coordinated and collaborative efforts in order that the plan's ten objectives may be attained (see Appendix N).

—*Adopted*

Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra presents a PowerPoint presentation on the Denominational Ministries Plan.

ARTICLE 77

The president of synod reads from Isaiah 26 and shares that delegates have walked together in joy because of perfect peace and trust in the Lord—going forth in faith, not fear. He thanks the delegates and advisers of synod for their contributions and expresses gratitude for the prayers offered on behalf of synod by members of Sherman Street CRC. He leads in closing prayer. Synod is adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES AND RECOMMENDED AGENCIES FOR 2007

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I. Denominational ministry shares

AGENCY	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6	Area 7	Area 8
Base amount per member	260.99	260.99	260.99	260.99	260.99	260.99	260.99	260.99
Calvin College*	66.00	43.50	31.50	6.30	42.30	21.60	11.40	5.10
Total ministry-share per member	326.99	304.49	292.49	267.29	303.29	282.59	272.39	266.09

*Areas which benefit from a ministry-share reduction should employ the following monies saved to finance their area colleges:
Per professing member - 8.17 21.97 47.17 11.17 31.87 42.07 48.37

Classis Area Table for Calvin College amount:

AREA 1	Grand Rapids East; Grand Rapids North; Grand Rapids South; Grandville; Thornapple Valley
AREA 2	Georgetown; Holland; Kalamazoo; Lake Erie; Muskegon; Northern Michigan; Zeeland
AREA 3	Chicago South; Illiana; Northern Illinois; Southwest U.S.; Wisconsin
AREA 4	Heartland; Iakota; Lake Superior; Minnkota; Northcentral Iowa; Pella
AREA 5	Atlantic Northeast; Hackensack; Hudson
AREA 6	Arizona; Columbia; California South; Central California; Greater Los Angeles; Pacific Hanmi; Pacific Northwest; Red Mesa; Rocky Mountain; Yellowstone
AREA 7	Chatham; Eastern Canada; Hamilton; Huron; Niagara; Quinte; Toronto
AREA 8	Alberta North; Alberta South; B.C. North-West; B.C. South-East

Stated Supply

Effective January 1, 2007, the weekly stated supply shall not be less than \$480 for churches located in the United States and not less than \$495 for churches in Canada.

**Denominational ministry-share allocation
for the fiscal period July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007**

	2006 ministry-share allocation effective 7/01/06	2007 ministry-share allocation effective 1/01/07
BACK TO GOD HOUR	\$ 41.38	\$ 42.83
CALVIN COLLEGE*	27.91	28.89
CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	33.35	34.52
CRC PUBLICATIONS	12.89	13.34
HOME MISSIONS	45.28	46.86
WORLD MISSIONS	51.74	53.55
WORLD RELIEF		
DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES Synod assembly, BOT, and general administration	37.25	38.91
Social Justice and Hunger Action Church advocacy		
SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES Abuse Prevention Chaplaincy Ministries Disability Concerns Pastor-Church Relations Race Relations	12.34	12.77
MINISTRIES IN CANADA	6.66	6.89
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND	1.28	1.32
SUPPLEMENTAL SMALL CHURCH ASSISTANCE	10.00	10.00
	<u>\$ 280.08</u>	<u>\$ 289.88</u>

*Represents the composit rate. Actual rate varies by area.

II. Agencies recommended for financial support in 2007

A. Denominational agencies recommended for one or more offerings

Canadian Business Number

1. The Back to God Hour—above-ministry-share needs13240 2090 RR0001
2. Calvin College—above-ministry-share needs(per Schedule VIII)
3. Calvin Theological Seminary(per Schedule VIII)
 - a. The Facing Your Future program
 - b. International Student Subsidy Fund
4. CRC Foundation.....883678708 RR0001
5. CRC Publications
World Literature Ministries—above-ministry-share needs.....856901285 RR0002
6. Denominational Services (Ministry Programs)—above-ministry-share needs
 - a. Abuse Prevention—above-ministry-share needs856901285 RR0002
 - b. Canadian Aboriginal Ministries856901285 RR0002
 - c. Chaplaincy Ministries—above-ministry-share needs.....856901285 RR0002
 - d. Committee for Contact with the Government
 - e. Disability Concerns—above-ministry-share needs.....856901285 RR0002
 - f. Pastor-Church Relations—above-ministry-share needs.....856901285 RR0002
 - g. Race Relations856901285 RR0002
 - 1) Above-ministry-share needs
 - 2) Multiracial Student Scholarship Fund
 - h. Service-Link Canada856901285 RR0002
 - i. Social Justice and Hunger Action856901285 RR0002
7. CR Home Missions—above-ministry-share needs10691 9640 RR0001
8. CR World Missions—above-ministry-share needs.....11881 2643 RR0001
9. CR World Relief—one offering per quarter because CRWRC118857366 RR0001
receives no ministry-share support

B. Denominationally related or affiliated agencies recommended for one or more offerings

1. Dynamic Youth Ministries
 - a. GEMS88992 0799 RR0001
 - b. Calvinist Cadet Corps88992 0799 RR0001
 - c. Youth Unlimited/Early Teens.....88992 0799 RR0001
2. Partners WorldwideNA

C. Nondenominational agencies recommended for financial support but not necessarily for one or more offerings

Note should be made of the action of Synod 1992 related to the financial support provided by Christian Reformed churches relative to these agencies:

... in light of the growing number of agencies seeking recommendation for financial support, [synod] remind[s] the congregations of the synodical decision of 1970 wherein "synod urge[d] all the classes to request their churches to pay denominational causes before making gifts to nondenominational causes on the synod-approved accredited list.

Grounds: Our denominational causes should have priority in our giving. . . ."

(Acts of Synod 1970, p. 81)

United States agencies

A. Benevolent agencies

1. Bethany Christian Services
2. Calvary Rehabilitation Center
3. Cary Christian Center, Inc.
4. Elim Christian Services
5. Hope Haven
6. International Aid, Inc. (medical supplies only)

7. The Luke Society
8. Mississippi Christian Family Services (MCFS)
9. Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

B. Educational agencies

1. Center for Public Justice
2. Christian Schools International
3. Christian Schools International Foundation (for textbook development)
4. Dordt College
5. Friends of ICS (U.S. Foundation of ICS)
6. International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education (IAPCHE)
7. ITEM—International Theological Education Ministries, Inc.
8. The King's University College (through the U.S. Foundation)
9. Kuyper College [formerly Reformed Bible College (RBC)]
10. Redeemer University College (through the U.S. Foundation)
11. Rehoboth Christian School
12. Roseland Christian School
13. Trinity Christian College
14. Worldwide Christian Schools

C. Miscellaneous agencies

1. Audio Scripture Ministries
2. Bible League
3. Crossroad Bible Institute
4. Friendship Ministries
5. IDEA Ministries
6. IN Network
7. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (endorsed for local specified staff support only)
8. Mission India
9. Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC)
10. The Tract League
11. Wycliffe Bible Translators

Canadian agencies

- A. Benevolent agency* Canadian Business Number
 Beginnings Counseling & Adoption Services of Ontario, Inc.11880 2388 RR0001

B. Educational agencies

1. Canadian Christian Education Foundation, Inc.
 (for textbook development).....11883 0207 RR0001
2. Dordt College.....(per Schedule VIII)
3. Institute for Christian Studies10750 8434 RR0001
4. The King's University College10808 5911 RR0001
5. Kuyper College [formerly Reformed Bible College (RBC)](per Schedule VIII)
6. Redeemer University College12331 3660 RR0001
7. Trinity Christian College(per Schedule VIII)
8. Worldwide Christian Schools - Canada88945 9970 RR0001

C. Miscellaneous agencies

1. Bible League - Canada10822 2084 RR0001
2. Evangelical Fellowship of Canada10735 3922 RR0001
3. Friendship Groups - Canada11893 2375 RR0001
4. Gideons International - Canada.....10808 2991 RR0001
5. IN Network12994 3072 RR0001
6. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada10751 3160 RR0001
7. Work Research Foundation11892 9207 RR0001
8. Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada, Inc.10822 3371 RR0001

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Initialisms and abbreviations from the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2006*

AAPC – American Association of Pastoral Counselors
 ACPE – Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
 ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators
 ACT – Action by Churches Together
 APC – Association of Professional Chaplains
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
 ARYP – Association of Reformed Youth Pastors
 ASV – American Standard Version
BB – *Breaking Barriers*
 BOT – Board of Trustees
 CAJ – Christian Academy in Japan
 CAPPE – Canadian Association of Pastoral Practice and Education
 CASA – Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches
 CCCiS – Coordinating Council for Church in Society
 CCD – Christian Community Development
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
 CCIC – Counsel for International Cooperation
 CCIT – Church Connection Initiative at Trinity
 CCTB – College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
 CCU – Commission on Christian Unity
 CEP – Center for Excellence in Preaching
 CETI – Center for Interdisciplinary Theological Study
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
 CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency
 CMCC – Classical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
 CMLT – Classis Ministerial Leadership Teams
 COCREP – Christian Reformed Schools of the Dominican Republic
 CRCA – Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
 CRCEA – Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
 CRCP – Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines
 CRECH – Consortium de la Renforcement de l’Éducation Chrétienne en Haïti
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary
 CWS – Church World Service
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration
 DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa
 DRMC – Dutch Reformed Mission Church
 DRS – Disaster Response Services
 NYC – Discerning Your Calling
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries
 ED – Executive Director
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
 EFICOR – Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief
 ELIC – English Language Institute – China ()
 EML – Educational Mission Leader
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
 ERCB – Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi
 ERISA – Employee Retirement Income Security Act
 ERRC – Educational Resources and Referrals – China
 FAJ – Fédération des Associations de Jeunesses de L'UEBH
 FCS – Fund for Smaller Churches
 FFM – Formation for Ministry
 FHI – Food for the Hungry International
 FRB – Food Resources Bank
 FSCO – Financial Services Commission of Ontario
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland
 HCRC – Haitian Christian Reformed Church
 HPCD – Haitian Partners for Christian Development
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee
 IRMs – International Relief Managers
 ITEM – International Theological Education Ministries
 JMMC – Joint-Ministries Management Committee
 KJV – King James Version
 LDN – Leadership Development Networks
 MC – Ministry Council
 MCI – Making Connections Initiative
 MDG – Millennial Development Goals
 MEPP – Multi-Employee Pension Plan
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship
 MRCSA – Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa
 MPF – Ministers' Pension Fund
 MPS – Ministries Plan Scorecard
 MUC – Christian University Student Movement
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals
 NAPARC – North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
 NCC – National Council of Churches
 NGOs – Nongovernmental Organizations
 NIV – New International Version

NKST – The Church of Christ among the Tiv
 NLT – New Living Translation
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches
 NRSV – New Revised Standard Version
 OSJHA – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action
 PBA – Pension Benefits Act
 PBGC – Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA
 PRODOLA – Doctoral Program for Latin America
 PW – Partners Worldwide
 RCA – Reformed Church in Africa
 RCA – Reformed Church in America
 RCC – Roman Catholic Church
 RCCN – Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria
 RCEA – Reformed Church of East Africa
 RCJ – Reformed Church of Japan
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council
 RRIT – Race Relations Integrating Team
 RSV – Revised Standard Version
 SALT – Senior Academy for Learning at Trinity
 SCS – Seminars in Christian Scholarship
 SEW – Spiritual Emphasis Week
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
 TNIV – *Today's New International Version*
 UNELA – Evangelical University of Latin America
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in South Africa
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches
 WCC – World Council of Churches
 WON – Women of the Nations
 WRC – World Reformed Communion

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