

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services and Structure I, Rev. Joseph Vanden Akker reporting, presents the following:

I. Council of Delegates

A. Materials

Council of Delegates Report (section III, D, 5)

B. Privilege of the floor

Michael L. Ten Haken, chair of the Council of Delegates; Greta Luimes, vice chair of the Council of Delegates; Zachary J. King, general secretary; and members of the executive staff as needed when matters pertaining to the Council of Delegates, ReFrame Ministries, Resonate Global Mission, or other ministries of the CRCNA are discussed

C. Recommendation

That synod not pursue establishing a conflict of interest policy for delegates to synod (Cf. *Acts of Synod 2022*, p. 931).

Grounds:

- a. The potential conflicts of interest for synodical delegates and COD delegates are considerably different and so a simple adaptation of the COD Conflict of Interest Policy is not possible.
- b. The Code of Conduct already includes the following commitment under Pastoral Leadership: "I will disclose any perceived or actual conflict of interest."
- c. The Draft Conflict of Interest Policy for Delegates to Synod contains language regarding loyalty to the institution or organization that is more appropriate to the corporate world than to the Church of Jesus Christ.
- d. The COD recommended that synod reassess the necessity for this policy.