

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

## I. Response to Overture 28 and 29 (Majority)

### A. Materials

1. Overture 28, pp. 489-92
2. Overture 29, pp. 493-95

### B. Recommendations

1. That synod declare that any and all unrepentant sin, including all sin addressed by Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 and Q&A 108, is a salvation issue.

*Ground:* The Scriptures and confessional standards (particularly Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87) make clear that Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 108 does address a salvation issue and that unchastity and sexual ethics are salvation issues.

2. That synod declare that it is a serious deviation from Scripture and the teachings of the confessions of the Christian Reformed Church to teach that Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 is not a salvation issue, including the sins addressed in Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87 and Q&A 108.

*Grounds:*

- a. Officebearers in the CRCNA are denying that HC Q&A 108 (and implicitly HC 87) are salvation issues.
- b. It is a serious deviation from the teachings of the CRCNA to reclassify that which is a matter of salvation as a disputable or questionable issue or some other classification; such serious deviations from the clear teachings of Scripture and our confessions endanger the unity of the flock entrusted to the officebearers' care.
- c. This action is in keeping with the established guidance of Synod 2022 (see *Acts of Synod 2022*, pp. 897-98).
3. That this be synod's answer to overtures 28 and 29.

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