

Congregational Ministries

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Council of Delegates

I. Materials

- A. Council of Delegates Report (sections II, A, 10, a & c), pp. 37 & 38
- B. Council of Delegates Report (sections II, A, 14), including Appendix E, pp. 42, 80-82
- C. Council of Delegates Report (sections II, B, 5-7, a), pp. 45-46
- D. Council of Delegates Report (sections II, B, 9-11), including Appendix D, pp. 46-47, 77-80
- E. Council of Delegates Supplemental Report (section II, D), including Appendix K, p. 637-38, 777-79

II. Privilege of the floor

Andy de Ruyter, chair of the Council of Delegates; Michael L. Ten Haken, vice chair of the Council of Delegates; Zachary J. King, general secretary; and members of the executive staff as needed

III. Recommendations

- A. That synod take note of the updates provided within the COD report on addressing directives of Synod 2019 regarding the abuse of power (II, A, 10, c).
- B. That synod adopt the following with regard to Congregational Ministries (Thrive) (II, B, 9 and Appendix D):
 - 1. That synod recognize Thrive as a ministry agency of the CRCNA to engage and accompany Christian Reformed congregations as they seek to faithfully and holistically embody the gospel in their respective contexts.
 - 2. That synod approve the vision, mission, mandate, and core postures in the guiding document as the synodical framework for Thrive (Appendix D).
 - 3. That synod (a) conclude the synodical mandates and directives given to the previously separate ministries in Thrive and (b) instruct Thrive to utilize these historical guidelines as valuable information for understanding synod's intent regarding the desired denominational support for congregations.