

Education and Candidacy

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I. Calvin Theological Seminary

A. Materials

1. Calvin Theological Seminary Report, pp. 129-144
2. Calvin Theological Seminary Supplement Report, including Appendices B & C

B. Privilege of the floor

Dave Morren, chair, and Julius Medenblik, president

C. Recommendations

1. That synod express gratitude for the work of Calvin Theological Seminary to train pastors and church leaders in the CRCNA to uphold the fullness of God's Word and wholeheartedly support and fully defend without exception the creeds and confessions for the benefit of the church.
2. That synod celebrate with Calvin Theological Seminary the representation of 30 nations in the student body, seeking training and education in all degree programs. For approximately 50% of the students English is a second language.
3. That synod celebrate the 150th anniversary of Calvin Theological Seminary!
4. That synod instruct the Board of Trustees of Calvin Theological Seminary to provide information to Synod 2026 as to the adherence of all instructional personnel to the CRC's teachings.

Ground: We appreciate the commitment of regularly appointed teaching faculty to teach, preach, counsel and write within the covenant bounds of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (Agenda, p. 133), and desire to learn more about how this also extends to the category of those serving in other teaching roles at CTS.

5. That synod, with gratitude to God, acknowledge the years of faithful service of Dr. Mary Vanden Berg and note the title conferred upon her by the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees—professor of systematic theology, emeritus—effective upon her retirement on July 1, 2025.