

## **Congregational Care and Justice**

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### **I. Response to Overture 8: Celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed**

#### *A. Materials*

Overture 8, pp. 354-356

#### *B. Recommendations*

1. That synod use the occasion of the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea which led to the formulation of the Nicene Creed to commemorate and celebrate the doctrinal clarity provided for Christ's church in that creed.
2. That synod instruct the Office of the General Secretary to identify resources and suggest ways for our classes and churches to commemorate and teach the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, possibly including some of the examples suggested by Classis Zeeland.

#### *Grounds:*

- a. The Nicene Creed has become one of the defining creeds for the CRCNA and remains so today in 2025.
- b. It's an opportunity to join the one catholic church in celebrating a foundational creed of the Christian faith.

### **II. Communication 4: Council of Washington DC CRC**

#### *A. Materials*

Communication 4, pp. 409-424

#### *B. Recommendation*

That synod receive Communication 4 for information.