Advisory Committee 6B

Interdenominational and Financial Matters

Chair: Scott Vander Ploeg
Reporter: Drew Sweetman

Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee

I. Materials:
   A. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee Report, pp. 203-16
   B. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee Supplement Report, pp. 875-76

II. Privilege of the Floor
    William T. Koopmans, chair, and Zachary J. King (ex officio)

III. Recommendations
   A. That synod express its gratitude to InSoon Hoagland and Ruth Palma for serving
      the cause of ecumenicity for the CRC.
   B. That synod reappoint Yvonne Schenk to a second three-year term.
   C. That synod receive the report on the World Council of Churches as information,
      noting that a formal recommendation regarding membership will come to a
      subsequent synod.
   D. That synod recognize the Alliance of Reformed Churches as a church in
      cooperation for the purpose of continued pursuit toward designation as a church
      in communion, and, by way of exception, that while designated as a church in
      cooperation, congregations or officebearers with previous CRCNA/RCA dual-
      affiliation credentials maintain their affiliation with the CRCNA.
   E. That synod direct the Office of General Secretary to appoint a team of staff and
      subject matter experts to work with the Alliance of Reformed Churches to
      address matters related to church in communion status, Church Order matters
      regarding "orderly exchange" of officebearers (Church Order Supplement, Art. 8),
      and other matters related to benefits of CRC officebearers. In addition, if a former
      RCA congregation or network requests it in the next year, this team is authorized
      to address the same matters with them.

   Grounds:
   1. Synod has asked the EIRC to facilitate good ecumenical relations with
      bodies of former RCA congregations.
   2. This body testifies to being Reformed in persuasion and ministry.
   3. This body describes itself as an association and is developing their vision,
      values, frameworks, and other documents.
   4. This satisfies the immediate needs of affiliated officebearers and
      congregations while providing a space for discernment of future
      relationships.

   F. That synod by way of the ballot elect two new members from the slates of
      nominees presented to serve on the EIRC for a first term of three years, effective
      July 1, 2023.
   G. That synod affirm the appointment of Jake Bentum by the Council of Delegates
      to serve a modified first term, effective November 1, 2022, through July 1, 2025,
      with eligibility for reappointment to a subsequent term.