

Global Mission and Ecumenical Matters

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I. Resonate Global Mission and Response to Overture 29: Prioritize Church Planting within the Denominational Budget

A. Materials

1. Resonate Global Mission Report, pp. 195-203
2. Overture 29
3. Council of Delegates Supplement Report, Section III. A, including Appendix F

B. Recommendations

1. That synod commend Classis Southeast U.S. for their ongoing passion for church planting and mission work in North America. Indeed, church planting remains vital to our present existence and our denomination's future. Currently, we believe that Resonate's budget adjustments make for the best possible distribution of resources to allow us to work alongside our local partners and to ensure that church plants will flourish and increase in number within the CRCNA.
2. That Synod 2025 declare that church planting is a key strategy in building the health and vitality of our denomination. Therefore we encourage:
 - all churches to take an extra step to connect with Resonate in order to build support for church planting.
 - all churches and classes with current relationships with a church planter to check with their church planter to find out if they have raised enough support.
 - all churches to encourage their classes to develop a church planting strategy or strengthen their current strategy in partnership with Resonate.
3. That synod commend the work of Resonate and encourage their nimble and self-sacrificial response to financial challenges as they continue to proclaim the gospel in North America and around the world.