

Nominations to Boards and Committees

I. Introduction

Each year, one of the tasks of synod is to “appoint representatives to denominational boards, committees, and other working groups” (Rules for Synodical Procedure I, A, 1, e). This process is governed by a complex set of regulations adopted by synod and various CRCNA organizations over the years, and it reflects the differing relationships between synod and the institutions connected to the CRC.

For many positions, synod has established the expectation of multiple nominees (Rules for Synodical Procedure VII, D, 2). However, for positions in which a nominee serves on behalf of a classis or group of classes, a single nominee is presented for ratification because a choice between nominees has already been made at the classis or regional level. In addition, individuals being reappointed to a second term are normally presented as single nominees.

Synod 2025 instructed the Office of General Secretary to request rubrics listing the qualifications and giftedness expected of board and committee nominees, to ensure that the rubrics are made publicly available, and to make biographical summaries of all nominees available (*Acts of Synod 2025*, pp. 675-76). The rubrics are included in Appendix J to the Council of Delegates Supplement.

Below is a list of this year’s nominees to the CRCNA’s various boards and committees. Biographical summaries are included for each new nominee. Each board has reviewed the nominees’ biographical information, which includes their stated commitment to Jesus Christ and to the confessional standards of the CRCNA as requested by Synod 2025. Each board has a corresponding recommendation within their report to approve, by way of the ballot, new members. In addition, boards and committees attempt to provide nominations that represent the diversity of the CRCNA, in keeping with the past instructions of synod (*Acts of Synod 1996*, p. 513).

The final list of board and committee members will be published in the *Acts of Synod 2026* after synod acts on these nominations.

II. Council of Delegates

A. Interim appointments

The Council of Delegates approved interim appointments to fill vacancies on the COD that have occurred since Synod 2025. These delegates are now being presented to serve a first term, ending June 30, 2028. See Recommendation FF in the COD Supplement.

Classis Southeast U.S.

Rev. Felix Fernandez is the pastor at South Kendall Community Church in Miami, Florida. He has previously served on the Candidacy Committee, the Classical Renewal team, and the Classis Leadership Team for Classis Southeast U.S.

Classis Lake Erie

Rev. Alex Snider is the lead pastor at Imlay City (Mich.) CRC. He serves as the stated clerk of Classis Lake Erie and has served as classis president and as a synodical delegate. He is a team player with a strong commitment to, and awareness of, CRC opportunities and challenges.

B. Nominees

The COD presents single nominees for classis positions to a first term, ending June 30, 2029. See Recommendation FF in the COD Supplement.

Classis Arizona

Rev. Brian Tarp is a pastor at Christ's Community Church in Chandler, Arizona. He was ordained in 2016 and has served his current congregation since 2020. He served as the Calvin Theological Seminary student body president while studying there. He has also served as a synodical delegate, as classis president, as president of the church council for eight years, and vice president of the church council for two years. He loves Jesus and helps to introduce others to the Lord as well. He has the demeanor of a servant and works well with others.

Canada at-large

David van der Woerd is a member of Immanuel CRC in Hamilton, Ontario (Classis Hamilton). He has a legal background and presently serves as deputy judge after retiring in December 2025. He has served on many synodical committees, including the Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force (2021) and the committee reporting on End of Life Issues (2000). He previously served as legal counsel for the CRCNA in Canada and for its agencies and ministries. His area of legal practice is in not-for-profit and charitable organizations. He has experience serving as an elder in his local council and as an elder delegate to synod.

Canada at-large

Rev. Ken Benjamins is the pastor at Riverside CRC in Wellandport, Ontario (Classis Niagara). He has earned the master of divinity and master of theology degrees, and he has serving in various churches across southern Ontario since his ordination in 1992. He has served on a variety of CRCNA committees and boards, including the Living Word Committee, Christian Reformed Home Missions, the classical interim committee, and ministry teams. As a pastor, he has been involved in council and has served classis as a synodical deputy.

Classis Grand Rapids East

Cindy VanderKodde is a retired, active member of Classis Grand Rapids East. She currently attends Madison Square CRC - North Campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has served as an elder in her church, and she served as an elder delegate to Synod 2024. She has experience on various boards and committees, including the Calvinette Board, Legal Aid of West Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Board.

She is currently serving as the secretary of Legal Aid of West Michigan. She also serves on the Patient and Family Advisory Council of University of West Michigan hospital, the executive team for Classis Grand Rapids East, and the classis Racial Justice Team (as leader). She has experience and interest in serving with sensitivity in multicultural settings.

Classis Grandville

David Bouwkamp is a retired middle-school teacher. He also worked as driver-education instructor and still has a connection to driver education. He currently attends Lee Street CRC in Wyoming, Michigan. He previously served as an elder at Calvary CRC, Wyoming, Michigan, and has served multiple terms as elder at Lee Street CRC. He has also served as clerk of council, preparing agendas and minutes in a way to increase accountability and action. He worked as well with a team to create and process a mission and vision proposal for Lee Street CRC. He currently serves on the Lee Street Church Centennial Planning Team and has served as a delegate to synod for Classis Grandville.

Classis Greater Los Angeles

Rev. Fernando Valencia currently serves as the pastor of Hispanic ministries at Rosewood CRC in Bellflower, California. He earned a master of divinity degree and has been serving the CRCNA since 2010. He has served on the Candidacy Committee and the Classis Ministry Leadership Team, working with candidates for minister of the Word. He served as a delegate synod in 2013 and 2016 and believes that his calling is to help individuals discover hope and purpose through the Word of God.

Classis Illiana

Gerritt Wierenga is a lawyer in Munster, Indiana, currently attending Munster CRC. He earned a juris doctorate degree from DePaul University College of Law and is currently serving as senior counselor at Whirlpool Corporation. He has served on both the Highland Christian School and Illiana Christian High School Board of Directors and currently serves as chair of the CRCNA Judicial Code Committee. He has previous experience as a deacon at Lake Worth (Fla.) CRC. He also serves on the safe church team for Classis Illiana.

Classis Muskegon

Rev. John Huyser serves as the pastor of Fruitport (Mich.) CRC. He received his master of divinity degree from Calvin Theological Seminary and has continued his education in chaplaincy coursework through the Trinity Health medical system. He is a second-career pastor and has been serving as a pastor since his ordination in 2010. He has served on the councils of Fruitport CRC; Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis, Ontario; and Godwin Heights CRC, Wyoming, Michigan. He also has significant experi-

ence serving classical and local committees, classical interim committees, the Fruitport Michigan Area Pastors association, and Adoni Contract Packaging. John aims to be pastoral in all of his ministry roles.

Classis Northern Illinois

Craig Buma is a retired supervisor air-traffic control specialist who currently attends Wheaton (Ill.) CRC. He earned a bachelor of sociology degree and was trained in air-traffic control for the (U.S.) Federal Aviation Administration. He has served as a member of the Timothy Christian Schools board in Elmhurst, Illinois, and he currently serves as chair of the Wheaton CRC Missions Committee. He has been involved in his church as a cadet counselor, Sunday school teacher, and elder. He served as a delegate to synod in 2007, 2023, and 2024 and loves and appreciates the CRCNA denomination.

Classis Red Mesa

Gregory Morris is a fourth-grade teacher in Tohatchi, New Mexico, where he attends First Navajo CRC. He has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. He has served on the Cottonwood Pass Bible Conference Committee in Classis Red Mesa, and he has recently begun service as an elder in his church. While still learning about being an officebearer, he has worked on scheduling preachers and handles the pulpit with confidence. Greg is skilled at administration, listening, and note taking. He is willing to learn and be available as needed.

Classis Yellowstone

Rev. Clair Vander Neut is a retired minister of the Word who is currently a member at Life in Christ CRC in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ordained in the CRC, he earned a master of divinity degree and a doctor of ministry degree. Though retired, he is still active in local ministry and serves on the Classis Yellowstone Interim Committee. He has experience serving on many classical boards, including the classical interim committee and home missions committees. He has also served as the stated clerk of Classis Hackensack. He has often served as the chair of council in the local churches he has pastored. With experience as a church planter, pastor, and counselor, he is a compassionate person who desires to serve.

U.S. at-large

Rev. Aleah Marsden has served as the pastor of formation at Christ Church in Davis, California, since October 2022. She earned a master of divinity degree from Calvin Theological Seminary and is currently working on a doctor of ministry degree at Western Theological Seminary. She served as a delegate to synod in 2024 and 2025 and has served on various boards and committees, including the classis ministerial board, the local council, and the Redbud Writers Guild. She currently serves as a facilitator for the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy (EPMC). She is committed to her local congregation and to the

CRCNA. She is deliberate, careful, pastoral, and empathetic along with being open to the counsel of others.

C. Second term

The COD presents the following delegates for reappointment to a second term, ending June 30, 2029. See Recommendation FF in the COD Supplement.

<i>Classis</i>	<i>Member</i>
B.C. North West	Hyung-Jun Kim
B.C. South East	Andre Van Ryk
California South	John Jansen
Grand Rapids North	Ron Karelse
Hackensack	Joyce Jackson
Lake Superior	Willy Krahnke
Niagara	Janet de Vries
Ontario Southwest	Phil Apoll
Quinte	Ron Van Auken
U.S. at-large	Christian Sebastia

D. Extended term

Due to an unexpected vacancy in the Classis Ko-Am delegate position in 2021, Jonathan Kim was appointed to fill the remainder of the term, which ended in 2023, and was reappointed to a second full term, originally scheduled to conclude in 2026. The Council of Delegates recently worked with the classis and the COD Governance Committee on the length of term for this position and recommends that synod appoint Jonathan Kim to an additional one-year term on the COD, by exception, to end June 30, 2027. See Recommendation FF in the COD Supplement.

III. Calvin University

A. Interim appointment

At its October 2025 meeting, the Council of Delegates approved the interim appointment of Nancy Schoonmaker to serve a three-year term as an at-large trustee, to begin in October 2025, on the Calvin University Board of Trustees. See Recommendation XX in the COD Supplement.

At-large trustee

Nancy Schoonmaker is the senior vice president of Global Finance/Chief Financial and the operating officer at Our Daily Bread in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Virginia, a master of business administration degree from Cornerstone University, and a business administration doctorate in accounting from Indiana Wesleyan University. Prior to returning to Grand Rapids in 2023, Nancy served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer at Indiana Wesleyan University for nine years. She held a similar position at Cornerstone University from 2008 through 2014. The bulk of her career has been in the leadership of financial as-

pects to schools of higher education. She knows the Christian higher education world intimately and is familiar with Calvin University. She has shared she has no confessional difficulties with any of the denomination's creeds and confessions. She is a member of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

B. Regional nominees

The classes from the following regions present single nominees for regional positions to a first term, ending June 30, 2029, on the Calvin University Board of Trustees. See Recommendation A in the Calvin University Supplement.

1. The Calvin University Board of Trustees recommends James Lee to begin a three-year term in 2026 to replace Edward Wayne Coleman, who is completing his second and final three-year term as the trustee elected by the classes of Region 3.

Region 3

Rev. James J. Lee is a pastor currently serving Christ Community Church of East Islip, New York (Classis Hudson). He has been pastoring this congregation for the past seven years while serving as chair of the council. He has served on a number of search teams for the denomination, including the search committees for general secretary and director of ecclesiastical governance. He has also served on the advisory committees for Worship Ministries and the Calvin Alumni Association Board. In addition, he served on the Advisory Council for the Spiritual Services Department for South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore, New York. He currently serves on the steering committee of the CRCNA Korean Council. He is a graduate of Calvin University with a passion for the institution and for working across cultural boundaries.

2. Regional vacancy

Nathan DeJong-McCarron submitted his resignation as a Region 4 at-large trustee in September 2025. The board is in the process of filling this vacancy.

C. At-large nominees

In keeping with the bylaws of Calvin University (*Minutes of the Special Meeting of the COD 2021*, p. 561), the Board of Trustees presents the following single nominations to fill two at-large positions on the university board for a first term, ending June 30, 2029. See Recommendation A in the Calvin University Supplement.

The board recommends Jori Brink to begin a three-year term in 2026, to replace Lambert (Bert) Kamp, who is completing his third and final three-year term as an at-large trustee.

Jori Brink is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. She works for Trinity Health medical system as the vice president

of accounting and reporting for Service Area West. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Calvin University and a master of public health degree from DePaul University. She has worked as a health-care auditor and has held senior finance roles such as corporate controller. She has served on the finance committee of the Loyola Physician Partners Board, the Calvin Alumni Board, the Board of Directors of Near North Health Services Corporation, and the Board of Directors of Bethshan Association. She has also served as the chair of the Mission Committee at Bethel CRC in Lansing, Illinois. She believes in Calvin's mission, noting that its excellent scholastic rigor and thoughtful action-orientated faith education are both needed in our world.

The board recommends Kyle Yonker to begin a three-year term in 2026, to replace Carl Triemstra, who is completing his third and final three-year term as an at-large trustee.

Kyle Yonker is a business leader and community advocate based in Illinois. He serves as vice president of Homewood Disposal, a family-owned company in which he plays a key role in operations, strategic growth, and maintaining strong relationships throughout the communities the company serves. Kyle is a graduate of Calvin University, where he developed a foundation in leadership and service that continues to shape his professional and personal life. In addition to his work in the waste and recycling industry, he is actively involved in nonprofit leadership. He currently serves on the board of Providence Life Services. Known for his steady leadership and commitment to community impact, Kyle balances his professional responsibilities with a strong dedication to family. He and his wife, Heather, are raising their four children and are actively engaged in their local community and church.

D. Alumni nominee

In keeping with the bylaws of Calvin University (*Minutes of the Special Meeting of the COD 2021*, p. 561), the Board of Trustees presents the following single nomination to fill an alumni position on the university board for a first term, ending June 30, 2029. See Recommendation A in the Calvin University Supplement.

The board recommends Pamela Marmon to begin a three-year term in 2026, to replace Perrin Rynders, who is completing his second and final three-year term as an alumni trustee.

Pamela Marmon is an entrepreneur, change leader, speaker, and author. She is a graduate of Calvin University (2005) with a business administration degree, a graduate of Seattle Pacific University (2011) with a master of business administration degree, a Cornell University-certified organizational designer, and a PROSCI-certified change manager, with over twenty years of experience in leading enterprise initiatives, mergers and acquisitions, organizational design, and large-scale technology

implementations. She works with Fortune 500 clients across diverse industries such as aerospace and defense, technology, biotech, insurance, health care, food and beverage, banking, higher education, nonprofit, engineering, retail, construction, and manufacturing. She has proven ability to align people, processes, and systems to deliver performance improvements. She founded a church-consulting practice to support the mission of the church through strategic-growth initiatives. She is a trusted adviser to executive leadership with a track record of driving operational efficiency, culture change, and sustainable growth. Pam has experience serving nonprofit organizations including the Association of Change Management Professionals TN Board, the Calvin University Alumni Board, and the Seattle Pacific University Strategic Alumni Group Board. She and her family live in Franklin, Tennessee, and chase adventure while schooling their three children wherever the road takes them.

E. Trustee reappointments

The board recommends the following current trustees for reappointment for the terms noted:

Region 1, elected: Jack Beeksma, second term

Region 5, at-large: Adam Ramirez, second term

Alumni: Jim Valk, second term

At-large: Tony Brookhouse, second term

At-large: Moses Chung, second term

IV. Calvin Theological Seminary

A. Regional nominees

The classes from the following regions present single nominees for regional positions to a first term, ending June 30, 2029, on the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. See Recommendation C in the Calvin Theological Seminary Supplement.

Region 2

Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen is the pastor at Nobleford (Alta.) CRC (Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan). This is the fourth church Gary has served following his graduation from the master of divinity program at Calvin Theological Seminary. He has also earned a doctorate of ministry degree and is currently working on a master of theology degree through Trinity Western University, focusing on Old Testament studies. He has served on various boards and committees within the churches and classes he has served, including the classis ministry leadership team, classis interim committee, and campus ministry committee. He has been delegated to synod six times, including service as second clerk at Synod 2025. He has served as a synodical deputy, a church visitor, a church counselor, and a mentor to new pastors. He has a clear grasp of Church Order and aims to serve with patience in his various roles.

Region 3

Heidi Blokland is an elementary school principal who plans to retire in June 2026. She earned a bachelor's degree at Calvin University and completed a master's degree in educational leadership in May 2026. She is a member of Dixons Corners Community CRC in Brinston, Ontario. In her many years as a school principal, she has served on the local school board as an ex-officio member, submitting reports and supporting the board chair. She has been approached as having the gifts of an elder but has been called to keep previous commitments to serving the school community. Having grown up with a CRC minister for a father, Heidi has built her career on Christian schooling opportunities and is honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Region 11

Rev. Paul De Vries is the lead pastor at Brookside CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan (Classis Thornapple Valley). He earned a master of divinity degree at Calvin Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1989. Paul has served on many boards and committees, including many school boards and various denominational committees, such as the Grand Rapids Christian School Board, the CRCNA Board of Trustees, and the CRCNA Council of Delegates. He has also served as the stated clerk of Classis Hackensack and of Classis Thornapple Valley. He is known for his experience serving the CRCNA in a variety of capacities and for his involvement within the denomination.

B. At-large nominees

The Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees presents single nominees for two at-large positions. Synod has approved that Calvin Theological Seminary is permitted to present a single nomination for an at-large trustee position where a region has multiple trustee positions. See Recommendation C in the Calvin Theological Seminary Supplement.

1. Position 1

Rev. Dr. Edward Gerber earned a bachelor of arts degree at Calvin College, a master of divinity degree at Regent College, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies at the University of Wales - Trinity Saint David. He is a minister of the Word and currently serves as the university chaplain and director of campus ministries at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. Prior to this role, he pastored churches in British Columbia and New York. He holds the St. Peter Fellowship at the Center for Pastor Theologians.

2. Position 2

Ronald Baylor earned a bachelor of arts degree at Calvin College and a juris doctor degree at Wayne State University. In 2024 he retired after 45 years of practicing general civil law and transitioned to retired of counsel status at his firm. He has served on several boards, including the

Bloomington Telephone Company board, the Kalamazoo Christian Schools Foundation, the Calvin College Alumni Association, the Calvin College Board of Trustees, and the Pine Rest Counseling Center of Kalamazoo board. He received the Calvin College Distinguished Service Award in 2013. As a member of Third CRC of Kalamazoo, Michigan, he has served as chair of elders, as a shepherding elder, as adult education director, as chair of the endowment fund, as a Sunday school teacher, and as an Alpha Bible study leader.

C. Subsequent term

Trustee Christian Oh (at-large) is completing a second term on the Board of Trustees and is eligible for a third three-year term. The board recommends that synod reappoint him for an additional three-year term. See Recommendation C in the Calvin Theological Seminary Supplement.

V. Judicial Code Committee

A. Nominees

The Judicial Code Committee has three current or upcoming vacancies. The COD recommends that synod, by way of the ballot, elect one new member from each category to a first term of three years. In some cases, the COD has been unable to identify a second candidate for a given position and so presents only a single nomination by way of exception. See Recommendation VV in the COD Supplement.

1. Nonordained with no legal training

Andrew Diemer is a member of Kelloggsville CRC in Kentwood, Michigan, and works as a land surveyor and crew chief. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Calvin University and a bachelor of arts degree in English at Grand Valley State University. He has served multiple terms as a deacon and elder at his church, including the roles of deacon and council president, and as a board member of Anchorpoint Christian School in Wyoming, Michigan.

2. Minister of the Word

Rev. Todd Zuidema is a minister of the Word and a member of First CRC in Sioux Center, Iowa. He has four units of clinical pastoral education in addition to a master of divinity degree. He currently serves as director of church relations at Dordt University. Todd has been the pastor of two churches and has served as a synodical deputy, a delegate to synod, a member of the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team of Classis Grand Rapids North, and a member of the classis interim committee of Classis Heartland. He currently serves on the board and steering committee of the Church Ambassador Network in Iowa.

Karlos Palacios is a commissioned pastor serving Iglesia Cristiana Reformada Comunidad de Fe Poinciana in Poinciana, Florida, a congregation he planted in 2008. He also serves as a college professor in linguistics.

He has served as a member of Classis Southeast U.S. and Consejo Latino, and he has been very active in the areas of church planting and leadership development in the CRC.

3. Person trained in law

Henry Lane is a member of Fairlawn CRC, Whitinsville, Massachusetts. He is an attorney who earned a bachelor's degree at Calvin College, a juris doctor degree at Suffolk University Law School, and a master of laws degree at Boston University Law School. He has served on the Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees as well as on a number of municipal, community, and political boards and committees. He has served on a synodical study committee and as a deacon and elder on his church council. Henry currently serves on his church council, as the Council of Delegates member for Classis Atlantic Northeast, and as the elected moderator of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts (presiding officer of the town's legislative assembly).

B. Subsequent Terms

Heidi de Vries and Gerritt Wieringa are completing a first term on the Judicial Code Committee and are eligible for a second three-year term. The JCC recommends that synod reappoint them for an additional three-year term.

VI. Candidacy Committee

Nominees

The Candidacy Committee presents the following slate of names for two open positions. The committee recommends that synod elect one of the nominees from each slate to fill the two open positions on the Candidacy Committee. See Recommendation E in the Candidacy Committee Supplement.

1. Position 1

Rev. Gil Suh is currently a senior pastor at San Jose (Calif.) CRC (Classis Central California). He was ordained in March 2000 and graduated from Veenstra Theological Seminary in Nigeria. Upon graduation he worked at San Jose New Hope CRC, a Korean congregation in Santa Clara, California. He served in both Cambodia and Nigeria with Resonate Global Mission. He also served as a missionary in residence at Calvin Theological Seminary. He served as a leader for strategic review teams of Romania and China, and he currently serves as the coordinator for Korean pastors in Classis Central California. He would bring much cultural awareness and many diverse experiences to the Candidacy Committee.

Rev. Moses Kang is the pastor of Faith Community Church in Wyckoff, New Jersey (Classis Hudson). He was ordained in September 2017 and served on loan for Kingsway-Lambton United Church of Canada for two years. He also served on the Global Vision Team and on the Classis Hudson executive committee. He has experience as a youth pastor and

as an adjunct seminary teacher. He would connect well with young pastors and people of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

2. Position 2

Rev. Rebecca Bokma is the pastor at Calvary CRC in Ottawa, Ontario (Classis Eastern Canada). She was ordained in November 2024 after completing a master of divinity degree at Calvin Theological Seminary. Her previous experience includes interning at Meadowlands Fellowship in Ancaster, Ontario, and working as the faith formation coordinator at New Life CRC in Guelph, Ontario. She also served as pulpit supply for Classes Huron, Niagara, and Toronto. In 2019 and 2022 she attended synod as a young adult representative, and she returned to Synod 2025 as a delegate from Classis Eastern Canada, serving on the advisory committee for Candidacy. She would bring a unique and fresh perspective to the committee as she strives to help young candidates navigate the candidacy process.

Rev. Paula Seales is a retired minister of the Word who leads Kavod Fellowship, a network of microchurches. She was ordained in 2016 and worked at Madison Square CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan (Classis Grand Rapids East). She earned a master of theology degree and is presently pursuing a doctorate in ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary. She served as a member of the Committee to Articulate a Foundational Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, and she served two terms on the executive committee of Grand Rapids Classis East. She would bring a desire to make the CRC a place for all people as she draws on her relationally driven ministry experiences.

VII. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee

Second terms

William Krahnke (USA Central), Joshua Johnson (Canada West), and Sheila Holmes (USA East) are completing a first term on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee and are eligible for a second three-year term. The EIRC recommends that synod reappoint them for an additional three-year term (see Recommendation C in the EIRC report, *Agenda for Synod 2026*, p. 221).

VIII. Historical Committee

The Historical Committee presents the following nominees for three open positions on the committee. The committee recommends that synod elect three members, each to a first term of three years (see Recommendation B in the Historical Committee report, *Agenda for Synod 2026*, p. 235).

1. Position 1

Rev. Dr. Jay Shim is a retired minister of the Word, with credentials held at Anaheim (Calif.) CRC. He earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy at Calvin University and a Ph.D. in systematic and historical theology at Calvin Theological Seminary. Throughout his academic career, he

consistently engaged with issues and documents central to the development of Christian theology, including the question of what it means to be Reformed in the modern context. He is deeply interested in identifying, interpreting, and preserving significant issues and documents in the life of the church. Rev. Shim has served on several CRC synodical committees, including the committee on Inclusive Language for God and the committee on Women in Office. He has also served on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee and the Candidacy Committee. He served as director of the Korean Institute for Ministry (KIM), which parallels the EPMC in preparing Korean-speaking ministers for service in the CRC. Additionally, he has served as a liaison between the CRC and the Presbyterian denominations in Korea, and he translated all three confessions, as well as *Our World Belongs to God*, into Korean. Since retiring from Dordt University in 2023, he has been serving a Korean-speaking congregation in southern California and teaching master of divinity courses online for international students.

2. Position 2

Rev. John Greydanus is a retired minister of the Word, and worships at Cragmor CRC in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned a bachelor of arts degree at Dordt University and a master of divinity degree at Calvin Theological Seminary, as well as a four-unit Clinical Pastoral Education certificate as a clinical and pastoral counselor. He has served as stated clerk for Classis Red Mesa for over twenty-five years. As part of his role, he encourages and assists churches with sending documents to the archives each year. He also serves as a synodical deputy and teaches monthly in the Classis Red Mesa Leadership Development Network.

Lois Harvey is a member and deacon at Rehoboth (N.Mex.) CRC. She is a retired elementary school teacher (Rehoboth Christian School), whose passion was teaching social studies at the grade 4-5 level. She earned a bachelor of arts degree at Calvin University. She has always had an appreciation for history, and in 1983 she completed a history of the Southwest Bible and Missionary Conference (Flagstaff, Ariz.), which was an annual Bible conference involving missionaries from various denominations serving the Navajo people in New Mexico and Arizona. She has also written historical articles for her city magazine, and she serves on the museum committee at Rehoboth Christian School.

3. Position 3

Rev. Dr. Kyle Dieleman is a minister of the Word, with credentials held at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, Iowa. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in theology at Dordt University, a master of divinity degree at Calvin Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in religious studies from the University of Iowa. He currently serves as professor of theology and history at Dordt University, teaching a variety of courses on church history and

historical theology. His research focuses on the Dutch Reformed tradition in the 1500s-1600s. Kyle has published widely on the Dutch Reformed tradition, including two academic books, articles in *The Banner*, and entries on the online *Reformed Journal* blog.

Rev. Jose Rayas is a minister of the Word and serves as the pastor of Valley Ridge Community Church in Socorro, Texas. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master of divinity degree at Westminster Seminary, and he served as the director of adult educational services for Texas A&M University in El Paso, Texas. He is bilingual and has served three times as an officer at synod. He has served on several denominational committees, including those on Liturgical Positions and the Form of Subscription, as well as the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality. He has also served as stated clerk for Classis Arizona. He is currently a board member of Consejo Latino, and he teaches Reformed polity and the Reformed creeds and confessions at Revelation Seminary in Florida.

IX. Loan Fund

Second term

Dale Burghgraef and Wayne Postma are completing a first term on the Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., board and are eligible for a second three-year term. The Loan Fund recommends that synod reappoint each to an additional three-year term (see Recommendation C in the CRC Loan Fund report, *Agenda for Synod 2026*, p. 160).

X. Pension Trustees

The U.S. Pension Trustees board recommends the following single nominee for election to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026 (see Recommendation E in the Pensions and Insurance report, *Agenda for Synod 2026*, p. 167).

David Schutt is a licensed certified public accountant responsible for managing the financial and administrative functions at Barnabas Foundation (including financial statements, tax returns, human resources, and office management). Before working in his current position, he served as division controller for Republic/Allied Waste Services in the Chicago area; senior staff accountant for Lafaye, Brock, and Associates; and financial analyst for Gottlieb's Financial Services in Jacksonville, Florida. Additionally, he has served as treasurer for churches in Florida and Indiana. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accountancy at Calvin College. He is an active member of the American Institute of CPAs, and he serves as an elder at First CRC in Crown Point, Indiana, and as a board member for Elim Christian Services.

XI. Synodical deputies

The following classical appointments of synodical deputies and alternate synodical deputies are presented for approval*:

<i>Classis</i>	<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Term</i>
Central Plains	Rev. B. Ochsner	Rev. D. Swinney	2029/1
Illiana	Rev. J. Christoffels	Rev. C. Parsels	2029/1
Ko-Am	Rev. D. Yi	Rev. S. Soo Lim	2029/1
Rocky Mountain	Rev. C. Sebastia	Rev. P. Jordan	2029/1

*Terms of alternate synodical deputies run concurrent with those of the synodical deputies.