

World Renew Supplement

I. Board matters

A. Executive director, World Renew-Canada

Peter Timmerman was hired to serve as executive director, World Renew-Canada, effective October 27, 2025.

B. Board of Delegates - Canada

The board reports the following new members to the Canadian Board of Delegates for a first term of three years:

Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan

Glenn Minnesma is a member of Immanuel CRC in Calgary, Alberta, where he has served as an elder and a deacon. Glenn uses his experience and skills as a retired home builder and contractor to serve on the building and grounds committee of his church. He was also able to use his gifts to give oversight during a building renovation. Glenn served as a youth leader for many years and has led four mission trips to Mexico. He is excited to learn and share about the opportunities God places in our path, and he trusts that God will lead him to where he can make a difference.

Member at large

Steve Morris is a member of ClearView CRC in Oakville, Ontario (Classis Toronto), where he has served as a deacon, on the building committee, as a youth leader, and as a small group leader. He has also led the Alpha course at his church. Steve is a senior managing director, portfolio manager, for a large financial institution. He has a strong passion for serving in a role that provides assistance in developing countries. He has been involved with mission initiatives and has supported the work of World Renew in various ways for many years. He hopes to apply his knowledge and experience to help bring God's desire for justice to vulnerable people around the world.

C. Board of Directors - Canada

Jeffrey Adams, president (member at large)

John Bandstra, vice president (Classis B.C. South-East)

Darryl Beck, treasurer (member at large)

Margaret Hoogland, secretary (Classis Alberta North)

Cari Fydirchuk, pastoral adviser (member at large)

Gordon Van Vliet, board director (member at large)

Steve Morris, board director (member at large)

D. Reappointment of Canada delegates

The following Canadian delegates are completing their first term on the board and are reappointed to a second three-year term: Jeffrey Adams (member at large), Nell Vrolyk (Ontario Southwest).

E. Canadian board members completing terms

World Renew would like to recognize and thank the following board members for completing service on the board: John Batterink (Classis Quinte), Jane VanderVelden (member at large), and Harry Bergshoeff (vice president, member at large).

F. Executive director, World Renew-U.S.

The Joint Ministry Council recognized and gave thanks to Carol Bremer-Bennett on her ten-year work anniversary: “We want to recognize and thank Carol Bremer-Bennett, U.S. executive director, for her competence, steadiness, and perseverance over the past ten years. . . .”

G. Board of Delegates - U.S.

The board reports that the following will serve as U.S. delegates for a first term of three years:

Member at large

Lauren VanEnk attends Grace Meridian Hill Church in Washington, D.C., which has deeply influenced her spiritual life, helping her stay grounded in community. She was raised in the CRC tradition, and that early formation continues to inform her values. Lauren studied international development and public health at Calvin College and has spent her career in NGO operations, strategy, and institutional donor engagement. She currently serves as a senior technical adviser for a global NGO. Her professional experience, combined with her personal connection to the CRC community, positions her well to contribute thoughtfully and constructively to governance conversations with World Renew.

Classis Rocky Mountain

Randy Courduff is a member of Cragmor CRC, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he serves his council as a deacon and has served as administrative chair. His career in the military has honed his skills in project management, organization, and community planning. He looks forward to applying his gifts to coordinating events and advocating on behalf of World Renew.

Classis Red Mesa

Darlene Silversmith is a dedicated servant leader with extensive experience in church governance and ministry, having served as an ethnic adviser to synod, as council president at Crownpoint (N.Mex.) CRC, and on the CRCNA Worship Ministries advisory board. A follower of Christ since her early teens, she brings personal resilience, a deeply rooted faith shaped by decades of ministry, and a calling to support and uplift others. Darlene is a member of Crownpoint CRC and serves as office manager for Classis Red Mesa. Having overcome significant life chal-

lenges, Darlene is committed to using her experience, wisdom, and spiritual gifts to faithfully serve and strengthen the church in its decision making and mission.

H. Board of Directors - U.S.

Donn Hansum, president (member at large)
Graham Seel, vice president (member at large)
Kenneth MacBain, treasurer (Classis Hackensack)
Beverly Abma, secretary (Classis Grandville)
Emmett Harrison, pastoral adviser (member at large)
Adejoke Ayoola, board director (Classis Thornapple Valley)
Kimberly Starkenburg, board director (Classis Heartland)
Ben VanderWindt, board director and legal adviser (member at large)
Emily Boldenow Fortuna, board director (Classis Atlantic Northeast)
Paul Vliem, board director (Classis Lake Superior, U.S.)

I. Reappointment of U.S. delegates

The following U.S. delegates are completing their first term on the board and are reappointed to a second three-year term: Donald Waterlander (member at large), John Van Schepen (Classis Columbia), Beverly Abma (Classis Grandville), Kimberly Starkenburg (Classis Heartland), Ronald Vos (Classis Iakota), Paul Vliem (Classis Lake Superior, U.S.), Jared Yapple (Classis Northern Michigan)

J. U.S. board members completing terms

World Renew would like to recognize and thank the following board members for completing service on the board:

Jeff Banaszak, president, member at large
Charles Udeh, member at large
Bonny Mulder-Behnia, pastoral adviser, member at large
James Zwier, Classis Red Mesa
Linda German, Classis Northern Cascades
Gerald Van Wyke, Classis Lake Erie

II. Thriving Congregations renewal strategy

World Renew affirms the Thriving Congregations renewal strategy and the invitation it extends to the Christian Reformed Church in North America to deepen spiritual vitality, clarify mission, and realign congregational life with God's redemptive work in the world. We share this conviction that renewal flows not from technique but from discerning participation in the mission of the triune God—expressed through worship, discipleship, leadership, and embodied witness in local and global contexts.

Within this renewal pathway, World Renew brings particular value, expertise, and momentum in areas where congregations long to move from discernment into lived practice. Our experience in holistic mission, diaconal leadership, community development, and justice-centered engagement aligns closely with the strategy's emphasis on gospel integration, Deacon

Essentials, and Acts 1:8 imagination—locally, regionally, and across borders. World Renew is well positioned to be a trusted partner, supporting churches and deacons as they engage their communities with dignity, build cross-cultural relationships, walk alongside neighbors who experience vulnerability, and participate in God’s work of restoration in practical, faithful, and sustainable ways. World Renew offers understanding and lived experience in community-led partnerships and cultural competence. World Renew’s support could take shape through cohort learning, deacon-focused formation, community engagement coaching, and global-local partnerships that help congregations translate vision into action and sustain missional momentum over time.

III. Recommendation

That synod receive this supplemental report for information.

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