

SYNODICAL SERVICES

Chair: Rev. Daniel B. Mouw
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I. Council of Delegates

A. Materials

1. Council of Delegates Report (sections I, A-D; II, A, 1-4, 8, 10-12; 13, a; 14-15, 18, 20-21; and II, B, 1-4, including Appendix C), pp. 21-42, 64-65
2. Council of Delegates Supplement (sections I, A-B, and E, including Appendix B)

B. Privilege of the floor: Rev. Paul R. De Vries, chair of the Council of Delegates; Mr. Andy de Ruyter, vice chair of the Council of Delegates; Dr. Steven R. Timmermans, executive director; and members of the executive staff as needed

C. Recommendation

That synod receive the report from the COD Classis Renewal Advisory Team and that synod not change the name of *classis*. This response fulfills the request of Synod 2018 (see *Agenda for Synod 2018*, p. 454) to consider Overture 10.

Grounds

- a. Based on the COD report, there was not significant support for a change.
- b. The benefit of a name change would not merit the cost of implementation borne by the classes.

II. Historical Committee

A. Materials

1. Historical Committee Report, pp. 364-73
2. Historical Committee Supplement

B. Privilege of the floor: Dr. John Bolt, chair; Dr. James A. De Jong, secretary

C. Recommendations

1. That synod recognize Dr. Paul Bremer and Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for their contributions and service on the committee on behalf of synod and our denomination.
2. That synod thank Dr. Denice Fett and Ms. Holly Waldenmeyer for their archival services at Heritage Hall on behalf of synod and our denomination.
3. That synod endorse the Historical Committee's efforts to gather fuller information on existing or planned research, publication, and other initiatives related to denominational history.

4. That synod take note of the anniversaries of many congregations listed in the Historical Committee Report and take a moment to honor the 150th anniversary of East Saugatuck CRC with a commemorative plaque.