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*Initialisms and abbreviations in the index refer to the following:*

ACCRC	Advocacy Committee for Christian Reformed Clergy
BOT	Board of Trustees
COLAM	Conference on Liturgy and Music
CRC	Christian Reformed Church
CRCC	Christian Reformed Church in Cuba
CRCNA	Christian Reformed Church in North America
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions
CRWRC	Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
DRC	Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
NAPARC	North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
RCN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
RCSA	Reformed Churches of South Africa
REC	Reformed Ecumenical Council

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ARPC	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
BRC	Budget Review Committee
CAJ	Christian Academy of Japan
CANAAC	Caribbean and North American Area Council
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CGI	Consolidated Group Insurance
CRCA	Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
CRCN	Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
CRCN	Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
CRCP	Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines
DRC	Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
DRCA	Dutch Reformed Church in Africa
DRS	Disaster Response Services
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
EPC	Evangelical Presbyterian Church
FSC	Fund for Smaller Churches
MAC	Ministries Administrative Council
MERF	Middle East Reformed Fellowship
MRCSA	Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NAPARC	North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
NKST	Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv
NRC	Netherlands Reformed Churches
PRC	Protestant Reformed Churches
RCA	Reformed Church in Africa
RCA	Reformed Church in America
RCC	Roman Catholic Church
RCCN	Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria
RCJ	Reformed Church in Japan
RCN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
REC	Reformed Ecumenical Council
RPCNA	Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America
URCSA	Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa
WARC	World Alliance of Reformed Churches

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*Initialisms and abbreviations in the index refer to the following:*

ARPC	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
BRC	Budget Review Committee
CAJ	Christian Academy of Japan
CANAAC	Caribbean and North American Area Council
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CCG	Committee for Contact with the Government
CCiS	Coordinating Council for Church in Society
CCT-U.S.A.	Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CGI	Consolidated Group Insurance
CIDA	Canada International Development Agency
CMAC	Chaplaincy Ministries Advisory Council
CRCA	Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
CRCN	Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
CRCN	Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
CRCP	Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines
DRC	Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
DRCA	Dutch Reformed Church in Africa
DRS	Disaster Response Services
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
EPC	Evangelical Presbyterian Church
ERCB	Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi
FSC	Fund for Smaller Churches
GEMS	Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior
MAC	Ministries Administrative Council
MERF	Middle East Reformed Fellowship
MRCSA	Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NAPARC	North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
NKST	Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv
NRC	Netherlands Reformed Churches
PRC	Protestant Reformed Churches
RCA	Reformed Church in Africa
RCA	Reformed Church in America
RCC	Roman Catholic Church
RCCN	Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria

RCJ	Reformed Church in Japan
RCN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
REC	Reformed Ecumenical Council
RPCNA	Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America
SPMC	Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy
USCSA	Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa
WARC	World Alliance of Reformed Churches

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*Initialisms and Abbreviations from the Agenda and Acts of Synod*

ACK	Anglican Church of Kenya
AMOR	A Mission OutReach (Dordt College)
ARPC	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
ASK	Academic SKills Center (Dordt College)
BC	Belgic Confession
BOT	Board of Trustees
CAJ	Christian Academy of Japan
CANAAC	Caribbean and North American Area Council
CAREE	Christians Associated for Relationships with Eastern Europe
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CCCiS	Coordinating Council for Church in Society
CCG	Committee for Contact with the Government
CCJC	Church Council on Justice and Corrections
CCRCC	Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada
CCTB	College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh
CCT-USA	Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CEVAA	Communauté [d'Églises en Mission] Évangélique de'Action Apostolique
CFGB	Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CGI	Consolidated Group Insurance
CIDA	Canada International Development Agency
CLAC	Christian Labor Association of Canada
CMCC	Classical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
CMD	Canadian Ministries Director
CMF	Canadian Ministries Forum
COCREF	Christian Reformed Schools (Dominican Republic)
COP	Community Outreach Program (Dordt College)
CRCA	Christian Reformed Church of Australia
CRCEA	Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa
CRCN	Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
CRCP	Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions
CRWRC	Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
CTS	Calvin Theological Seminary
CUA	Catholic University of America

DDM	Director of Denominational Ministries
DFAS	Director of Finance and Administrative Support Services
DMP	Denominational Ministries Plan
DRC	Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
DRCA	Dutch Reformed Church in Africa
DRS	Disaster Response Services
ECLDN	Eastern Canada Leadership Development Network
ED&GS	Executive Director and General Secretary
EDM	Executive Director of Ministries
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
ELK	Evangelisch Lutherse Kerk
EMPC	Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
EMPMC	Ethnic Minority Program for Ministerial Candidacy
ENELA	Evangelical University of Latin America
EPC	Evangelical Presbyterian Church
EPMC	Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
ERCB	Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi
FJKM	Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar
FSC	Fund for Smaller Churches
GEMS	Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior
GKN	Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland
GS	General Secretary
HC	Heidelberg Catechism
ICAD	Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development
ICS	Institute for Christian Studies
IRC	Interchurch Relations Committee
JMMC	Joint-Ministries Management Committee
LDN	Leadership Development Networks
MAC	Ministries Administrative Council
MC	Ministries Council
MERF	Middle East Reformed Fellowship
MFCA	Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency
MLAC	Ministry Leadership Advisory Council
MPF	Minister's Pension Fund
MRCSA	Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NAPARC	North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
NCA	North Central Association
NCCC	National Council of Churches of Christ
NCKK	National Council of Churches of Kenya
NHK	Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk
NKST	Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv
NRC	Netherlands Reformed Churches
OPC	Orthodox Presbyterian Church
OSJHA	Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action
Partners	Partners for Christian Development
PCA	Presbyterian Church in America
PCEA	Presbyterian Church of East Africa
PCN	Protestant Church of the Netherlands

PCR	Pastor-Church Relations
PLIA	Putting Love Into Action (Dordt College)
PRC	Protestant Reformed Churches
RCA	Reformed Church in Africa
RCA	Reformed Church in America
RCC	Roman Catholic Church
RCCN	Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria
RCEA	Reformed Church of East Africa
RCJ	Reformed Church in Japan
RCN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
RCN/GKN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
RCSC	Reformed Candidates Supervision and Care Committee
RCVS	Regional Coordinators of Volunteers
REC	Reformed Ecumenical Council
RIM	Reformed in Mission
RTTI	Reformed Theological Training Institute
RPC	Review Process Committee
RPCNA	Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America
SEIA	Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
SMCC	Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
SPC	Succession Planning Committee
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
SPMC (Adj)	Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy (Adjusted)
SPMC	Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy
TNIT	Today's New International Version
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
URCSA	Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa
USCCB	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
WARC	World Alliance of Reformed Churches
WEA	World Evangelical Alliance

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Initialisms and abbreviations from the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2005*

ACRE	Association of Christian Reformed Educators
APCE	Association of Presbyterian Church Educators
ARPC	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
ART	Abuse Response Team
ARYP	Association of Reformed Youth Pastors
<i>BB</i>	<i>Breaking Barriers</i>
BOT	Board of Trustees
BTGH	Back to God Hour
CAJ	Christian Academy in Japan
CANAAC	Caribbean and North American Area Council
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CCCN	Covenant Christian Church of Nigeria
CCT-USA	Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CEP	Center for Excellence in Preaching
CERCA	Christian Educators, Reformed Church in America
CFGB	Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
COCREF	Christian Reformed Schools of the Dominican Republic
CPJ	Center for Public Justice
CRCN	Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
CRCP	Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines
CRECH	Consortium de la Renforcement del'Education Chrétienne en Haiti
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions
CRWRC	Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
CSI	Christian Schools International
CTS	Calvin Theological Seminary
CYMC	Children and Youth Ministry Council
DDM	Director of Denominational Ministries
DMP	Denominational Ministries Plan
DMPS	Denominational Ministries Plan Scorecard
DRS	Disaster Response Services
DYM	Dynamic Youth Ministries
ED	Executive Director
EDM	Executive Director of Ministries
EFC	Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
EHB	Every-household <i>Banner</i>

ELIC	English Language Institute - China
EML	Educational Mission Leader
EPC	Evangelical Presbyterian Church
EPMC	Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ERRC	Educational Resources and Referrals - China
FAJ	Fédération des Associations de Jeunesses del L'UEBH
FRB	Foods Resource Bank
FSCO	Financial Services Commission of Ontario
HCRC	Haitian Christian Reformed Church
HECA	Higher Education Cooperation Act
HPCD	Haitian Partners for Christian Development
ICS	Institute for Christian Studies
ICYM	Integrated Children and Youth Ministry Team
IRC	Interchurch Relations Committee
ITEM	International Theological Education Ministries
IVP	InterVarsity Press
JMCC	Joint-Ministries Management Committee
LDN	Leadership Development Networks
MC	Ministry Council
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MEPP	Multi-Employer Pension Plan
MERF	Middle East Reformed Fellowship
MPF	Ministers' Pension Fund
MUC	Christian University Student Movement
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NAPARC	North American Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches
NCA	North Central Association
NHK	Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk
NKST	The Church of Christ among the Tiv
NOVA	National Organization for Victim Assistance
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and delinquency Prevention
OSJHA	Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action
PBA	Pension Benefits Act
PBGC	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
PCC	Presbyterian Church in Canada
PCN	Protestant Church in the Netherlands
PCR	Pastor Church Relations
PCUSA	Presbyterian Church in the USA
RCA	Reformed Church in America
RCC	Roman Catholic Church
RCCN	Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria
RCJ	Reformed Church of Japan
RCN/GKN	Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
RCVs	Regional Coordinators of Volunteers
REC	Reformed Ecumenical Council
RES	Reformed Ecumenical Synod
RRIT	Race Relations Integrating Team
SCORR	Synodical Committee on Race Relations
SEW	Spiritual Emphasis Week
SMCC	Synodical Ministry Candidacy Committee

SMP	Summer Mission Program
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
SRC	Social Research Center
TST	Toronto School of Theology
UBS	United Bible Societies
UNELA	Evangelical University of Latin America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VOM	Victim-Offender Mediation
WARC	World Alliance of Reformed Churches
YU	Youth Unlimited

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Initialisms and abbreviations from the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2006*

AAPC – American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
 ACPE – Association of Clinical Pastoral Education  
 ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ACT – Action by Churches Together  
 APC – Association of Professional Chaplains  
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 ARYP – Association of Reformed Youth Pastors  
 ASV – American Standard Version  
*BB* – *Breaking Barriers*  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 CAJ – Christian Academy in Japan  
 CAPPE – Canadian Association of Pastoral Practice and Education  
 CASA – Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCCiS – Coordinating Council for Church in Society  
 CCD – Christian Community Development  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCIC – Counsel for International Cooperation  
 CCIT – Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCTB – College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CCU – Commission on Christian Unity  
 CEP – Center for Excellence in Preaching  
 CETI – Center for Interdisciplinary Theological Study  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship  
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency  
 CMCC – Classical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 CMLT – Classis Ministerial Leadership Teams  
 COCREP – Christian Reformed Schools of the Dominican Republic  
 CRCA – Christian Reformed Churches of Australia  
 CRCEA – Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa  
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCP – Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines  
 CRECH – Consortium de la Renforcement de l’Éducation Chrétienne en Haiti  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee



CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 CWS – Church World Service  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRMC – Dutch Reformed Mission Church  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYC – Discerning Your Calling  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EFICOR – Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
 ELIC – English Language Institute – China ()  
 EML – Educational Mission Leader  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ERCB – Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi  
 ERISA – Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
 ERRC – Educational Resources and Referrals – China  
 FAJ – Fédération des Associations de Jeunes de L'UEBH  
 FCS – Fund for Smaller Churches  
 FFM – Formation for Ministry  
 FHI – Food for the Hungry International  
 FRB – Food Resources Bank  
 FSCO – Financial Services Commission of Ontario  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 HCRC – Haitian Christian Reformed Church  
 HPCD – Haitian Partners for Christian Development  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 IRMs – International Relief Managers  
 ITEM – International Theological Education Ministries  
 JMMC – Joint-Ministries Management Committee  
 KJV – King James Version  
 LDN – Leadership Development Networks  
 MC – Ministry Council  
 MCI – Making Connections Initiative  
 MDG – Millennial Development Goals  
 MEPP – Multi-Employee Pension Plan  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MRCSA – Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa  
 MPF – Ministers' Pension Fund  
 MPS – Ministries Plan Scorecard  
 MUC – Christian University Student Movement  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NAPARC – North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council  
 NCC – National Council of Churches  
 NGOs – Nongovernmental Organizations  
 NIV – New International Version

NKST – The Church of Christ among the Tiv  
 NLT – New Living Translation  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 NRSV – New Revised Standard Version  
 OSJHA – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PBA – Pension Benefits Act  
 PBGC – Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PRODOLA – Doctoral Program for Latin America  
 PW – Partners Worldwide  
 RCA – Reformed Church in Africa  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCC – Roman Catholic Church  
 RCCN – Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria  
 RCEA – Reformed Church of East Africa  
 RCJ – Reformed Church of Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RRIT – Race Relations Integrating Team  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 SALT – Senior Academy for Learning at Trinity  
 SCS – Seminars in Christian Scholarship  
 SEW – Spiritual Emphasis Week  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 TNIV – *Today's New International Version*  
 UNELA – Evangelical University of Latin America  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in South Africa  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCC – World Council of Churches  
 WON – Women of the Nations  
 WRC – World Reformed Communion

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ACRE - Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ACT - Action by Churches Together  
 ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act  
 APC - Association of Professional Chaplains  
 APCE - Association of Presbyterian Church Educators  
 ARPC - Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 ART - Abuse Response Team  
 BOT - Board of Trustees  
 CAJ - Christian Academy in Japan  
 CASA - Church's Auxiliary for Social Action  
 CCC - Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCG - Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCIT - Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCT-USA - Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CEP - Center for Excellence in Preaching  
 CFGB - Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CIDA - Canadian International Development Agency  
 CJL Foundation - Citizens for Public Justice  
 CMLT - Classis Ministerial Leadership Teams  
 COCREF - Christian Reformed Schools of the Dominican Republic  
 CRCA - Christian Reformed Churches of Australia  
 CRCMA - Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Association  
 CRCN - Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCP - Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines  
 CRECH - Consortium de la Renforcement de l'Éducation Chrétienne en Haiti  
 CRHM - Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRMT - Classis Renewal Ministry Team  
 CRWM - Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC - Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CSI - Christian Schools International  
 CWS - Church World Service  
 DCM - Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM - Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA - Director of Finance and Administration  
 DMP - Denominational Ministries Plan  
 DoD - Department of Defense  
 DORR - Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRC - Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa

DRCA - Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRS - Disaster Response Services  
 DYC - Discerning Your Calling  
 ED - Executive Director  
 EFC - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EFICOR - Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
 ELIC - English Language Institute - China  
 EPC - Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC - Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ERISA - Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
 ERRC - Educational Resources and Referrals - China  
 ESV - English Standard Version  
 FAJ - Fédération des Associations de Jeunes de L'UEBH  
 FFM - Formation for Ministry  
 FHI - Food for the Hungry International  
 FNC - Fund for Needy Churches  
 FRB - Food Resources Bank  
 FSC - Fund for Smaller Churches  
 FSCO - Financial Services Commission of Ontario  
 GKI - Reformed Church of Indonesia  
 GKN - Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 HCRC - Haitian Christian Reformed Church  
 HPCD - Haitian Partners for Christian Development  
 IAPCHE - International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education  
 ICA - International Coalition of Apostles  
 ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
 ICS - Institute for Christian Studies  
 IDP - Internally Displaced People  
 IRC - Interchurch Relations Committee  
 ITEM - International Theological Education Ministries  
 KIM - Korean Institute of Ministry  
 KMD - Korean Ministry Director  
 LDN - Leadership Development Networks  
 LRA - Lord's Resistance Army  
 MC - Ministry Council  
 MDG - Millennial Development Goals  
 MEPMC - Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 MEPP - Multi-Employee Pension Plan  
 MERF - Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers  
 MPS - Ministries Plan Scorecard  
 MRCSA - Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa  
 MUC - Christian University Student Movement  
 NAE - National Association of Evangelicals  
 NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement  
 NAPARC - North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council  
 NAR - New Apostolic Reformation  
 NCD - Natural Church Development  
 NGOs - Nongovernmental Organizations  
 NIV - New International Version  
 NKST - The Church of Christ among the Tiv (Nongo U Kristu U Ken Sudan Hen Tiv)

NLT - New Living Translation  
 NRC - Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 OPC - Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
 OSJHA - Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PBA - Pension Benefits Act  
 PCA - Presbyterian Church in America  
 PCC - Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN - Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR - Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA - Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PRMI - Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International  
 PRODOLA - Doctoral Program for Latin America  
 RCA - Reformed Church in Africa  
 RCA - Reformed Church in America  
 RCC - Roman Catholic Church  
 RCCN - Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria  
 RCJ - Reformed Church of Japan  
 REC - Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RSV - Revised Standard Version  
 SALT - Senior Academy for Learning at Trinity  
 SCC & SRC - Smaller Church Compensation and Subsidy Review Committee  
 SCE - Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SLSW - Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare  
 SMCC - Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMP - Summer Mission Program  
 SPE - Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 SWN - Spiritual Warfare Network  
 TEE - Theological Education by Extension  
 TNIV - Today's New International Version  
 UNELA - Evangelical University of Latin America  
 URCSA - Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 USAID - United States Agency for International Development  
 WARC - World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WRC - World Reformed Communion  
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ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ACT – Action by Churches Together  
 AERDO – Association for Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations  
 ANH – All Nations Heritage  
 APCE – Association of Presbyterian Church Educators  
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 CANAAC – Caribbean and North American Area Council  
 CCA – Canadian Churches in Action  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCIT – Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCRDA – Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CEP – Center for Excellence in Preaching  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CIC – Classical Interim Committee  
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency  
 CMC – Classical Ministries Committee  
 CMLT – Classis Ministerial Leadership Team  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCMA – Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Association  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRMT – Classis Renewal Ministry Team  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CRWRC-DRS – CRWRC Disaster Response Services  
 CSI – Christian Schools International  
 CT – Contemporary Testimony  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan  
 DoD – Department of Defense  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation



DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ECD – Established Church Development  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ESV – English Standard Version  
 FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 FOS – Form of Subscription  
 FRB – Foods Resource Bank  
 FTE – Full Time Employee, Full Time Equivalent  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 GKI – Indonesia Reformed Church  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IDA – Individual Development Account  
 IDP – Internally Displaced Persons  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 LDN – Leadership Development Networks  
 MC – Ministry Council  
 MDGs – Millennial Development Goals  
 MEPMC – Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers  
 MPS – Ministries Plan Scorecard  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NAPARC – North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council  
 NCC – National Council of Churches  
 NCD – New Church Development  
 NCMAF – National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces  
 NHK – Nederlands Hervormde Kerk  
 NIV – New International Version  
 NLT – New Living Translation  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 OSJHA – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCC – Roman Catholic Church  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 SALT – Senior Academy of Learning at Trinity  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SMC – Staff Ministry Committee  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMP – Summer Mission Program

SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 TBN – Trinity Business Network  
 TNIV – Today’s New International Version  
 UMCOR – United Methodist Committee On Relief  
 USAID – United States Agency for International Development  
 VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WRC – World Reformed Communion  
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ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ACT – Action by Churches Together  
 AICPA – American Institute of Public Accountants  
 ANH – All Nations Heritage  
 APCE – Association of Presbyterian Church Educators  
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 AVC – Association of Vineyard Churches  
 BC – Belgic Confession  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CANAAC – Caribbean and North American Area Council  
 CCA – Canadian Churches in Action  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCIT – Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CD – Canons of Dort  
 CEP – Center for Excellence in Preaching  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CLC – Christian Learning Center Network  
 CMER – Communion mondiale d’Église réformées  
 CMIR – Comunion Mundial de Iglesias Reformadas  
 CMLT – Classis Ministerial Leadership Team  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRI – Christian Research Institute  
 CRMT – Classis Renewal Ministry Team  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CSI – Christian Schools International  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration

DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church  
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRMC – Dutch Reformed Mission Church  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EDM – Executive Director of Ministries  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ERC – Ecumenical Relations Committee (formerly IRC)  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 GKSA – Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika (Reformed Churches in South Africa)  
 GRA – Global Relief Alliance  
 GS – General Secretary  
 HC – Heidelberg Catechism  
 HMRT – Home Missions Regional Team  
 HR – Human Resources  
 IAPCHE – International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education  
 ICA – International Coalition of Apostles  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 KIM – Korean Institute for Ministry  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 MACPA – Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants  
 MC – Ministry Council  
 MDG – Millennial Development Goals  
 MECC – Middle Eastern Council of Churches  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLT – Ministries Leadership Team  
 MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers  
 MPS – Ministries Plan Scorecard  
 MRCSA – Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NAR – New Apostolic Reformation  
 NIV – New International Version  
 NKST – Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 NRSV – New Revised Standard Version  
 OREA – Ontario Real Estate Association  
 OSJHA – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA



PRMI – Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCC – Roman Catholic Church  
 RCJ – Reformed Church of Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 SALT – Senior Academy for Learning at Trinity  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SCORR – Synodical Committee on Race Relations  
 SLSW – Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare  
 SMC – Staff Ministry Committee  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMP – Summer Mission Program  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 SWN – Spiritual Warfare Network  
 TPM – Theophostic Prayer Ministry  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WRK – Weltgemeinschaft Reformierter Kirchen  
 WTC – Widening the Circle

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ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ACT – Action by Churches Together  
 ANH – All Nations Heritage  
 APCE – Association of Presbyterian Church Educators  
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 ASV – American Standard Version  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTA – biblical-theological argumentation  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CANAAC – Caribbean and North American Area Council  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CE – Continuing Education  
 CEP – Center for Excellence in Preaching  
 CFA – Communities First Association  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CICW – Calvin Institute for Christian Worship  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CLC Network – Christian Learning Center Network  
 CLEAR – Continuous Learning & Education at Redeemer  
 CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team  
 CR – Christian Reformed  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCA – Christian Reformed Churches of Australia  
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CSI – Christian Schools International  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan

DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DP – Displaced Person  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ECI – Evangelical Climate Initiative  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee (formerly ERC)  
 ELCA – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ERC – Ecumenical Relations Committee (formerly IRC)  
 ESV – English Standard Version  
 FJKM – Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar  
 FOS – Form of Subscription  
 FTE – Full-Time Employee  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 GKSA – Die Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika (Reformed Churches in South Africa)  
 GM – General Motors  
 HC – Heidelberg Catechism  
 HCJB – Heraldng Christ Jesus’ Blessings  
 HR – Health and Renewal  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IMHO – In My Humble Opinion  
 IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 ISI – International Staff Internships  
 JMC – Joint Ministry Council  
 KIM – Korean Institute in Ministry  
 KJV – King James Version  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 LSJ – Liddell, Scott, Jones  
 MDG – Millennial Development Goals  
 MEPMC – Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MIS – Ministerial Information Service  
 MLT – Ministries Leadership Team  
 MPS – Ministry Plan Scorecard  
 MRCSA – Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa  
 MY – Ministry Year  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NLT – New Living Translation  
 NIV – New International Version  
 NKST – Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 NRSV – New Revised Standard Version

OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PAG – Pentecostal Assemblies of God  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Pediatric Chaplains Network  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 PRRA – Pre-Removal Risk Assessment  
 PTC – Pentecostal Theological College  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCC – Roman Catholic Church  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SMC – Staff Ministry Committee  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMP – Summer Mission Program  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 STM – Specialized Transitional Ministers  
 TE – Technology and Equipment  
 TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 TNIV – Today’s New International Version  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WIC – Women, Infant, and Children  
 WLM – World Literature Ministries  
 WTC – Widening the Circle  
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Acronyms and abbreviations in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2011*

ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators  
 ANH – All Nations Heritage  
 APCE – Association of Presbyterian Church Educators  
 ARPC – Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
 ASV – American Standard Version  
 BC – Belgic Confession  
 BCW – Book of Common Worship  
*BEM – Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry*  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
*CCC – Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
*CCEO – Corpus Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium*  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CD – Canons of Dort  
 CE – Common Era  
 CE – Continuing Education  
 CFA – Communities First Association  
*CIC – Codex Iuris Canonici*  
 CICW – Calvin Institute for Christian Worship  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CLEAR – Continuous Learning and Education at Redeemer  
 CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team  
 COCREP – Colegios Cristianos Reformados  
*CPC – Credo of the People of God*  
 CPD – Church Planting and Development  
 CR – Christian Reformed  
 CRA – Canada Revenue Agency  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCA – Christian Reformed Churches of Australia  
 CRCH – Christian Reformed Church of Haiti  
 CRCM – Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar  
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions

CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CSI – Christian Schools International  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DDM – Director of Denominational Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DLPG – Diversity in Leadership Planning Group  
 DMP – Denominational Ministries Plan  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
 ELLC – English Language Liturgical Consultation  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ESV – English Standard Version  
 FAQs – frequently asked questions  
 FOS – Form of Subscription  
 FSCO – Financial Services Commission of Ontario  
 FTE – Full-Time Employee  
 GDUF – *God’s Diverse and Unified Family*  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 HC – Heidelberg Catechism  
 HR – Health and Renewal  
 HR – Human Resources  
 ICEL – International Commission on English in the Liturgy  
 ICET – International Consultation on English Texts  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IED – Interim Executive Director  
 IMHO – In My Humble Opinion  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 IRS – Internal Revenue Service (U.S.)  
 IT – Information Technology  
 JMC – Joint Ministry Council  
 JMMC – Joint Ministries Management Committee  
 KIM – Korean Institute in Ministry  
 KJV – King James Version  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 LG – *Lumen Gentium*  
 MDG – Millennial Development Goal  
 MEC – Multiethnic Conference  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLT – Ministries Leadership Team  
 MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers  
 MPF – Ministers’ Pension Fund

MPS – Ministry Plan Scorecard  
 MY – Ministry Year  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NIV – New International Version  
 NKST – Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv  
 NLT – New Living Translation  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 NRSV – New Revised Standard Version  
 OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 PLT – Publishing Leadership Team  
 PMI – Prayer Missions International  
 RC, RCC – Roman Catholic Church  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCIA – *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 SAF – Special Assistance Fund  
 SC – *Sacrosanctum Concilium*  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SCORR – Synodical Committee on Race Relations  
 SMC – Staff Ministry Committee  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMEPP – Specified Multi-Employer Pension Plan  
 SOMEPP – Specified Ontario Multi-Employer Pension Plan  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 STM – Specialized Transitional Minister  
 TE – Technology and Equipment  
 TLT – Timothy Leadership Training  
 TLTi – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 TNIV – Today’s New International Version  
 UCC – United Church of Christ  
 UR – *Unitatis Redintegratio*  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 USCCB – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
 VBS – Vacation Bible School  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WLM – World Literature Ministries  
 WWCS – Worldwide Christian Schools  
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BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CD – Canons of Dort  
 CICW – Calvin Institute for Christian Worship  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CR – Christian Reformed  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCN – Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
 CSI – Christian Schools International  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRCA – Dutch Reformed Church in Africa  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 FOS – Form of Subscription  
 FTE – Full-Time Employee  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 HC – Heidelberg Catechism  
 HR – Human Resources  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IRC – Interchurch Relations Committee  
 JCC – Judicial Code Committee

JMC – Joint Ministry Council  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLC – Ministries Leadership Council  
 MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NKST – Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv  
 NRC – Netherlands Reformed Churches  
 OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCC – Presbyterian Church in Canada  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 STM – Specialized Transitional Ministers  
 TE – Technology and Equipment  
 TLT – Timothy Leadership Training  
 TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 WARC – World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WLM – World Literature Ministries  
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Acronyms and abbreviations in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2013*

ACS – Associate Customer Service  
 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 C3 – Canadian Catalytic Conversation  
 CANAAC – Caribbean and North America Area Council  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCIT– Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CCU – Commission on Christian Unity  
 CDC – Classical Diaconal Committee  
 CFA – Communities First Association  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CFO – Chief Financial Officer  
 CIC – Classical Interim Committee  
 CICW – Calvin Institute for Christian Worship  
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CMD – Canadian Ministries Director  
 CMT – Canadian Ministries Team  
 CPC – Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
 CPDLT – Church Planting and Development Leadership Team  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCDR – Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 DC – Disability Concerns  
 DCM – Director of Canadian Ministries  
 DCP – Director of Church Planting  
 DCV – Director of Congregational Vitality  
 DED – Deputy Executive Director  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DLPG – Diversity in Leadership Planning Group  
 DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada

DO – Denominational Office  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DR – Dominican Republic  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DSS – Director of Synodical Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ECC – Evangelical Covenant Church  
 ECO – Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EFD – Ecumenical Faith Declaration  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 ESV – English Standard Version  
 ETP – Evangelist Training Program  
 FEN – From Every Nation  
 GCF – Global Christian Forum  
 GDUF – *God's Diverse and Unified Family*  
 HR – Human Resources  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IDT – Implementation Design Team  
 IGCP – Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal  
 IRM – International Relief Manager  
 KEZ – Kingdom Enterprise Zone  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 LMDJ – Loving Mercy and Doing Justice  
 MDG – Millennium Development Goal  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLC – Ministries Leadership Council  
 MLT – Ministries Leadership Team  
 MWS – Master of Worldview Studies  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NECT – Northeast Community Transformation  
 NPO – Nonprofit Organization  
 NRD – Nkhoma Synod of the Presbyterian Church  
 OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PARA – Programs Assisting Refugee Acculturation  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 SCORR – Synodical Committee on Race Relations  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMT – Staff Ministry Team  
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 TFRSC – Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture  
 TLT – Timothy Leadership Training



TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 UNELA – Evangelical University of the Americas  
 VIS – Volunteers in Service  
 VSL – Village Savings and Loan  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WLM – World Literature Ministries  
 YALT – Young Adult Leadership Taskforce  
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Acronyms and abbreviations in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2014*

APSS – Accelerated Pre-Seminary Studies Program  
 BAC – *Banner* Advisory Council  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CAMC – Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee  
 CANAAC – Caribbean and North America Area Council  
 CCAF – *Confessional Commitments and Academic Freedom at Calvin College*  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCCS – Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship  
 CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government  
 CCIT – Church Connection Initiative at Trinity  
 CCRCC – Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CFA – Communities First Association  
 CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
 CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CLC – Christian Learning Center  
 CMD – Canadian Ministries Director  
 CMI – Church Multiplication Initiative  
 CMT – Canadian Ministries Team  
 CPRSE – Centre for Philosophy, Religion, and Social Ethics  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 CWGs – Collaborative Work Groups  
 DED – Deputy Executive Director  
 DFA – Director of Finance and Administration  
 DFATD – Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Canada)  
 DLPG – Diversity in Leadership Planning Group  
 DO – Denominational Office  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services



DSS – Director of Synodical Services  
 DYM – Dynamic Youth Ministries  
 ECO – Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EFD – Ecumenical Faith Declaration  
 EFICOR – Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
 ELCA – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 EPC – Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 EPCE – Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 EPTS – Evangelical Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
 ESM – *Expanded Statement of Mission*  
 FTE – Full-time equivalent  
 GCF – Global Christian Forum  
 GDUF – *God’s Diverse and Unified Family*  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 GRACE – Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism  
 HR – Human Resources  
 ICCRD – Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IGCP – Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal  
 IPRM – Presbyterian Reformed Church of Mexico  
 IRM – International Relief Manager  
 JCC – Judicial Code Committee  
 JMMC – Joint-Ministries Management Committee  
 KCVS – King’s Centre for Visualization in Science  
 KEZ – Kingdom Enterprise Zone  
 KIM – Korean Institute for Ministry  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 LEAP – Linked Engagement Action Programs  
 LEAP – Livelihoods for Earthquake-Affected People  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLC – Ministries Leadership Council  
 MLT – Ministries Leadership Team  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NIV – New International Version  
 OPCW – Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
 OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 PPC – Planning and Priorities Committee  
 PSC – Professional Status Committee  
 RBA – Reformed Benefits Association  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan

REC – Reformed Ecumenical Council  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SCM – Safe Church Ministry  
 SCORR – Synodical Committee on Race Relations  
 SMART – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely  
 SMCC – Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee  
 SMT – Staff Ministry Team  
 SPACT – Strategic Planning and Adaptive Change Team  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 SPTG – Strategic Planning Task Group  
 SRI – System of Rice Intensification  
 STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics  
 STM – Specialized Transitional Ministry  
 SWAP – Serve with a Purpose  
 TFRSC – Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture  
 TLT – Timothy Leadership Training  
 TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 UCC – United Church of Christ  
 URCSA – Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa  
 WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WR – World Renew  
 WTC – Widening the Circle  
 WTS – Western Theological Seminary  
 WWCS – Worldwide Christian Schools  
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ABCD – Asset-Based Community Development  
 ATC – Area Training Center  
 BAC – Banner Advisory Council  
 BOT – Board of Trustees  
 BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International  
 CAMC – Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee  
 CCC – Canadian Council of Churches  
 CCRCC – Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada  
 CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.  
 CFA – Communities First Association  
 CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization  
 CLLN – Congregational Leadership Learning Networks  
 CMD – Canadian Ministries Director  
 CMI – Church Multiplication Initiative  
 CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team  
 CMT – Canadian Ministries Team  
 COD – Council of Delegates  
 CPE – Clinical Pastoral Education  
 CRC – Christian Reformed Church  
 CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America  
 CRHM – Christian Reformed Home Missions  
 CRWM – Christian Reformed World Missions  
 CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (now World Renew)  
 CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary  
 CWG – Collaborative Work Group  
 DA – Diversity Agent  
 DC – Disability Concerns  
 DED – Deputy Executive Director  
 DFM – Discipleship and Faith Formation Ministries  
 DFO – Director of Finance and Operations  
 DIWG – Diversity and Inclusion Working Group  
 DLPG – Diversity in Leadership Planning Group  
 DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration  
 DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada  
 DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation  
 DRS – Disaster Response Services  
 DSS – Director of Synodical Services



ECO – Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians  
 ED – Executive Director  
 EFC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada  
 EFD – Ecumenical Faith Declaration  
 EFICOR – Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
 EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
 EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy  
 FTE – Full-time equivalent  
 GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior  
 GCF – Global Christian Forum  
 GKN – Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  
 GSC – General Synod Council  
 HR – Human Resources  
 ICS – Institute for Christian Studies  
 IGCPA – Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal  
 JCC – Judicial Code Committee  
 JIMA – Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy  
 KEZ – Kingdom Enterprise Zone  
 KIM – Korean Institute for Ministry  
 LDN – Leadership Development Network  
 LEAP – Linked Engagement Action Programs  
 MCC – Ministry Collaboration Committee  
 MERF – Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
 MLC – Ministries Leadership Council  
 NAE – National Association of Evangelicals  
 NIV – New International Version  
 OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action  
 PCN – Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
 PCR – Pastor-Church Relations  
 PCUSA – Presbyterian Church in the USA  
 PFRCC – Partners for Racism-Free Community  
 PLC – Placement, Learning, and Care  
 RBA – Reformed Benefits Association  
 RCA – Reformed Church in America  
 RCJ – Reformed Church in Japan  
 SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
 SCORR – Synodical Committee on Race Relations  
 SPACT – Strategic Planning and Adaptive Change Team  
 SPE – Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
 STM – Specialized Transitional Ministry  
 TFRSC – Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture  
 TLT – Timothy Leadership Training  
 TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute  
 WCRCC – World Communion of Reformed Churches  
 WR – World Renew  
 WRF – World Reformed Fellowship  
 WTC – Widening the Circle  
 YU – Youth Unlimited

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