Index of Synodical Decisions 2001-2022*

Dear user:

Following is a continuous collection of the indices from each of the *Acts of Synod* from 2001 through the last available set of minutes. The collection is organized by year, beginning with 2001.

A search for a *name* or *subject* will take you to the entry. When an entry is found, the user should take note of the corresponding *year* at the top or bottom of the page. Continue the search until no more entries are found. The indices reference both the *Agenda for Synod* and the *Acts of Synod*; the numbers in *boldface type* refer to pages in the minutes of synod.

Electronic versions of the *Acts of Synod* and *Agenda for Synod* for 1999 to the present are posted on the Synodical Resources web page at [crcna.org/SynodResources](http://crcna.org/SynodResources).

*Synods 2020 and 2021 did not meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council of Delegates of the Christian Reformed Church in North America met on behalf of Synods 2020 and 2021 to address matters that could not wait until action by synod. References to actions in boldface type in the 2020 and 2021 sections of this Index are found in the respective Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates (2020 or 2021).*
INDEX

(Page numbers in boldface type refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to agenda and supplementary materials.)

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

A
Abuse Prevention, 36, 77-78, 524
Response teams, 77
 Acts of Synod, 33
Addresses to synod
Baak, Rev. David, 487
Bekker, Dr. Gary J., 486
Bisem, Rev. Dr. Peter, 488
De Jong, Dr. James A., 441
Ebenezer, Mr. Godfrey B., 458
Foster, Mr. Barry, 450
Glodo, Rev. Michael J., 487
Oragbe, Rev. G. N., 487
Schluchter, Rev. Antoine, 488
Vander Meulen, Mr. Peter, 511
Visser, Dr. Douwe, 487
Whitesides, Dr. Edward S., 487
Admark, 125
Adult literacy, 184
Advisers
   Ethnic, 25
   Women, 30-31, 452-53, 486-87, 493
Advisory committees for Synod 2001, 439-40
Agencies
   Criteria for including nondenominational, 518
   CRWM, 180-81, 183
   Denied inclusion, 353-54, 518
   Recommended for removal, 353, 518
   Recommended for support, 351-53, 482, 515-17, 539-41
   Related, 351-53
Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 44
Agenda for Synod, 33
Agenda Directory for Synod 2001, 441
Agriculture, 184
AIDS prevention, 186
Albania, 190
All Nations Heritage Week, 49, 520
Alpha from a Reformed Perspective, 154
Anniversaries
   Churches, 213-14, 497-98
   Ministers, 212-13, 496-97
Announcements, 9-11
Antiracism initiative of BOT, 87
Apostles’ Creed, 234
Appeals
   Groenenboom and Classis Pella, 337, 490-91
   Pel and Classis B.C. North-West, 337, 491-93
Appointments
   Interim, 24-25, 345
Archives, 496. See also Historical Committee.
Assistance for smaller churches, 165
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 487
Audio recording of synod, 438-39

B
Back to God Hour, The
   Acknowledgment of Mr. John Kuyers, 122
   Board, officers, and nominations, 121, 528
   Cooperative organizations, 125
   Electronic Media Committee, 125
   Financial statements, 89-90, 407
   Ministries
      English-language, 122
      Arabic-language, 123
      Chinese-language, 123
      French-language, 123
      Indonesian-language, 123-24
      Japanese-language, 124, 178
Acts of Synod 2001

Index  547
ethnic advisers, 25, 347
interim board appointments, 24-25, 48, 345, 452
letter to ACCRC, 347, 356-58
publications and services, 32-35
response to Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 32, 49, 73-77, 454-55
sesquicentennial committee, 31-32, 49
women advisers, 30-31, 48

Program matters
agency presentations at synod, 37, 49
appointments and personnel matters, 37-38
BOT ministry programs, 36-37
Canadian ministries, 35-36
Chaplaincy Ministries and Home Missions, 348-49
and CRWRC, 350
committee to study denominational support systems, 44
Consolidated Group Insurance, 44
and CRC Foundation, 48, 83
and CRC Publications, 349
Denominational ministries plan, 349
Financial matters, 44-45, 350-54
Minimum-compensation guidelines for smaller churches, 38-40, 49, 519-20
and ministry-share requests, 350, 501
Pastor-Church Relations, 45-48, 349, 358-66, 521
Policies and procedures manual, 349
program evaluation, 37
ratification of appointments, 347-48
response to Overture 19 (Synod 2000), 40
response to Overture 20 (Synod 2000), 40-44
Recommendations of, 48-49, 354-56, 493, 501, 515-17, 519-21
and Report re Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 73-77
and Race Relations, 84-86
and Social Justice and Hunger Action, 86-88
and women advisors. See Advisors, Women; Women’s matters.

Breaking Barriers, 81-82

C
Call to Renewal movement, 87
Calling a Youth Pastor, 153
Calvin College
  Antiracism and, 126
  Board, 126, 528-29
General matters
  core curriculum, 126
  revision of strategic plan, 126
Faculty
  faculty interviews, 126
  Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 126
  appointments, 126-27
  reappointments, 448
recognition, 373, 448
removal, 373
Finance, 127
financial statements, 91-92, 408
President Byker’s evaluation, 126
Recommendations, 127, 372-73, 447
Report of, 126-27, 371-73
Trustees, 371-72
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 154
Calvin Theological Seminary
Administration, 129
Appointments, 374-75
Avila, Mariano, 135-39, 443, 478
Kelderman, Duane K., 376-78, 443, 445
Plantinga, Cornelius, Jr., 132-35, 443, 444
Rylaarsdam, David M., 378-82, 444, 479
Tuit, Pieter Cornelius, 139-43, 443-44, 479
Board of trustees
and Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., 128
members, 128, 374, 529
officers, 128
Curriculum and programs, 130
Faculty, 129-30, 375
Finance, 375
financial statements, 93-94, 409
General matters
antiracism program, 131
“Facing Your Future” program, 131
125th anniversary, 131
renovations, 130-31, 375
Recommendations, 375-76, 443-44, 446
Report of, 128-43, 374-76
Students
candidates, 375, 441, 451
composition of student body, 130
graduates, licentiates, 374
programs, 130
Calvin Theological Seminary president, 38, 443, 444
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 206, 208-9, 449
Cambodia, 177-78, 186
Canada Pension Plan, 199
Canada
Aboriginal Ministries, 35
Agenda of trustees, 35-36
Burlington office, 36
Canadian Ministries Board, 25, 35
Canadian Ministries Director, 25, 35, 37
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35-36
Ministries Board financial statements, 95-96, 410
Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners, 191, 192
Candidates/candidacy, 375, 441, 451
Causes recommended for financial support, 218. See also Agencies.
Central America, 179
Chaplaincy Ministries, 36, 78-80, 162, 348-49, 523-24
  Acknowledgments for long-term service, 79
  Challenges for, 80
  and disaster-relief programs, 79
  Noteworthy activities of, 80
  Vision and mandate, 79-80
  See also Board of Trustees.
Chechnya, 190
Children’s curriculum, 144, 146
China/Taiwan, 178
Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 178
Christian Day School Education, 525
Christian Education Enhancement, 178
Christian Reformed Church Help Committee, 195
Christian Reformed Church in North America—Michigan Corporation, 345
Christian Reformed Church in North America—Canada Corporation, 345
Christian Reformed Church Synod Trustees, 345
Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, 222
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
  Assistance programs, 194, 195
  Board, 194
  Committee members, 533
  Finances
    Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 195
    and Christian Reformed Church Help Committee, 195
    condensed financial statement, 109-10
    sources of funding, 195-96
  Growth of operations, 195
  Recommendations, 196, 498
  Report of, 194-96
  Staff of, 196
Christian Reformed Home Missions
  Board, 162, 530-31
  and Calvin Theological Seminary, 164-65, 167-68
  and Campus ministries, 170-72
  and Chaplaincy Ministry, 162, 348-49, 523-24
  and CRC Publications, 164-65
  and Christian Schools Association
    Church planting goal and objectives, 166-67
    and Lord of the Harvest materials, 167
    and PowerLINK, 167
  Established-church development
    assistance for smaller churches, 165
    results, 164
    strategies, 164
    support, 164
Executive committee, 163
Finance
   financial statements, 107-8, 412
   salary disclosure, 163
   See also CRHM Resources.
and Focusing Church Networks, 165
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 165, 509-510
   annually diminishing subsidy system, 165
   funding conclusions, 169
and heritage churches, 509-510
and lifestyle evangelism, 165
Mandate of, 159
Ministries of, 163-74
   established-church development, 163-66
   finance and advancement, 173-74
   new and emerging churches, 168-69
   new-church development, 166-70
   new church starts, 166
   other disciple-making ministries, 170-73
New-church development
   church planting, 166
   department of, 164
   new-church starts, 166, 168-69
   partnering, 168-69
   vision, 169-70
and Partnership Assistance Grants, 165
Prayer Paper, The, 164
and prayer retreats, 165
Recommendations, 174, 482
Red Mesa schools, 172-74
Rehoboth-Red Mesa Foundation, 172-73
Renewing the vision
   and denominational ministries plan, 161
   and CRWRC, 161
   and current core values and goals, 161-62
   and evangelizing progress, 161
   revising core values and goals, 159-61
Report of, 159-74
Resources
   financial, 173
   information, 173-74
   missionary, 173
   personnel, 173
and Saddleback, 164, 165
and small groups, 165
and vision for church planting, 169-70
and Willow Creek, 164, 165
and Youth Unlimited, 164-65
Christian Reformed World Missions

Board, 531-32
Collaboration with other CRCNA agencies, 182
and CRC Yearbook, 181
and Long-range plan, 182
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 182
   financial statements, 115-16, 413
   salary disclosure, 182-83
Governance and administration, 182
Mandate, 175
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 176, 350
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 180
Mission fields and projects
   Africa, 176-77
   Asia, 177-78
   Europe, 178
   Latin America, 179-80
Missionaries honored, 181
Partnerships
   with churches overseas, 176
   with CRCNA, 175-76
   with other CRC agencies, 176, 182
Recommendations, 183, 483-84
Recruitment and training, 180-81
Report of, 175-83

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Board, 185-86, 532-33
and BOT Constitution and Bylaws, 385, 519, 522-23
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 190, 192
   partners of, 191
and community services, 191
and disaster
   Disaster Response Services (DRS), 184, 190
   relief, 190-91
and ethnic/racial discrimination, 189
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 192
   financial statements, 117-18, 414
   history, 191-92
   salary disclosure, 192
Foods Resource Bank, 190
and integrated approach, 184
and justice education, advocacy, and service learning, 188-89
and partners for Christian development, 187-88
and Peter Fish, 184-85
Programs and ministries
   Africa, 186, 187
   Asia, 186
   Eastern Europe, 186
Latin America, 186
North America, 187
West Africa, 187
Recommendations, 193, 483
Report of, 184-93, 385-86
and resource development, 192-93
and U.S.-Canada BOT structure, 386
Church anniversaries, 497-98
Church education, 525
Church Order
Article 3-a, 25
Article 7, 459-64
Article 8, 464-70
Article 12, 290
Article 12-c, 470-72
Article 13-b, 472
Article 14-b, 472-73
Article 14-c, 473-74
Article 14-e, 474
Article 17-a, 474-76
Article 17-c, 477
Article 18-a, 76
Article 23, 294, 297, 298
Article 23-a, 290
Article 24, 290
Article 24-b, 290
Article 53, 285, 286
Article 55, 265, 299, 505-8
Article 63, 294
Article 64, 294
Article 82-83, 477-78
Article 84, 478
Supplement, Article, 23, 507-8
Communication
  1. Classis Iakota, 339, 446-47, 525
  2. Council of Goshen CRC, Goshen, New York, 339-41
  3. Classis B.C. North-West, 401-3, 494-95
CRC Loan Fund, 498
  Financial statements, 109-10, 412
CRC Publications
  and antiracism, 147
  Board, 145, 529-30
    fraternal delegate, 145
    long-range planning, 145
    and new brand name. See Faith Alive.
    officers of, 145
    organization of, 145
  CRC Publications’ sales declines, 150-51
  and the environment, 147
  Committee to study church education, 525
Curriculum

Beyond the Agenda, 153
Bible Way, 151
Discover Series, 152
Faith and Finances: Helping People Manage Their Money, 153
Guiding God’s People, 153
LiFE, 150, 151
LifeWise series, 152
Living Well, Dying Well, 153

new, 151-52

Our Only Comfort: A Comprehensive Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism, 153
Questions Worth Asking, 152
Servant Leaders: A Practical Guide for Deacons, 153
What We Believe, 152
Word Alive, 153

Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department

Curriculum Office, 151-53
Evangelism Office, 153-54
Training and Consulting Office, 155
Worship Office, 154

Finance

Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 157
financial statements, 99-100, 411
CRC Publications goal of self-support, 157
difficulties, 144
and ministry-share request, 157
salary disclosure, 148

Marketing department

and The Banner, 156
and Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department, 156
and publishing ministry, 156
and World Literature Ministries, 156

Mission statement of, 144

Periodical department

The Banner, 148-49
CRC Source, 149
Ministry Now, 149-50
Voice of the Reformed, 150

Personnel matters, 157

Recommendations, 157-58, 511-12
and supplementary ministry share funding, 158

Relationships

with Baker Book House, 147
with The Banner, 146
with Christian Schools International, 147
with denominational ministries plan, 145-46
with Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department, 145
with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 147
with Friendship Series, 147
with GEMS, 146
with Presbyterian Church in Canada, 147
with Reformed Church in America, 147
with W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 147
with World Literature Ministries, 145
with Youth Unlimited, 146
Report of, 144-58, 383-84
Research projects, 144
Resources
  use of by CRC churches, 146
  Protestant Church-Owned Publishers Association, 146
Response to Overture 12, 383-84, 512-13
Web site of, 148
World Literature Ministries
  Spanish, 155-56
  Korean, 156
  Vietnamese, 156
  Khmer/Cambodian, 156
  Russian/Eastern Europe, 156
Christian Schools International
  Pension plan of, 43
Christian Stewardship Services, 174
Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 33
Church Order Supplements, 494, 495, 507-8
Church planting goals and objectives, 166-68
Church visiting/visitors, 484
Church-education consultants (CECs), 155
Churches in ecclesiastical fellowship, 387-89
Classical matters
  Classes declaring male inoperative, 25
  Classical abuse-response teams, 524
  Classis Chatham Overture re Youth Unlimited, 206-7, 305-6, 448-49
  Classis contracta, 306-9, 488-90
Coffee Break, 153
College of Christian Theology, 177
Committees, 439-40
  Committee to Study the Materials from the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 222
  Committee to Study Christian Day School Education, 525
  Committee to Study Church Education, 525
Committee to Study Ordination and “Official Acts of Ministry,” 263-301, 502-4, 505-8, 519
  and Church Order Supplement, Article 23, 507-8
  Committee to Examine Alternate Routes Being Used to Enter the Ordained Ministry in the CRC, 263-64
  and indigenous leadership, 286-87
Decisions of Synod 2000 Concerning Standards for Ministry Staff (Appendix), 300-301
  and diakonia, 275
History
  broadening of the office of evangelist, 268-69
  development of the office of evangelist, 266-68
  new understanding of office, 269-74
Leadership
  denominational standards, 263
  nature of church, 263-64
  types of, 263
Ministry, 263-64, 293
  diversity and uniform standards, 264
  governing principles, 264
  official acts of, 276
  specific offices of, 276, 278
Navajo understanding of ordination, 285-86
  and office of evangelists, 290, 291
Office
  “functional,” 282, 284
  relational and missional, 282
Ordination and church office
  and leadership, 281-82
  and priesthood of all believers, 280-81
  and supervision, 291
  function of “official acts of ministry,” 284-87
  introduction, 275-76
  leadership characteristics of, 284
  mission of, 276-80
  naming and defining of offices, 288-91
  pattern for, 282-284
  role and calling, 287-88
Ordination, elements of
  calling, 283, 284
  excellencies for ministry, 282-83
  role, 283, 284, 287-88
Original mandate, 264-65
  and boundaries, 265
  and Church Order Article 55, 265, 508, 519
  and issue of need, 265
  and issue of recognition, 265
  and pastoral relationship, 288
Qualifications for, 294-95
Recommendations of Study Committee
  and Church Order Article 55, 299
  and classical examination, 298-99
  guidelines for, 298
  re leadership, 296, 503-4
  re mission, 295-96, 503
  re office, 297, 506
  re official acts of ministry, 296, 504
  re ordination, 296-97, 504
Report 44 of 1973, 269-74
changes in, 272-74
concept, 269
conclusions, 271-74, 279-80
functional and pragmatic approach of, 275
office, 270-71
relational approach to, 275-76
rituals, 269-70
vocabulary, 269
Revised mandate, 265-66
Specific ministry situations
Classis Red Mesa, 292-93
youth ministry, 293-95
Standards for ministry
general, 264
principle of proportionality, 264
and Youth-Ministry Committee, 293
Compass 21, 209
Condensed financial statements, 89-118, 501
Confidentiality, 9, 438
Consolidated Group Insurance, 44
Financial statements, 97-98, 420
Constitution and Bylaws, 49-73, 519
Continuing education, ministry staff, 358-66, 521
Convening church
for 2005, 347, 454
for 2002, 526
Cooperative International Theological Education (CITE), 179
Coordinating Council for Church in Society, 88
CRC Source, 149, 174
Crossroad Bible Institute, 125
CRWM Joint International Committee, 182
“Cry Freetown,” 511
Cuba, 179, 481

D
Delegates, 13-17
Fraternal, 487
to Synod 2001, 435-37
Denominational agencies recommended for offerings. See agencies.
Denominational archives. See archives.
Denominational investments, 366-69, 518-19
Denominational Ministries Associate, 38
Denominational Ministries Plan, 37, 86
Denominational ministry shares, 539-41
Denominational Services
Financial statements, 101-2, 415
Disability Concerns, 36
   and Canadian Pension Plan, 74-75, 76
   Challenges for, 82
   Program activities, 81-82
   Providing for ministerial, 73-77
   Report of, 80-82
and Social Security Administration, 74-75, 76
See also Response to Overture 4 (1999), 454-55.

Disaster Response Services (DRS), 190
Discover Series, 152
Diversity and standards, 264
Dominican Republic, 179, 186
Dorcas Aid, 190
Dordt College, 450
   Growth of, 249-50
   Jubilee, 250-51
   Vision of, 249-50
Dutch Reformed Church. See Interchurch Relations.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 206

E
Easter Sunday, 174, 482
Ecclesiastical fellowship
   Churches in, 387-89
   Provisions of, 387
Ecclesiastical Life and Practice Committee, 21, 22
Ecuador, 186
Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 216, 219, 221
Ediciones Certeza, 179
Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department, 145, 150-51
Educational matters, 263-64. See also Continuing education.
El Salvador, 186
Employee benefit programs, 197
Employee’s Retirement Plan: financial statements, 103-4, 419
End of life issues. See Sanctity of life.
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Ethnic and Racial Diversity, 258, 451, 489
Ethnic-minority matters. See Advisers; Board of Trustees; Christian Reformed
   World Relief Committee.
Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC), 177-78
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 487. See also CRC Publications; Interchurch
   Relations.
Evangelical Reformed Church in France, 178
Evangelist. See Committee to Study Ordination.
Executive Committee, 21, 22
Faith Alive, 148
Faith and Finances: Helping People Manage Their Money, 153
Faith and Order Commission, 216
FAITH Unfolded: A Fresh Look at the Reformed Faith, 154
Financial matters, 407-21
“First Easter, The” (Back to God Hour television special), 122
Forum of Christian Churches and Ecumenical Organizations, 233
France, 178
Fraternal delegates
Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (NKST), Rev. G.N. Oragbe
and Rev. Dr. N.A. Tser, 438, 487
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Rev. Michael J. Glodo, 487
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. Edward S. Whitesides, 487
Reformed Church in America, Rev. David Baak, 487
Reformed Churches of the Netherlands (GKN), Dr. Douwe Visser, 438, 487
Independent Evangelical Reformed Church of France, Rev. Antoine
Schluchter, 488
Reformed Church of East Africa, Rev. D. Peter Bisem, 488
Dutch Reformed Church of Sri Lanka, Mr. Godfrey B. Ebenezer, 458
Friendship Ministries, 82, 153, 156, 157
Friendship Series Charities, 157, 158
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 38-40, 44, 519-20
Annually diminishing subsidy system, 165
Condensed financial statement, 105-6, 165

GEMS, 146, 206, 208
Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland. See Reformed Churches in the
Netherlands.
Governance Proposal (BOT), 182
Guam/Micronesia, 178
Guatemala, 186
Guiding God’s People, 153
Guinea, 177

Haiti, 179, 186
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 34
Health education, 184
Heidelberg Catechism, 278
Henry Beets Mission Society, 223, 243
Heritage churches, 509-10
Hispanic market, 155

Acts of Synod 2001
Historical Committee
Archival
   staff, 211
   work, 211-12
Committee members, 533
Historic sites, 212
Publications, 212
Recognition
   of congregations, 213-14
   of ministers, 212-13
Recommendations, 215, 496-98
Report of, 211-15
Sesquicentennial, 214

Homosexuality. See Study committees.
Honduras, 186, 190
Hungarian ministries, 178
Hungarian Reformed Church, 178

I
Income earning, 184
Index of Synodical Decisions, 34-35
India, 186
Indonesia, 186, 189
“Insight,” 122
Institute for Christian Studies, 252-53, 450
   Affiliate membership, 252
   Finances, 252-53
   Partners, 252
   Vision, 252
Institut Farel, 526
Insurance, 197. See also Disability Concerns; Pensions and Insurance.
Interchurch Relations Committee
   Appendix A: Resolutions of the Assembly of the Reformed Ecumenical Council
      commission for mission and diakonia, 235-37
      commission for theological education and interchange, 234-35
      commission on youth and Christian nurture, 237-38
      constitutional changes, 227-28
      ecumenical relations, 233
      membership, 226-27
      office and miscellaneous, 228-29
      racism, 233
      solidarity actions, 229-32
   Appendix B: Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 480-81
      background, 238-40
      DRC synod of 1998, 240-41
      recent developments, 241-43
   Appendix C: Christian Reformed Church in Cuba (CRCC), 243-45, 481
### Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)

See Bilateral relationships.

**Bilateral relationships**

- Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 223
- Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CRCN), 221
- Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 222
- Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA), 222
- Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 221-22
- Ecclesiastical fellowship, 387-89
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 223
- Iglesia Cristiana Reformada en Cuba (Christian Reformed Church in Cuba—ICRC/CRCC), 223
- North America, 223, 389
- Reformed Church in America (RCA), 223
- Reformed Churches of South Africa (RCSA), 221
- Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN), 219-21, 514-15
- Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), 223

**Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 224, 390**

**Ecumenical relations**

- Fraternal delegates, 216
- Representatives and observers, 216-17

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). See Bilateral relationships.**

**Membership, 216, 533**

- Nominations: Canadian, 224-25; U.S., 225

**Multilateral relationships—organizations**

- Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 218
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 218
- National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 216, 218, 389, 390-93
- North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC), 217
- Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 217-18, 226-38
- World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 217, 218-19, 389-90
- World Council of Churches (WCC), 219

**Protestant Reformed Church, 305, 481**

**Recommendations**

- CRCNA enter ecclesiastical fellowship with the DRC, 222, 480-81
- CRCNA enter ecclesiastical fellowship with the CRCC, 223, 481

**Recommendations of REC, 226-38**

**Reformed Church in America (RCA). See Bilateral relationships.**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA). See bilateral relationships.**

- Report of, 216-45, 387-93
- Representation at synod, 225-26
- Requests for ecclesiastical fellowship with the CRCNA, 223
- Samen op Weg, 220-21, 514

**Intercultural ministries, 164**

**Intermission, 174**

**International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (I.F.E.S.), 179**

**Interviews. See Calvin Theological Seminary, appointments.**
J
Japan, 178
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21
Joseph Fund, 192
Judicial Code Committee, 495-96, 534

K
Kenya, 186
“Kids Corner,” (Back to God Hour radio program), 122
King’s University College, The: 450
   Enrollment, 254
   Program development, 254
   Special events, 255
   Staffing, 254
   Support, 254-55
Kosovo, 190

L
LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church, 223, 223, 243
Laos, 186
Laying on of hands, 504
Layworkers in evangelism, 266
Leadership
   Key elements, 281-82
Liberia, 177
LiFE Curriculum, 150, 151
LifeWise series,152
Living Well, Dying Well, 153
Loan Fund. See CRC Loan Fund.

M
Malawi, 186
Mali, 177, 189
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 35
Medical needs. See Disability Concerns.
Men’s Life programs, 153
Mexico
   and The Back to God Hour, 179
   and Home Missions, 179-80
   and National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, 180
   and Reformed Presbyterian Church, 180
   and World Literature Ministries, 179
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 123
Ministerial Information Service, 36, 75, 83
Ministers’ Pension Fund, 40-44, 73-77, 354, 499-501
  Committee members, 534
  Financial statements (Canada), 111-12, 417
  Financial statements (United States), 113-14, 418
  Recommendations, 204-5, 499-501
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 37, 176, 350
Ministries Coordinating Council, 149
Ministries Plan Director, 38
Ministries Policy Council, 85
Ministry Now, 149-50
Ministry of advocacy, 87
Ministry programs
  in Asia, 186
  in eastern and southern Africa, 186
  in eastern Europe, 186
  in Latin America, 186-87
  in North America, 187
  in West Africa, 187
Mission of God, 281
Ministry-share requests, 350, 501
Mobilization to Overcome Poverty, 217
Mozambique, 190
Multiethnic Conference, 85

N
NAPARC, 217
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 216, 389, 390-93
National Council of Churches, 216
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 221
Nicaragua, 186, 189
Nigeria, 177

O
“Official acts of ministry,” 504
Office of Finance and Administration, 197
Office of Personnel, 197
Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action, 37, 511
  and antiracism program, 87
  and Call to Renewal movement, 87
  and Coordinating Council for Church in Society, 88
  and Crossroads, 87
  and Jubilee movement, 87
Officers and functionaries, 526
Old Age Security in Canada, 199
Ordination
  Calling, 283
  Excellencies for ministry, 282-83, 504
Laying on of hands, 283, 504
Role, 283-84

Our Only Comfort: A Comprehensive Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism, 153

Overture 29 (Synod 1997), 219

Overture
1, 305, 481
2, 206-7, 305-6, 448-49
3, 306-7, 488-90
4, 307-9, 488-90
5, 309-11, 522
6, 311-13, 509-10
7, 313-16, 509-10
8, 316-17, 446-47, 525
9, 318-26, 446-47, 525
10, 326-28, 446-47, 525
11, 328, 522
12, 328-30, 512-13, 525
13, 330-33, 483-86
14, 333-34, 486-87
15, 334-35, 522
16, 397-99, 523-24

P

Pacific Islands Bible College, 178
Pastoral Ministries
Financial statement, 416
Pastor-Church Relations, 36, 82-84
Activities of, 83-84
Challenges for, 84
and continuing education funding, 358-66, 521
and interim pastors, 84
and intervention, 82-83
and Ministerial Information Service, 46, 83
and prevention programming, 47
and prevention, 82-83
and Trained Interim Ministry, 46
Staff addition, 45-48

Pensions and Insurance
Board, 197
Canadian Pension Trustees, 197
U.S. Board of Pensions and Insurance, 197
Consolidated Group Insurance, 204
Employees’ retirement plans, 197, 203
Finance
condensed financial statement, 111-14
salary disclosures, 204
Ministers’ pension plans, 197-203, 354
assumptions and priorities, 198-99
benefit forms, 201
defined-benefit, 197
funding strategies, 203
options of, 201-2
portfolio, 202
Overview, 197
Programs, 197
activities of, 197-205
administration of, 197
Recommendations, 204-5, 499-501
Report of, 197-205
Pentecost Sunday, 183, 483
“Perspective Reformees,” 123
Philippines, The, 178, 186
Phnom Penh Bible College, 178
Policies and Procedures of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church, 23
Poverty, 188-89
Prayer Guide, 174
Prayer Paper, The, 164
Praying Church Idea Sourcebook, The, 154
Presbyterian Church of Canada, 146
Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 126
“Primary Focus,” 122
Principle of proportionality, 264
Protestant Church-Owned Publishers Association, 146
Protestant Reformed Church
and rapprochement, 305, 481
Puerto Rico, 180

Q
Questions Worth Asking, 152
Quota. See Ministry-share requests.

R
Race Relations, 36-37, 87
Activities of, 85
and leadership development, 85-86
Mandate of, 84
and recommendations, 86, 520
Racism, 233
Radio Pulpit, The, (Back to God Hour publication), 122
RCN re Den Heijer, 220
RCSA synods, 221
REC
and AIDS, 231-32
and Indonesia, 229-30
and international debt, 231
and natural disaster in Africa, 232
and Nigeria, 230-30
and Sierra Leone, 232, 511
and Uganda, 232
and Zimbabwe, 232

Recommended agencies. See Agencies.

Reconciler University College, 451
  Highlights, 256
  Needs, 256-57

Reformation Sunday, 174, 482
Reformed Bible College, 258, 451

Reformed Church
  in Africa, 526
  in America, 216
  in Argentina, 526
    of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 388-89
    in Japan (RCJ), 178, 216, 526
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN), 219-21, 514-15

Reformed Ecumenical Council. See REC.

Reformed Family Worldwide, 243

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, 223

Reformed Worship, 154

Report 44 of 1973
  Changes in, 272-74
  Concept, 269
  Conclusions, 271-74
  Functional and pragmatic approach of, 275
  Office, 270-71
  Relational approach to, 275-76
  Rituals, 269-70
  Vocabulary, 269

Response to Overture 19 (Synod 2000), 40
Response to Overture 20 (Synod 2000), 40-44
Response to Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 32, 73-77, 454-55

Retirement benefits, 197. See also Pensions and Insurance.

Retirements, ministerial, 455-56

Revised Church Order Commentary, The, 267

Romania, 186

Rules for Synodical Procedure, 452-53

Russia, 178

Rwanda, 186

S

Saddleback, 164, 165

Salary ranges. See Board of Trustees.

Samen op Weg. See Interchurch Relations Committee.

Sanctity of life, 235
Sermons for Reading Services Committee
  Overview, 246
  Recommendations, 246, 512
  Report of, 246

_Servant Leaders: A Practical Guide for Deacons_, 153

SERVE projects, 209

Service committees, 533-34

ServiceLink, 174

Sesquicentennial, 31-32, 49, 214, 453

Sierra Leone, 176, 232, 511

_Sing! A New Creation_, 154

Smaller churches, minimum-compensation guidelines for, 38-40, 519-20

Social Security Administration, 199. _See also_ Response to Overture 4 (1999).

South Africa, 186

Special Assistance Fund: condensed financial statements. _See Ministers’ Pension Fund.

Stated supply, 75, 520

Study committees
  Christian Day School Education, 525, 535
  Church Education, 525, 535
  Direction about and for Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members, 534
  Examine Life Issues Raised by Bioscience and Genetic Engineering, 534
  Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 534
  _See also_ Committee to Study Ordination.

SWIM, 210

Synodical deputies, 456-58, 459-78, 526-27

Synodical Interim Committee, 21

Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise, 425-33

_T_

Tanzania, 186, 190, 191

Term call policy, 75

Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 217

_Theological Forum_, 235

_Today_ (Back to God Hour publication), 122

Trans-Carpathia, 178, 186

Trinity Christian College, 451
  Mission of, 260
  New buildings, 259
  Programs, 259
  Support, 260
U
Uganda, 186
Ukraine, 186
United Calvinist Youth, 206
UPDATE, 219

V
Video recording of synod, 438-39
Visual impairments, 153
Voice of the Reformed, 150

W
What We Believe, 152
Willow Creek, 164, 165
Women’s matters, 452-53, 486-87, 493. See also Advisers.
Wooddale-Bridgewood Story, 167
Word Alive, 153
Words of Hope, 123
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 217, 219, 233
World Council of Churches, 233
World Evangelical Fellowship, 233
World Literature Ministries, 145, 155-56
   Khmer/Cambodian, 156
   Korean, 156
   Russian/Eastern Europe, 156
   Spanish, 155-56
   Vietnamese, 156
World Missions director, 38, 482, 486
Worship Office
   and COLAM 2001, 154
   and consulting, 154
   and Reformed Worship, 154
   and Sing! A New Creation, 154
   Staffing change, 154
   and Worship Commission, 154

Y
Yearbook, 80-81
Youth pastors, 207
Youth-Ministry Committee
   Calvinist Cadet Corps, 208-9
   and Classis Chatham overture, 206-7, 448-49
   Committee nominations, 207
   Consultant/coordinator, 206
   Dynamic Youth Ministries, 206
   Evaluations, 206
of Cadets, 206
of CRC Publications, 206
of GEMS, 206
and mandate, 206
of Youth Unlimited, 206
GEMS, 208
Membership, 534
Recommendations, 207-8, 449-50
Report of, 206-10
and youth pastors, 207
Youth Unlimited, 209-10

Z
Zambia, 186
(Page numbers in **boldface type** refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to agenda and supplementary materials.)

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Initialism</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARPC</td>
<td>Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BRC</td>
<td>Budget Review Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAJ</td>
<td>Christian Academy of Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CANAAC</td>
<td>Caribbean and North American Area Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CCC</td>
<td>Canadian Council of Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CGI</td>
<td>Consolidated Group Insurance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRCA</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Churches of Australia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRCN</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRCN</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRCP</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRC</td>
<td>Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRCA</td>
<td>Dutch Reformed Church in Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRS</td>
<td>Disaster Response Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFC</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFC</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPC</td>
<td>Evangelical Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FSC</td>
<td>Fund for Smaller Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAC</td>
<td>Ministries Administrative Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MERF</td>
<td>Middle East Reformed Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MRC SA</td>
<td>Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAPARC</td>
<td>North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKST</td>
<td>Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRC</td>
<td>Netherlands Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC</td>
<td>Protestant Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCC</td>
<td>Roman Catholic Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCCN</td>
<td>Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCN</td>
<td>Reformed Churches in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REC</td>
<td>Reformed Ecumenical Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RPCNA</td>
<td>Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URCSA</td>
<td>Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARC</td>
<td>World Alliance of Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Abuse
  Prevention, 35-36, 47-49, 538
  Reporting policy, 393, 543
  Response teams, 48-49
Acts of Synod, 32
Addresses to synod
  Botha, Dr. Willie, 486
  Davis, Dr. L. Edward, 487
  de los Trinos, Rev. Lawrence, 486
  Garcia, Rev. Erelio Martinez, 486
  Koopman, Rev. LeRoy, 486
  Meischke, Mr. William, 486
  Pitikoe, Dr. Seth, 486
  Spear, Dr. Wayne R., 486
  Van Houten, Dr. Richard, 487
Admark, 135
Adult literacy, 183
Advisers
  Ethnic, 25, 460
  Faculty, 460
  Women, 29, 460
Advisory committees, 461-62
Agencies
  Criteria for including nondenominational, 542
  Denied inclusion, 396-97, 400, 542
  Denominational, 394-95, 540
  Nondenominational, 394-95, 541
  Policy re accreditation, 405-12, 542
  Presentations at Synod 2001, 37
  Recommended for accreditation, 395-96
  Recommended for removal, 396-97, 542
  Recommended for support, 394-95, 478, 540-42, 560-61
  Related, 395
Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 40
Agenda for Synod, 32, 389
Agenda Directory for Synod 2001, 462
Agriculture, 183
AIDS prevention, 185
All Nations Heritage Week, 42, 540
Alpha from a Reformed Perspective, 153
Announcements, 9-11
Antiracism initiative of BOT, 62
Apostles’ Creed, 369, 372, 502-3
Appeal
  A Confessional-Revision Gravamen—Appeal to Replace the Phrase “He Descended to Hell” with “He Descended to the Realm of the Dead” in the Apostles’ Creed and the Heidelberg Catechism
    Conclusion, 380
    Introduction, 369
    Objections, 379-80
    Observations, 502

INDEX ACTS OF SYNOD 2002

566
Our comfort, 378-79
Prayer, 380
Rationale, 370-78
Recommendations, 380-81, 502-4
The appeal, 369

Appointments
   Interim, 23-24, 389-90, 469
Arabic-language ministry, 132
Archives, 473
Asia, 186
Assistance for smaller churches, 164. See also Board of Trustees; Heritage Church Guidelines.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 425
Athenasian Creed, 503
Audio recording of synod, 460-61

B
Back to God Hour, The
   Board, officers, and nominations, 131-32, 478, 549-50
   Financial statements, 96-97, 435
   Cooperative organizations, 135
Ministries, 132-35
   Arabic-language, 132
   Chinese-language, 132-33
   English-language, 132
   French-language, 134
   Indonesian-language, 134
   Japanese-language, 134, 177
   Portuguese-language, 134
   Russian-language, 134-35
   Spanish-language, 135
   Recommendations, 135, 478
   Salary disclosure, 132
Bangladesh, 176, 186
Banner, The, 146, 148-50
Belgic Confession, Article 34
   Revise article, 361-62, 499
Boards and Committees, 549-56
Board of Trustees
   Activities of, 23-43
   Appendix A: Position Description for the General Secretary of the CRCNA, 400-402, 504
   Appendix B: Position Description for the Executive Director of Ministries, 403-5, 504
   Appendix C: Policy re Accreditation of Agencies for Denominational Financial Support, 405-12, 542
   Appendix D: Summary of Denominational Investments and Compliance with Investment Policy, 412-15
   Appointments and personnel matters, 39
   Central focus of, 21-22
   and Chaplaincy Ministries, 49-51
Committees
  Ecclesiastical Life and Practice Committee, 21, 22
  Executive Committee, 21, 22
  Finance Committee, 21, 22
  Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21, 389
  Program Committee, 21, 22, 461-62
  Synodical Interim Committee, 21
and Consolidated Group Insurance (CGI), 39, 397-99
and Disability Concerns, 51-54
Financial matters
  Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 40
  Financial
    Challenges, 493
    Statements, 493
  Investments, 397
  Pension matters, 354
  Salary, 23, 41, 394
Judicial Code Committee, 390-92, 470, 555
Membership, 22, 390, 469, 549
  Board officers, 22
  Committee members, 22
  Corporation officers, 22
  and Pastor-Church Relations, 54-59
Polity matters
  Abuse reporting policy, 393
  Adoption of change in Church Order Article 55, 30-31, 535-37
  Board nominations, 25-28, 42
  Christian Day School Committee, 30, 556
  Church Education Committee, 29, 556
  Classes that have declared the word *male* inoperative, 25
  Committee to Examine Life Issues, 31, 555-56
  Convening churches, 31, 547
  Ethnic advisers, 25, 347. See also Advisers.
  Interim board appointments, 23-24, 42, 389-90, 452
  Judicial Code Committee nominations, 31, 390-92
  Publications and services, 31-34
  Revise Church Order Article 13, 31, 43-47, 469-70
  Response to Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 29
  Women advisers, 29, 460. See also Advisers.
Position descriptions, 392, 400-405
Program and finance matters
  Agency presentations at synod, 43
  Appointments and personnel matters, 39
  BOT ministry programs, 35-36
  Budget review, 393-94
  Canadian ministries, 34-35
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 39
  and CRC Foundation, 40-41
  Denominational
    Ministries plan, 37, 63-89, 392-93, 542-43
    Survey, 39-40
  Financial matters, 40, 393-94
Heritage Church Guidelines, 41-42, 89-95
and Ministry-share
  Reallocation, 37-39, 493
  Requests, 393-94, 540
Office
  of Abuse Prevention, 35-36, 538
  of Chaplaincy Ministries, 36, 538
  of Disability Concerns, 36, 539-40
  of Pastor-Church Relations and Ministerial Information Services, 36, 521
  of Race Relations, 36
  of Social Justice and Hunger Action, 37
Program evaluation, 37
  Ratification of appointments, 392
and Recommended salary ranges, 394
and Race Relations, 59-61
Recommendations, 42-43, 399-400, 468-70, 471, 478, 493, 504, 538-44
Report of, 1-127, 389-415
Salary disclosure, 23, 493
and Social Justice and Hunger Action, 61-62
and Women advisers. See Advisers, women
Boards and committees, 548-56
Breaking Barriers, 52

C
Call to Renewal movement, 62
Calvin College
  Board, 136, 465-66
  General matters, 136
  Faculty
    Faculty interviews, 136
    Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 136
    Appointments, 136-37
    Reappointments, 465
    Recognition, 419, 465
  Finance, 137
    Financial statements, 98-99, 436
    Recommendations, 127, 372-73, 419-20, 465, 544
    Report of, 137, 417-19
    Trustees, 417-19, 466
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 153
Calvin Theological Seminary
  Administration, 138
  Board of trustees
    and Committee system, 138
    Elections and appointments, 466
    Members, 138, 420
    Officers, 138
  Departmental vacancy, 420, 467
  Finance, 420
    Financial statements, 100-101, 437
    Curriculum and programs, 140-41
Faculty, 420, 466

General matters
- Building program, 141
- “Facing Your Future” program, 141-42
- Financial challenges, 141

Students
- Composition of student body, 141
- Graduates, licentiates, candidates, 420, 466, 467, 468, 504-5
- Programs, 141
- Recommendations, 142-43, 420, 420-21, 466-67
- Report of, 138-43, 420-21

Calvinist Cadet Corps, 230-31

Cambodia, 176-77, 186, 188

Canada
- Aboriginal Ministries, 35
- Agenda of trustees, 35
- Burlington office, 35
- Canadian Ministries Board, 35
- Canadian Ministries Director, 34
- Committee for Contact with the Government, 35
- Ministries Board financial statements, 102-3, 438

Canadian Council of Churches, 240

Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners, 189

Candidates/candidacy, 420, 466, 467, 468, 504-5

Caribbean and North American Area Council, 239, 241, 426

Causes recommended for financial support, 394-95, 540-42, 560-61. See also Agencies.

Central America, 189

Chaplaincy Ministries, 36, 49-51, 463, 538
- Challenges for, 51
- Financial statements, 102-3, 438
- Noteworthy activities of, 50-51
- Retirements, 50
- Vision and mandate, 49
- See also Board of Trustees.

Children’s curriculum, 151

China/Taiwan, 177

Chinese-language ministry, 132-33

Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 177

Christian Day School Education, 30, 556

Christian Education Enhancement, 177

Christian Reformed Churches
- in the Netherlands (CRCN), 241-42
- of Australia (CRCA, formerly RCA), 222, 424, 485, 503

Christian Reformed Church
- in Cuba, 223, 425, 486
- in the Philippines, 424, 486
- in Sumba (Indonesia), 424
- of Myanmar, 425
- of Nigeria (CRCN), 424, 487

Christian Reformed Church in North America-Michigan Corporation, 21, 389

Christian Reformed Church in North America-Ontario Corporation, 21, 389
Christian Reformed Church Synod Trustees, 21, 389
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
  Assistance programs, 193, 194
  Board, 193, 440
Committee members, 555
Finances
  Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 194
  Financial statement, 116-17, 450
  Sources of funding, 194
  Growth of operations, 193-94
  Recommendations, 195, 489-90
  Staff of, 194
  Report of, 193-95
Christian Reformed Home Missions
  Board, 161, 552-53
  and Calvin Theological Seminary, 166, 170
  and Campus ministries, 169-71
  and Communications, 172
  and Christian Reformed World Missions, 163
  and Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 163
  Church planting goal and objectives, 166-67
  and Directions, 166
  and Prayer for Harvest Workers, 165
  and PowerLINK, 165
  and Coffee Break Convention, 164
  and Core Mission Values, 160
  and CRC Publications, 163
Established-church development
  Assistance for smaller churches, 164
  Results, 162-63
  Strategies, 163-64
  Support, 162
Executive committee, 161-62
Evangelizing progress, 160-61
Finance
  Financial statements, 114-15, 440
  Salary disclosure, 162
  See also CRHM Resources.
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 164
  Annually diminishing subsidy system, 164
  Funding conclusions, 168
  and Gathering God's Growing Family, 160, 162
  and GEMS, 163
Mandate of, 159
Ministries of
  Established-church development, 162-64
  Finance and advancement, 171-72
  New and emerging churches, 167-68
  New church starts, 167-68
  New-church development, 164-68
  Other disciple-making ministries, 169-71
New-church development
    Church planting, 165
    Department of, 164-65
    Goals of, 165-66
    and Leadership challenge, 166-67
    New-church starts, 167-68
    and Other agencies and institutions, 166
    Partnering, 169-71
and Partnership Assistance Grants, 164
Recommendations, 172, 478
and Red Mesa schools, 166, 171
and Rehoboth-Red Mesa Foundation, 166, 171
Report of, 159-72
Resources
    Financial, 171
    Personnel, 172
and Saddleback, 163, 164
and Small Group Evangelism Conference for Women, 164
and Small groups, 163-64
and Willow Creek, 163, 164
and Youth Unlimited, 163
Transforming goals of, 159-60

Christian Reformed World Missions
Changes and challenges, 174
Collaboration with other CRCNA agencies, 180-81
and CRC Yearbook, 180
and Long-range plan, 174, 181
and Long-term missionary positions, 174
Finances
    Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 181
    Financial statements, 124-25, 442
    Salary information, 181
Governance and administration, 181
Latin American director, 392, 53
Mandate, 173
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 175
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 179
Mission fields and projects
    Africa, 175-76
    Asia, 176-77
    Europe, 177
    Latin America, 178-79
Missionaries honored, 180
New appointments, 174
Office staff honored, 180
Partnerships
    with Churches overseas, 176
    with CRCNA, 175
    with Other CRC agencies, 176, 180-81
Recommendations, 181-82, 478-79
Recruitment and training, 179-80
Report of, 173-82
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Board, 184-85, 554

and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 189-90

and Community services, 190

and Disaster

and Chaplaincy Ministries, 189

and Community Development Consultants, 189

Disaster Response Services (DRS), 189, 190

Relief, 189-90

Finances

*Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement*, 191

Financial statements, 126-27, 443

History, 190-91

Revenue shortfalls, 183, 185

Salary disclosure, 191

Foods Resource Bank, 189

and Justice education, advocacy, and service learning, 187-90

and Partners for Christian development, 186-87, 190

Programs and ministries

Africa, 186

Asia, 186

and Cambodia Capacity Development Organization, 188

and Discovery tours, 188

Eastern Europe, 186

Latin America, 186

North America, 186

Overview, 185

and Rights, 188

West Africa, 186

Recommendations, 192, 479

Report of, 183-92

and Resource development, 191-92

Six-tiered approach of, 183

Church

anniversaries, 475

of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi, 425

of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (NKST), 424, 487

education, 556

Church Order

Article 7, 505-10

Article 8, 510-18

Article 12-b, 46, 469

Article 12-c, 518-21

Article 13, 469

Article 13-a, 43-47, 469

Article 13-b, 46, 469-70, 521

Article 14-b, 521-23, 530-31

Article 14-c, 523

Article 14-e, 523

Article 17-a, 524-26, 539

Article 17-c, 526-28

Article 18-b, 531
Article 23, 528-30
Article 25, 536, 537
Article 30-c, 390
Article 41, 211
Article 47, 535
Article 55, 30-31, 535-37

Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 32
Classis Pacific Northwest, 531-33
Committee assignments, 461-62

Communication
1. Classis Eastern Canada, 383-85, 543
2. Classis Illiana, 385-86, 477
3. Classis Grand Rapids East, 429-30, 495
4. Council of Madison Square Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 430-31, 464

Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 33
Church planting goals and objectives, 164-67
Churches in ecclesiastical fellowship, 424-25

Classical matters
- Classes declaring the word *male* inoperative, 24-25

Coffee Break, 152

College of Christian Theology, 176
Committees, 461-62
- Classical Youth-Ministry Committees, 205
  See also Study committees.

Compass 21, 224-25
Condensed financial statements, 96-127
Confidentiality, 9, 460
Consolidated Group Insurance, 44, 397-99
- Financial statements, 104-5, 449
Continuing education, 55
Convening church
  for 2003, 547
Coordinating Council for Church in Society, 61, 62
Costa Rica, 178
CRC Publications
  and Antiracism, 148
  Board, 144, 551-52
    Fraternal delegate, 145
    Long-range planning, 145-46
    Officers of, 145
    Organization of, 144-45
    and Recycling, 147-48
    and Resources used by CRC churches, 147
    and Responsibilities for ministry to youth, 147
    Size of, 145
CRC Publications’ sales declines, 44
Curriculum
  *Amistad*, 152
  Bible Way, 151
  *Decisions*, 151
  *Every Bit of Who I Am*, 152,
Faith and Finances: Helping People Manage Their Money, 153
Joy of Generosity: Stewardship Resources for Your Church, 152
LiFE, 156, 151
Living Well, Dying Well, 153
New, 151
No Easy Answers: Making Good Decisions in an Anything-Goes World, 151
Our Only Comfort: A Comprehensive Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism, 153
Questions Worth Asking, 152
Reformed: What It Means; Why It Matters, 152
Sunday School That Really Works, 151
Which Way to God, 151
What’s Up with the Church Down the Street, 151
Word Alive, 153

Faith Alive
Education Office, 150-52
Evangelism Office, 152-53
Worship Office, 153

Finance
Agenda for Synod 2001—Financial and Business Supplement, 157
and The Banner, 156
CRC Publications goal of self-support, 156
Difficulties, 144
and Faith Alive Department, 156-57
Financial statements, 106-7, 439
Salary disclosure, 148
Marketing department
and The Banner, 155
and Faith Alive, 155
Mission statement of, 144
Periodical department
The Banner, 148-50
CRC Source, 172
Faith Alive, 149-50
Voice of the Reformed, 150
Personnel matters, 155
Recommendations, 158, 472
Relationships
with The Banner, 146
with Christian Schools International, 146
with Denominational Ministries Plan, 146
with Faith Alive Department, 146, 150-53
with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 146
with Friendship Series, 152, 157, 158
with GEMS, 146
with Reformed Church in America, 146
with World Literature Ministries, 146
with Youth Unlimited, 147
Report of, 144-58, 422-23
Resignation of The Banner editor, 423
Response to Communication 2, 422-23

ACTS OF SYNOD 2002   INDEX  575
World Literature Ministries, 153-55
  Spanish, 154
  Korean, 154
  Other languages, 155
  Vietnamese, 155

CRC Source, 172
Crossroad Bible Institute, 135
CRWM Joint International Committee, 181
Cuba, 178

D
Decisions, 151
Delegates, 13-17
  Fraternal, 238-39, 460
  to Synod 2001, 13-14, 457-59

Denominational
  Agencies recommended for offerings. See Agencies.
  Archives. See archives.
  Investments, 412-15, 490

Denominational Ministries Plan, 37, 63-89, 392-93, 542-43
  Core values, 64-66
  Context for ministry, 66-69
  Identity statement, 70-89
  Strategic values and ministry priorities, 69-70
  Vision and mission statement, 64

Denominational ministry shares, 543, 559-61

Denominational Services
  Financial statements, 108-9, 444

Disability Concerns
  and Church survey, 52-54
  Commendation of director, 539
  Office of, 36
  Program activities of, 51-52
  Report of, 51-54

Disaster Response Services (DRS), 189
Dominican Republic, 178
Dorcas Aid, 190
Dordt College, 301-2, 544

Dutch Reformed Church
  in Africa (DRCA), 222, 424
  in South Africa (DRC), 221-22, 424, 486
  in Sri Lanka, 424, 487

Dynamic Youth Ministries, 203, 228-29

E
Eastern Europe, 186
Easter Sunday, 172, 478

Ecclesiastical fellowship
  Churches in, 424-25
  Provisions of, 424
Ecclesiastical Life and Practice Committee, 21, 22
Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 239, 240, 241
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 239
Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department. See Faith Alive Department.

_Educational Requirements for Campus Ministry Personnel_, 169
El Salvador, 178, 189
Employee benefit programs, 196-201
Employee’s Retirement Plan: financial statements, 110-11, 448
End of life issues. See Study committees.
English-language ministry, 133
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Ethnic-minority matters. See Advisers; Board of Trustees.

Evangelical
   Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC), 176-77
   Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 240
   Presbyterian Church (EPC), 487
   Reformed Church in Brazil, 425

_Every Bit of Who I Am_, 152
Executive Committee, 21, 22
Executive director of ministries, 392, 403-5, 504

F
Faculte Libre De Theologie, 177
Faith Alive, 150-53. See also CRC Publications.
Faith and Order Commission, 239

Financial matters
   Condensed, 96-127
   Reports of, 435-50
   “First Easter, The” (Back to God Hour television special), 133

_Forms of Unity_, 459
France, 177

Fraternal delegates
   Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), Rev. Jason Chen, 239
   Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines (CRP), Rev. Michiel M. De Berdt, 238
   General Assembly of the Reformed Church of Japan, Rev. Lawrence K. Spalink, 238
   Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), Dr. David H. Engelhard and Rev. Richard T. VanderVaart, 238
   Reformed Church in America (RCA), Rev. William Zeilstra, 239
   Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA), Rev. Peter Brouwer, 238

French-language ministry, 134
Friendship Ministries, 134, 152, 158
Friendship Series Charities, 158

Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 164
   and Annually diminishing subsidy system, 164
   Financial statement, 112-13, 441

Further reflections, 479
G
Gathering God’s Growing Family, 159, 160, 162
GEMS, 212-21, 230
General secretary, 392, 400-402, 504
Governance Proposal (BOT), 181
Guam/Micronesia, 177
Guidelines for Campus Ministries, 169
Guinea, 176

H
Haiti, 178
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 32-33
Hard Questions People Ask About the Christian Faith, 153
Health education, 183
Heidelberg Catechism, 151, 155, 243, 274-94, 488-89, 502, 503
Heritage Church Guidelines
  Background, 89-90,
  FAQ, 91-95
  Guidelines, 90-91, 478
  Mandate of, 89
Hispanic market, 153-54
Historical Committee
  Archival
    Staff, 232
    Work, 232-33
  Committee members, 555
  Historic sites, 233-34
  Publications, 233
  Recognition
    of Congregations, 235-36, 475-76
    of Individuals, 234-35, 473-74
    Recommendations, 236-37, 472-76
    Reminders from, 236
    Report of, 232-37
Homosexuality. See Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members.
Honduras, 178, 188
Hospitality Committee, 464
Hungarian
  Ministries, 177
  Reformed Church, 177

I
Ideal Campus Minister Profile, 169
Including Kids with Disabilities, 151
Income earning, 184
Index of Synodical Decisions, 34-35
Indonesian-language ministry, 134
“Insight,” 133
Institute for Christian Studies, 303, 544
Insurance, 196-202
Interchurch Relations Committee
Appendix A: Rationale for Action Regarding CRCNA Membership in NAPARC. See also NAPARC.
  Introduction, 246-47
  Issue of constitutional integrity, 248-49
  Pastoral concerns, 249-50
  Resolution and grounds re termination, 250-51
  Theological-historical considerations, 248
Appendix B: Response to the CRCNA Delegation to the Rationale for Action Regarding CRCNA Membership in NAPARC
  Conclusion, 255
  Introduction, 251-53
  Issue of constitutional integrity, 253-54
  Pastoral concerns, 254-55
  Theological-historical considerations, 253
Appendix C: Membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC)
  Brief history, 256-57
  CRC membership in WARC, 263-65
  CRC’s ecumenical stance and responsibility, 260-63
  Introduction, 255-56
  REC and WARC, 263
  Recommendation, 265
  World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 257-60
Appendix C-2: Member Denominations in World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 269-74
Appendix D: Report of the Interchurch Relations Committee Clarifying the Official Doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church Concerning the Mass, 488-49. See also Reports.
  Conclusions and recommendations, 293-94
  Differences over sacrifice, 278-87
  Differences over the presence of Christ in the sacrament, 287-93
  Introduction, 274-278
Bilateral relationships
  Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 223, 242, 425
  Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 222, 424, 486, 503
  Christian Reformed Church in Cuba, 223, 425, 486
  Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, 424, 486
  Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia), 424
  Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, 425
  Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 424, 487
  Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi, 425
  Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv, (NKST), 424, 487
  Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRC), 222, 424
  Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 221-22, 424, 486
  Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 424, 487
  Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 223, 425
  Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil, 425
  Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 424
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 425
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN), 219-21, 425, 514-15
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 424
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 424
Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 424, 487
Reformed Church in America (RCA), 223, 425, 486
Reformed Church in Argentina, 425
Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 424, 487
Reformed Church in Zambia, 425
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), 223, 425, 486
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 424, 486
Committee members, 238, 555
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 242, 390, 488-89
Ecumenical relations
   Fraternal delegates, 238-39, 486, 487
   Representatives and observers, 238-39
Nominations
   Canadian, 243-44
   U.S., 244-45
Multilateral relationships-organizations
   Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 240
   Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 241, 426, 486
   Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 240
   National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 239, 240
   North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC), 239-40
   Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 240
   World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 240-41, 245, 426, 485-486
Nominations for IRC membership, 243-45
Recommendations, 245-46, 485-86, 487-89, 496
Report of, 238-94, 424-26
Representation at synod, 245
Intercultural ministries, 163
Intermission, 172

J
Japan, 177
Japanese-language ministry, 134
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21, 389
Joseph Fund, 191
*Joy of Generosity: Stewardship Resources for Your Church, The*, 152
Judicial Code Committee, 31, 390-92, 470, 555

K
“Kids Corner,” (Back to God Hour radio program), 133
King’s University College, The, 304-5, 544-45
Korean market, 154
L
Landmarks, 151
Latin America, 178-79, 186
Liberia, 176
LiFE Curriculum, 151, 156
Living Well, Dying Well: A Study of Euthanasia and End of Life Issues, 152
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Making Disciples-Developing a Campus Movement: A Strategic Plan, 169
Mali, 176
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 35
Men's Life programs, 152
Mental impairments, 152
Mexico
and National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, 179
and Reformed Presbyterian Church, 179
and World Missions, 178-79
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 424
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 132
Ministerial Information Service, 36, 55
Ministers’ Pension Fund
   Committee members, 555
   Financial statements (Canada), 118-19, 446
   Financial statements (United States), 120-21, 447
   Report, 196-202
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 175, 393
Ministry of advocacy, 61
Ministry programs
   in Asia, 186
   in Eastern and southern Africa, 186
   in Eastern Europe, 186
   in Latin America, 186
   in North America, 186
   in West Africa, 186
Ministry-share requests, 394-95, 540
Mozambique, 189

N
NAPARC and the IRC, 239-40
NAPARC: Rationale for Action Regarding CRCNA Membership in NAPARC
   Introduction, 246-47
   Issue of constitutional integrity, 248-49
   Pastoral concerns, 249-50
   Resolution and grounds re termination, 250-51
   Theological-historical considerations, 248
   Response to the CRCNA Delegation to the Rationale for Action Regarding CRCNA Membership in NAPARC, 251-55
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 239, 240
National Council of Churches, 239
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 241, 425
Nicaragua, 179
Nigeria, 176

O
Office
  of Finance and Administration, 196
  of Personnel, 196
Officers and functionaries, 547
Old Age Security in Canada, 198
Our Only Comfort: A Comprehensive Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism, 152
Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, 160
Overtures
  1, 355-59, 480-82
  2, 359-60, 480-82
  3, 361, 496-98
  4, 361-62, 499
  5, 362-63, 494, 495
  6, 363-64, 494, 495
  7, 365, 482-83
  8, 365, 482-83
  9, 365, 500
  10, 365-66, 500
  11, 366, 501
  12, 366, 501
  13, 366-68, 495

P
Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members
  Appendix A: Resources
    Considerations in choosing a counselor/therapist, 343-44
    Developing a church ministry, 341-42
    Reading materials, 339-41
    Resource persons, 344
  Appendix B: Biological and Psychological Issues
    Bibliography of biological and psychological perspectives, 350-51
    Psychological perspectives, 346
    Summary of biological research, 344-46
Common spiritual issues among homosexual persons
  Assuming one’s identity, 319-20
  Gift of celibacy (self-control), 321-24
  Identity in community, 318-19
  Sexual brokenness and healing, 324-25
  Shame, 317-18
  Temptation and sin, 320-21
Compassionate ministry and the local church, 326-27
  Guidelines to evaluate ministries
  Common features of effective ministries, 325
  Cautions regarding ministries for homosexual persons, 325-26
Introduction
Church Responses, 314-15
Mandate and grounds, 313
Reflections, 315-16
Report to Synod 1999, 313-14
Justice issues
Justice and grace, 334-35
Working toward justice and grace, 335-38
Pastoral care to families, 328-34
Circle of support, 331
Concluding prayer, 334
Continuing ministry, 331-33
Haunting fears, 333
Healing ministry, 333
Role of the pastor, 329-31
Observations, 483-84
Recommendations, 338, 484
Spiritual ministry of the church, 316-17
What the local church can do
Creating a hospitable climate, 327
Practical ways for inclusion, 327-28
Ministries of local churches, 328
Recommendations, 338
Pastoral Ministries
Board, 36
Financial statement, 122-23, 445
Pastor-Church Relations, 36
Activities of, 55-56
Challenges for, 56
and Continuing education, 55
Difficulties, 539
and Interim pastors, 55
and Intervention, 56
and Mentoring, 55
and Ministerial Information Service, 55, 57
and New staff, 55, 56-59
Observations, 539
Recommendations, 539-40
and Regional pastors, 55
Pensions and Insurance
Board, 196
Canadian Pension Trustees, 196
U.S. Board of Pensions and Insurance, 196
Committee members, 555
Consolidated Group Insurance, 196, 200-201, 490-91
Employees’ retirement plans, 200
Finance
Disclosures, 201
Financial statements, 118-21, 446-47
Investments, 490
Information, 490
Ministers’ pension plans, 196-200
Assumptions and priorities, 197-98
Changes in, 199
Defined-benefit, 196
Funding strategies, 199-201
Participant counts, 197
Portfolio, 199

Programs
Activities of, 196-201
Administration of, 196
Recommendations, 201-2, 492
Report of, 196-202
Pentecost Sunday, 182, 479
Perspective Reformees, 134
Philippines, The, 177
Phnom Penh Bible College, 177
Policies and Procedures of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church, 23
Portuguese-language ministry, 134
Prayer Guide, 172
Prayer Paper, The, 163
Praying Church Idea Sourcebook, The, 153
Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 136
“Primary Focus,” 133
Project Bridge, 223
Program and Finance Committee, 21, 22
Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC), 242, 425-26
Public Declaration of Agreement, 459

Q
Questions Worth Asking, 151
Quota. See Ministry-share requests.

R
Race Relations, 36-37
Activities of, 59-60
and All Nations Heritage Week, 60-61, 540
and Leadership development, 60-61
Mandate of, 59
Report of, 59-61
Radio Pulpit, The (Back to God Hour publication), 133
Recommended agencies. See Agencies.
Redeemer University College, 306-7, 545
Reformation Sunday, 172, 478
Reformed Bible College, 308, 545
Reformed Churches
in the Netherlands (RCN), 219-21, 425, 514-15
in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 424
in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 424
Reformed Church
in Africa (RCA), 424, 487
in America (RCA), 223, 238, 425, 497-98
in Argentina, 425  
in Japan (RCJ), 424, 487  
in Zambia, 425  
of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 425
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), 223, 425, 486
Reformed: What It Means; Why It Matters, 152
Reformed Worship, 154
Report from the Denominational Youth-Ministry Committee Concerning  
Classical Resolution, 544
Responsibilities for Ministry to Youth. See Youth-Ministry Committee
Report of the Interchurch Relations Committee Clarifying the Official Doctrine  
of the Roman Catholic Church Concerning the Mass
Conclusions and recommendations, 293-94  
Conclusions, 293-94  
Recommendations, 294, 488-89
Differences over sacrifice, 278-87  
Key differences between the Heidelberg Catechism and Roman Catholic  
Teaching, 282-87  
Roman Catholic teaching, 280-82  
Teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism, 278-79
Differences over the presence of Christ in the sacrament, 287-93  
Key difference between the Heidelberg Catechism and Roman Catholic  
Teaching, 292-93  
Roman Catholic teaching, 288-92  
Teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism, 287-88
Introduction, 274-278  
Background, 274-76  
Documents cited, 278  
Historical note, 276-77  
Outline, 277-78
Retirement benefits, 196-200
Retirements, ministerial; 470-71
Romania, 186
Russia, 177
Russian  
-language ministry, 134-35  
literature, 154
S
Saddleback, 163, 164
Salary ranges. See Board of Trustees.
Sanctity of life. See Living Well, Dying Well: A Study of Euthanasia and End of Life  
Issues.
Sermons for Reading Services Committee
Appendix, 296-97  
Committee members, 555  
Overview, 295  
Recommendations, 295, 476-77  
Report of, 295-97
SERVE projects, 222-23, 228
Service committees, 555
ServiceLink, 190
Sierra Leone, 175-76
Sing! A New Creation, 153
Social Justice and Hunger Action, 37
   and Advocacy, 61
   and Antiracism program, 62
   and Blood donations, 61
   and Coordinating Council for Church in Society, 61-62
   and the Poor, 62
   Report of, 61-62
Social Security Administration, 198
Spanish-language ministry, 135
Stewards of God’s Mysteries: Measuring Ministry Effectiveness, 169
Study committees
   Committee to Give Direction about and for Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members. See Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members.
   Christian Day School Education, 556
   Church Education, 556
   Examine Life Issues Raised by Bioscience and Genetic Engineering, 555-56
   Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 556
Sunday School That Really Works, 151
SWIM, 223, 228-29
Synodical
   Appointments, 463
   Deputies, 504-34, 547-48
   Interim Committee, 21
   Officers, 459
   Service of Prayer and Praise, 453-55
Synod staff, 460

T
Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 239
Today (Back to God Hour publication), 133
To Pursue the Mission, 169
Trans-Carpathia, 177
Trinity Christian College, 309-10, 545

U
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 424, 486

V
Video recording of synod, 460-61
VISION statement, 169-70
Visual impairments, 152
Voice of the Reformed, 150
Walk With Me curriculum, 151
Web sites, 172
Welcome to participants, 459-60
Willow Creek, 163, 164
Words of Hope, 132
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 240-41, 255-74, 426, 485-86.
See also Interchurch Relations: Appendices C-C2.
World Literature Ministries, 146, 153-55
Hatian/Creol, 155
Khmer/Cambodian, 155
Korean, 154
Laotian, 155
Russian/Eastern Europe, 154
Spanish, 154
Vietnamese, 155
Worship Office
and COLAM 2001, 153
and Reformed Worship, 153
and Sing! A New Creation, 153
Sourcebook for Christian Worship, 153

Y
Yearbook, 80-81
Youth-Ministry Committee
Classical Responsibilities for Ministry to Youth
  Church leadership support, 208
  Communication and networking, 207
  Conclusion, 211-12
  Consultant, 209-10
  and Denominational Ministries Plan, 209
  Introduction, 205-6
  Need for expanding CUM, 207-9
  Recommendations, 210, 545-46
  and Reformed vision for youth ministry, 206-7
  and Regional youth ministry, 206
  Support for smaller congregations, 208
  Wholistic youth ministry, 208
  Young adult ministry, 208
Committee
  Members, 555
  Nominations, 203-4
Consultant/coordinator, 203
Evaluations, 203
  of GEMS, 212-21
  of Youth Unlimited, 221-28
Mandate, 203
Recommendations, 204-5, 545-47
Report of, 203-31
Youth Unlimited, 221-28, 228-29
(Page numbers in **boldface type** refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to agenda and supplementary materials.)

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

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

A
Abuse Prevention, Office of
   Challenges, 53
   From the Darkest Night, 52
   Preventing Child Abuse, 52
   Prevention, 37, 51-53, 682-83
   Responding to Domestic Violence: A Resource for Church Leaders, 52, 146
Acts of Synod, 33
Addresses to synod
   Hamilton, Dr. Rev. Karen, 600
   Ordonez, Mr. Freddy, 626
   Sides, Mr. David, 626
   Suk, Rev. John, 588
   Stewart, Dr. Steele, 626
   Windsor, Rev. Pedro J., 626
Admark, 135
Adult literacy, 189
Advisers. See Multietnic/multicultural matters; Faculty advisers;
   Women advisers.
   Ethnic, 24, 30-31, 44, 347, 580
   Faculty, 580
   Women, 28, 580
Advisory Committee assignments, 581-82
Advocate, The, 83
Afghanistan, 194, 195
Agencies
   Unified report of, 125-257
   See also Recommended agencies/causes.
Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 43, 447, 454, 601
Agenda for Synod 2003, 33, 447, 454
Agenda Directory for Synod 2003, 582
Agriculture, 189
AIDS prevention, 190
All Nations Heritage Week, 44, 82, 693
Announcements, 9-11
Antiracism initiative, 80. See also Race Relations, Office of.
Appointments
   Interim, 23-24, 44, 447-48, 458, 621
   Ratification of, 451-52
Arabic-language ministry, 129
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Asia, 191
Assistance for smaller churches. See Smaller churches.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC). See Interchurch Relations.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 580-81

B
Back to God Hour, The
The Best of Primary Focus, 146
Board, officers, and nominations, 127-28, 491, 614, 698
Cooperative organizations, 131
Financial statements, 92-93, 555
Ministries
  English-language, 128-29
  Arabic-language, 129
  Chinese-language, 129
  French-language, 129-30
  Indonesian-language, 130
  Japanese-language, 130, 183
  Portuguese-language, 130
  Russian-language, 130
  Spanish-language, 130
Recommendations, 131, 614
Report of, 127-31, 491
Salary disclosure, 128
Bangladesh, 183, 191
Banner, The, 141, 143-44
  Future of, 152-61, 498
Belhar Confession, 235, 237
Believe: Getting Ready to Profess My Faith, 146
Bible Way curriculum, 145
Bilateral relationships. See Interchurch Relations.
Birth control. See Overture 5.
Boards and committees, 696-703
Board of Trustees
  Activities of, 23-43
  and Abuse Prevention, 51-53
Board, 621, 697-98
  and Chaplaincy Ministries, 37-40
  Clarification of Church Order Supplement, Article 17. See Church Order.
Committees
  Executive Committee, 21, 22
  Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21, 477
  and Denominational Ministries Plan, 87-89
  and Disability Concerns, 40, 74-77
Financial matters
  Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 43
  and Condensed financial statements, 601
  Investments, 397, 458. See also Investments.
  and Ministry shares, 601
  Pension matters, 354, 457
  Salary, 22-23, 394, 454
  and Lilly Endowment, 41, 683
Mandate of, 21
Meetings of, 21
and Ministry Planning, 41
Membership, 22, 24-28, 44, 448-49, 621
  Board officers, 22
  Executive committee members, 22
  Corporation officers, 22
and Pastoral letter, 85-86
and Pastor-Church Relations. See Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.
Polity matters
  Abuse reporting policy, 393
  Adoption of change in Church Order Articles 12-b, 13-a, and 13-b, 28-29
  Church Order Articles, 31, 49-51, 450-51, 609-13, 621, 622-25
  Classes that have declared the word male inoperative, 24
  Convening churches, 29, 695
  Ethnic advisers. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
  Interim appointments. See Appointments.
  Judicial Code Committee appointments and nominations, 30, 449-50, 625
  and Proposal for Church Order Article 23. See Church Order.
  and Proposal for Church Order Article 24. See Church Order.
  Publications and services, 32-34
  Response to Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 28
  Review of ethnic advisors. See Study Committees.
  Review of judicial code, 31, 45-49
  Review of women in office. See Study Committees; Women in office.
  Women advisers. See Women advisers.
Program and finance matters
  Agency presentations at synod, 41
  BOT ministry programs, 37-41
  Budget review, 393-94, 453-54
  Canadian ministries, 35-37
  Denominational ministries plan. See Denominational agencies.
  Denominational ministries review, 42-43
  and Dynamic Youth Ministries. See Dynamic Youth Ministries.
  Financial matters, 43, 393-94
  Funding for new programs, 42
  and Letter from Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, 452, 460-64, 691-92
  and Lilly Endowment, 41
  and Ministry-share requests, 453-54, 458, 601
  and Offerings, 601
  Office of Abuse Prevention. See Abuse Prevention, Office of.
  Office of Chaplaincy Ministries. See Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
  Office of Disability Concerns. See Disability Concerns, Office of.
  Office of Ministry Planning. See Ministry Planning.
  Office of Pastor-Church Relations and Ministerial Information Services.
    See Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.
  Office of Race Relations. See Race Relations, Office of.
  Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
  Ratification of appointments, 452
  and Recommended salary ranges, 22-23, 254, 394, 458, 601
and Retirements, 452
and Stated supply. See Stated supply.
and Staffing reductions, 452
Succession planning, 43, 684
Report of, 21-124, 447-59
and War and Peace. See Study Committees; War and Peace.
and Women advisers. See Women advisers.
Boards and committees, 696-703
Budget Review Committee (BRC), 453

C
Calvin College
Board, 136, 474, 698-99
General matters, 132
Faculty
Faculty interviews, 132
President’s Award for Exemplary Teaching, 133
Appointments, 133
Reappointments, 492, 494, 590-91
Recognition, 494, 591
Finance, 133
Financial statements, 94-95, 556
Recommendations, 133-34, 493-94, 590-91
Report of, 132-34, 492-94
Trustees, 492-93, 494
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 147, 467
Calvin Theological Seminary
Administration, 135
Board of trustees
Elections and appointments, 135, 495, 497, 592, 596, 699
Members, 420
Officers, 135
Candidates, 495-96. See also Candidates/candidacy.
Curriculum and programs, 136
Faculty, 135-36, 495, 496, 595
Finance, 495
Financial statements, 96-97, 557
General matters
Building program, 137
“Facing Your Future” program, 137
Financial challenges, 137
Offerings for, 592
and Presentation to synod, 601
Sabbaticals and publications leaves, 495
and SPMC. See Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy.
Students
Composition of student body, 136
Graduates, licentiates, 495-96
Programs, 137, 496
Recommendations, 137-38, 495-97, **592-96**
Report of, 135-38, 495-97
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 141, 221-22
Cambodia, 183, 191
Campus ministry. *See* Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
Aboriginal Ministries, 35
Canadian Ministries, 35-37, **682**
Canadian Ministries Forum, 35
Canadian Ministries Director, 34
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35
Incorporation, 36
KAIROS, 36
Ministries Board financial statements, 98-99, 558
ServiceLink, 36, 197
Social justice, 35
Volunteers, 36, 197
Canadian Council of Churches, 230, 231
Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners, 195, 198
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 198
Candidates/candidacy, 495-96, **594-95, 597-98, 601**
  Majority report re candidates, **592-93**
  Minority report re candidates, **593-94**
Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 230, 231-32
Causes recommended for financial support. *See* Recommended agencies/causes.
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of, 37-40, 53-74, **685-87**
  Challenges for, 73-74
  and Church Order, Article 23. *See* Church Order.
  Guidelines for office of
  Functions of staff, 60-62
  Purpose of office of Chaplaincy Ministries, 59-60
  Staffing, 62
  Noteworthy events of, 70-73
  and Ordination. *See* Ordination of Chaplains.
Report of study committee
  Chaplains not ordained, 58
  Church Order and liturgical changes, 57
  Introduction, 54
  Mandate, 53
  Ministry in denominational structure, 56-57
  Nature of chaplaincy, 54-56
  Recommendations, 58-59
  Responsibilities of calling churches, 63-66
  Responsibilities of classis, 64-65
  Responsibilities of CMAC, 63
  Responsibilities of Office of Chaplaincy Ministries, 65-66
  Responsibilities of chaplains, 66
Children’s curriculum, 145
China/Taiwan, 183
Chinese-language ministry, 129
Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 183
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-U.S.A.), 241, 505-6, 511-16
Addendum, 515-16
Finances and budget, 514
Governing of CCT-U.S.A., 513-14
Participation in CCT-U.S.A., 512-13
Preamble, 511
Purpose and activity, 511-12
Theological affirmations, 511
Timeline, 514-15
Christian Education Enhancement, 183
Christian Reformed Churches
in the Netherlands (CRCN). See Interchurch Relations.
of Australia (CRCA). See Interchurch Relations.
Christian Reformed Church
in Cuba. See Interchurch Relations.
in the Philippines (CRCP). See Interchurch Relations.
in Sumba (Indonesia). See Interchurch Relations.
of Myanmar. See Interchurch Relations.
of Nigeria (CRCN). See Interchurch Relations.
Christian Reformed Church in North America—Michigan Corporation, 21, 447
Christian Reformed Church in North America—Ontario Corporation, 21, 447
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
Assistance programs, 200, 201
Board, 200, 598
Committee members, 555
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 201
   Financial statement, 112-13, 570
      Sources of funding, 201
   Growth of operations, 200-201
   Recommendations, 202, 598
   Report of, 200-202
   Staff of, 201
Christian Reformed Church Synod Trustees, 21, 447
Christian Reformed Home Missions
   and Antiracism, 164-65
   Board, 165, 615, 700-701
   and Calvin Theological Seminary, 167, 171
   and Campus ministries, 174-77
   and Chapel ministries, 169
   and Christian Reformed World Missions, 167
   and Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 167
   Church planting goal and objectives, 174, 584, 615
      and Networker, 170
      and PowerLINK, 170
   and Communications, 177-78
   and Core Mission Values, 162-64
   and CRC Publications, 167
   and Diversity, 164-65
   Established-church development, 167
      Assistance for smaller churches, 168
      Ministry of, 166

ACTS OF SYNOD 2003  Index  721
Results, 166-67
Strategies, 167-68
Executive committee, 165-66
Evangelizing progress, 178
Finance
  Communications, 177-78
  Financial statements, 110-11, 560
  Partnering, 172-73
  Salary information, 500
  See also CRHM Resources.
and Focusing networks, 167
Foundational documents, 175
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 168
  Annually diminishing subsidy system, 168
  Funding conclusions, 174
and GEMS, 167
and Growth through evangelism, 169-70
Mandate of, 162
Mission values of, 162-64
Ministries of
  Established-church development, 166-69
  Evangelizing progress, 178
  Finance and advancement, 177-78
  New and emerging churches, 173
  New-church development, 169-74
  New church starts, 173
  Other disciple-making ministries, 174-77
New-church development
  Church planting, 169-70
  and Financial partnering, 172-73
  and Funding conclusions, 174
  and Home Missions, 170-73
  Goals of, 174
  and Leadership challenge, 171-72
  New-church starts, 173
  and Other ministries, 167, 174-77
Partnering, 176-77
and Partnership Assistance Grants, 168
and Presentation to synod, 584, 615
Recommendations, 178, 615
and Red Mesa schools, 172, 177
and Rehoboth-Red Mesa Foundation, 172, 177
Report of, 162-78
Resources
  Financial, 172-73, 177
  Grants, 168
  Personnel, 177
and Saddleback, 168
and Small group evangelism, 167-68
and Theme, vision, mission, 162
and Training events, 168
and Willow Creek, 167
and Youth Unlimited, 167
Christian Reformed World Missions

Board, 501, 616, 701-2
Collaboration with other CRCNA agencies, 187
and CRC Yearbook, 186
and Cuba, 180
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 188
   Financial statements, 120-21, 562
   Salary information, 188
Governance and administration, 187
Latin American director, 392
and Long-range plan, 181
and Long-term missionary positions, 181-88
Mandate, 179
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 182
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 185-86
Mission fields and projects
   Africa, 182-83
   Asia, 183-84
   Europe, 184
   Latin America, 184-85
Missionaries honored, 186-87
Office staff honored, 186-87
Partnerships
   with Churches overseas, 182
   with CRCNA, 181
   with Other CRC agencies, 181-82, 187
and the Philippines, 180
and Presentation to synod, 615-16, 631
Recommendations, 188, 616
Recruitment and training, 186-87
Report of, 179-88, 501
Representation at Synod, 501

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Board, 190, 502, 617, 702-3
and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 195
and Community services, 196-97
and Disaster
   Disaster Response Services (DRS), 195
   Relief projects of, 194-95
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 198
   and Donors, 189
   Financial statements, 122-23, 563
   Revenue shortfalls, 189
   Salary disclosure, 198
and Foods Resource Bank, 195
and Justice education, advocacy, and service learning, 193-94
and Partners for Christian development, 192-93
and Presentation to synod, 616, 627
Programs and ministries, 190-97
   Africa, 191, 192
Asia, 191
Eastern Europe, 191
Latin America, 191-92
North America, 192
Recommendations, 199, 616
Report of, 189-99, 502
and Resource development, 198-99

Church
anniversaries. See Historical Committee, Recognition.
of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi. See Interchurch Relations.
of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (NKST). See Interchurch Relations.

Church Order
Article 2, 613
Art, 3-a, 613
Article 7, 651-56
Article 8, 656-65
Article 12-b, 28-29, 39-40, 621, 687
Article 12-c, 613, 665-69, 685-86
Article 13-a, 28-29, 621
Article 13-b, 621
Article 13-c, 669
Article 14-b, 670-71
Article 14-c, 671
Article 14-e, 671-72
Article 17, 31, 49-51, 622-25
Article 17-a, 49-51, 622-24, 672-76
Article 17-c, 676-78
Article 17-d (new), 51, 624
Article 23, 67-71, 450-54, 458, 609-13, 678-81
Article 24, 24, 451, 458, 609-13
Article 30-c, 46
Article 71, 359-60, 628-31
Article 84, 681

Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 32

Church Order Supplements
Article 17, 622-24
Article 23, 612-13
Article 30-c, 687-91
See also Judicial Code Procedure Review.

Church planting goals and objectives, 169-74
Churches in ecclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.

Classical matters
Classes declaring the word male inoperative, 24
Coffee Break, 147
College of Christian Theology, 183
Committee assignments, 703-5
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35
Committees
Classical Youth-Ministry Committees, 219
Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 35
Sesquicentennial Committee. See Sesquicentennial Committee.
See also Study committees.
Committee to Examine Life Issues Raised by Bioscience and Genetic Engineering

Application of precepts, 293-312
  To procreation, 293-305
  To research, 305-12

Foundations of, 276-93
  Basic Understandings, 278-82
  Biblical foundations, 282-84
  Issues at hand, 277-78
  Moral and ethical foundations, 284-85
  Previous synodical decisions, 276-77

Guiding precepts resulting from foundations, 293

Mandate and outline, 275-76

Recommendations, 312-13

Report re, 275-313, 632-35, 639, 643-44

See also Overtures 6, 7, 8, 12, and 13.

Committee to Study Christian Day School Education

Appendix A: Council Survey, 365-67
Appendix B: Pastor Survey, 368-70
Appendix C: Statement Sent to the President of the United States in 1975, 371
Appendix D: Guidelines for Congregational Financial Plans, 372
  D1: Technical Memo / Executive Summary, 373-79
  D2: Full Report (US), 280-91
  D3: Report (Canada), 392-97

Christian education today
  Rationale for new report, 319-35
  Rethinking support, 335-42
  Surveys, 342-44

Introduction
  Appointment, 316
  Committee work, 318-19
  Mandate, 316-17
  Renewed vision, 317-18

Observations, 619

Outline of, 314

Recommendations, 360-64, 618-20, 626, 627-31

Reformed faith and Christian education
  Biblical foundations, 344-49
  CRC and Christian education, 349-56

Report re, 314-64

Summary of, 314-16

Vision for the future
  Church Order Article 71, 359-60
  Implementing the vision, 356-59

Communications
  1. Council of All Nations CRC, 443, 621-22, 681
  2. Classis Hamilton, 551, 693

Compass 21, 220

The Compassionate Congregation: A Handbook for People Who Care, 146

Condensed financial statements, 92-123

Confidentiality, 9, 580

Consolidated Group Insurance (CGI), 213-14, 397-99
  Financial statements, 100-101, 569
Continuing education, 78
Convening church
  for 2004, 695
Coordinating Council for Church in Society (CCCiS), 82
Costa Rica, 184
CRC Publications
  and Antiracism, 142-43
  Board, 140-43, 699-700
  Long-range planning, 140
  and Ministry review, 141
  Officers of, 140
  Organization of, 140
  and Recycling, 142
  and Relationship with other organizations. See CRC Publications,
    Relationships
  and Relationship with denominational structure and plan, 140-41
  and Resources used by CRC churches, 142
  and Christian Day School report, 627-28
Curriculum/Publications
  Believe: Getting Ready to Profess My Faith, 146
  The Best of Primary Focus, 146
  Bible Way, 145
  The Compassionate Congregation: A Handbook for People Who Care, 146
  The Empty Pew: Caring for Christ’s Wandering Sheep, 146
  Forgiveness: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know, 146
  Friendship Bible Studies, 146
  Launch and Lead Your Own Small Group: A Principle Based Approach, 147
  LiFE, 145
  No Easy Answers: Making Good Decisions in an Anything-Goes World, 151
  Psalter Hymnal, 147, 148
  Questions Worth Asking, 146
  Sing! A New Creation, 147, 148
  What’s Up with the Church Down the Street, 146
  Which Way to God, 146
  Who in the World Can You Trust, 147
  Word Alive, 146
  The Worship Sourcebook, 148
Faith Alive
  Curriculum Office, 145-47
  Evangelism Office, 147
  Worship Office, 147-48
Finance
  Agenda for Synod 2003—Financial and Business Supplement, 150
  and The Banner. See Future of The Banner Report.
  Difficulties, 150
  Financial statements, 102-3, 559
  Salary disclosure, 143
Marketing department, 149
Mission statement of, 139
Periodical department
  The Banner, 139, 143-44, 149, 498-99, 584-85, 588. See also Future of The
    Banner Report.
Faith Alive, 139, 145-48

Voice of the Reformed, 144-45

Personnel matters, 149-50, 584

Recommendations, 151, 584-85

Relationships
- with Christian Schools International, 142
- with Denominational Ministries Plan, 140-41
- with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 142
- with GEMS, 141
- with Presbyterians for Renewal, 142
- with Reformed Church in America, 141-42
- with Youth Unlimited, 141

Report of, 139-51, 422-23

World Literature Ministries, 139, 148-49
  - Russian, 149
  - Spanish, 148

CRC Source, 177

Creation care, 189

Crossroad Bible Institute, 131

CRWM Joint International Committee, 187

Cuba, 184

Curriculum, 145-47

D

Decisions. See No Easy Answers.

Delegates, 13-17
  - Fraternal. See Fraternal delegates.
  - to Synod 2003, 9, 13-17

Denominational agencies
  - and archives. See Historical Committee.
  - Canadian, 36-37
  - and Ministries Plan, 37, 63-89, 392-93, 683-84
    - Values, 87
    - Context for ministry priorities, 87
    - Goals, 87-89
    - ministry shares, 709
    - recommended for offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.

Services
  - Financial statements, 104-5, 444

Disability Concerns, Office of
  - Activities of, 74-75
  - Anniversary of, 683
  - and Church survey, 75-77
  - Commendation of director, 539
  - Office of, 40
  - Report of, 74-77

Disaster Response Services (DRS), 195

Domestic disaster relief, 195

Dominican Republic, 184

Dorcas Aid, 198

Dordt College, 261-62, 596
Dutch Reformed Church
   in Africa (DRCA). See Interchurch Relations.
   in South Africa (DRC). See Interchurch Relations.
   in Sri Lanka. See Interchurch Relations.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 141, 219-22, 453, 464-69, 636-38

E
East Africa, 191
Eastern Europe, 191
Easter Sunday, 178, 615
Eclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.
Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 229
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 231
Education, Worship, and Evangelism Department. See Faith Alive.
Educational Requirements for Campus Ministry Personnel, 175
El Salvador, 184-85, 192, 194-95
Employee benefit programs, 203-13
Employee’s Retirement Plan: Financial statements, 106-7, 568
The Empty Pew: Caring for Christ’s Wandering Sheep, 146
Encounters, 220
End of life issues. See Study committees.
English-language ministry, 128-29
Ethiopia, 195
Ethnic advisers. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
Ethnic matters. See Board of Trustees; Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
Europe, 184
Evangelical Fellowship
   of Cambodia (EFC), 183
   of Canada, 230, 231, 240
Evangelical
   Presbyterian Church (EPC). See Interchurch Relations.
   Reformed Church in Brazil. See Interchurch Relations.

F
Faculte Libre De Theologie, 184
Faculty advisers, 580. See also Study Committees.
Faith Alive, 145-48. See also CRC Publications.
Faith and Order Commission, 230
Faith and Witness Commission, 230
Finance Committee, 21
Finance and Administration, Office of, 203
Financial matters
   Condensed, 92-123, 601
   Reports of, 435-50
“First Easter, The” (Back to God Hour television special), 129
Food Resource Bank, 195
Forgiveness: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know, 146
Forms of Unity, 579, 583
France, 184
Fraternal delegates to the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Rev. Leonard Hofman, 229
General Assembly of the Reformed Church of Japan, Rev. Jeong Gho, 229
General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church (South Africa), Dr. David Engelhard, 229
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Dr. David H. Engelhard, 229
Reformed Church in America (RCA), Rev. Jason Chen, 229
French-language ministry, 129-30
Friendship Bible Studies, 146
Friendship Ministries, 146-47, 151
Friendship Series Charities, 151
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC), 168
and Annually diminishing subsidy system, 168
Financial statement, 108-9, 561
Addendum, 160-61
Future of CRCNA, 154-56
Future of The Banner, 158-59
Future role of The Banner, 158
Identity for the future, 157-58
Introduction, 152-54
Recommendations, 159-60
See also CRC Publications, Periodicals.

G
Gathering God’s Growing Family, 162-64
GEMS, 141, 220-21
Genetic engineering. See Study Committees.
Gratitude, expressions of, 705
Grievance and Termination Appeal, 453-74, 691
Guam/Micronesia, 183
Guidelines for Campus Ministries, 175
Guinea, 182

H
Haiti, 185
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 33-34
Health education, 189
Heidelberg Catechism, 146, 239-41
Heritage Church Guidelines, 168
Hispanic market, 148
Historical Committee
  Archival
    Staff, 223
    Work, 223-25, 585
  Committee, 223-25
  Committee members, 223
  Publications, 225
Recognition of Congregations, 226-27, 587-88
of Ministers, 225-26, 586
Recommendations, 227-28, 585
Reminders from, 227, 585
Report of, 223-28
Honduras, 185, 192
Hospitality Committee, 505
H.O.T. (Hot Opportunities Today), 196
Hungarian
Ministries, 184
Reformed Church, 184, 191

I
Ideal Campus Minister Profile, 175
Ideal Profile for Campus Committee Members, 175
Income earning, 189
Incorporation in Canada, 36
Index of Synodical Decisions, 34
Indonesia, 194, 195
Indonesian-language ministry, 130
“Insight,” 129
Institute for Christian Studies, 263-64, 596
Insurance, 203-16
Interchurch Relations Committee
Appendix: Report of the General Secretary’s Visit with South African
Reformed Churches, 244-53
Belhar Confession, 235, 237
Bilateral relationships
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 235, 236, 504, 626
Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 503, 607
Christian Reformed Church in Cuba, 180, 504
Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines (CRCP), 108, 503, 607
Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia), 503
Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, 504
Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 503
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi, 504
Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv, (NKST), 503
Dutch Reformed Church, 607
Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA), 235, 244-45, 503
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 235, 250-52, 503
Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 503, 607
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 142, 229, 235, 504, 626
Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil, 425, 504
Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi (ERCB), 504-5,506-9, 605
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 503
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 504
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN), 232-33, 504, 603
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 235, 249-50, 503
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 235, 247-49, 503
Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 235, 244-45, 503, 607
Reformed Church in America (RCA), 141, 229, 235, 236-37, 504, 626
Reformed Church in Argentina, 504, 607
Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 229, 234-35, 503, 607
Reformed Church in Zambia, 504
Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 233-34, 604-5
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), 223, 239
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 235, 245-46, 503
Canadian Committee members, 229, 241-42, 606
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. See Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 239-41, 390, 605-6
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 503-4
Ecumenical relations
  Representatives and observers, 229-30
  See also Fraternal delegates.
and NAPARC. See NAPARC.
Nominations
  Canadian, 241-42
  U.S., 242
Multilateral relationships—organizations
  Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 230, 231
  Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 230, 231-32
  Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 231
  National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 230, 231
  North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC).
  See NAPARC.
Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 230
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 230, 231, 428-30, 606-7
and Overtures. See specific overtures.
Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC), 237-39
Recommendations, 243-44, 602-6
Report of, 229-44, 503-16
Representation at synod, 243
Intercultural ministries, 167
Intermission, 177
Interim pastors, 79
Investments, 458, 486-89

J
Japan, 183
Japanese-language ministry, 130
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21, 447
Joseph Fund, 199
Judicial Code Committee, 30, 390-92, 625, 687-91
Judicial Code Procedure Review, 45-49
  Article 1-a, 46-47, 688-89
  Article 1-b, 47, 687, 689
Article 8, 48, 690
Article 10, 48, 690
Article 12, 48, 690
Article 19, 48, 691
Article 20, 49, 691
Background, 45
Preamble, 45
Recommendations, 45-49
Justice, 189

K
“Kids Corner” (Back to God Hour radio program), 129
King’s University College, The: 265, 596
KAIROS, 36, 83-84

L
Launch and Lead Your Own Small Group: A Principle Based Approach, 147
Latin America, 184-85, 191
Liberia, 182
LiFE Curriculum, 141-45
Literacy, 189
Lilly grant. See Board of Trustees.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Making Disciples—Developing a Campus Movement: A Strategic Plan, 175
Malawi, 191, 195
Mali, 182
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 34
Men’s Life programs, 147
Mental impairments, 146-47
Mexico
and National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, 185
and Reformed Presbyterian Church, 185
and World Missions, 185
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA). See Interchurch Relations.
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 129
Ministerial Information Service, 40, 78-79
Ministers’ Pension Fund. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 34, 182, 393
Ministry of advocacy, 83-84
Ministry Planning, 41, 683
Ministry programs of CRWRC
in Asia, 191
in East and Southern Africa, 191
in Eastern Europe, 191
in Latin America, 191-92
in North America, 192
in West Africa, 192
Ministry-share requests, 453-54, 458, 601
Mozambique, 195
Multiethnic/multicultural matters
   Ethnic advisers, 24, 30-31, 44, 347, 580. See also Study Committee to Review
   the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisers to Synod, 30-31, 622, 681, 704

N
NAPARC, 230, 236, 602-3
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 230, 231
National Council of Churches, 230
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 425
Nicaragua, 185, 191
Nigeria, 182, 192
North America, 192
No Easy Answers, 146

O
Office of Finance and Administration. See Finance and Administration, Office of.
Office of Personnel. See Personnel, Office of.
Officers and functionaries, 695
Old Age Security in Canada, 204
Ordination of Chaplains, Church Order Article 23
   Background, 67-68, 609-10
   Introduction, 67
   and Nonclergy chaplains, 67-70
   Observations, 610-11
   Recommendations, 70-71, 611-13
   See also Church Order.
Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, 163-64
Overture 4 (Synod 1999), 28, 588-89, 598-600
Overtures
   1, 401-22, 617-18, 695
   2, 422-28, 621-22, 681
   3, 428-30, 606-7
   4, 430, 588-89, 606-7
   5, 430-32, 644-48
   6, 432-34, 643-44, 632-35, 639, 643-44
   7, 435-36, 643-44, 632-35, 639, 643-44
   8, 436-38, 643-44, 632-35, 639, 643-44
   9, 438-39, 618-20, 626, 627-31
   10, 439-40, 598-600
   11, 440-42, 607-9
   12, 519-38, 632-35, 639, 643-44
   13, 538-49, 632-35, 639, 643-44

P
Partners for Christian Development, 191, 192-93, 198
Pastoral Ministries, 40
   Financial statement, 118-19, 565
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 40
Activities of, 78-79
Anniversary of, 683
Challenges for, 79
Report of, 77-79

Pensions and Insurance
Ammendments to the plan, 598-600
Board, 203
Canadian Pension Trustees, 203, 600
U.S. Board of Pensions and Insurance, 203, 600
Committee members, 555
Consolidated Group Insurance, 203, 213-14
and Disability Summary, 216-18, 599-600
Employees’ retirement plans, 213
Finance
Disclosures, 214
Financial statements, 114-17, 566-67
Investments. See Investments.
Ministers’ pension plans, 203-13
Assumptions and priorities, 204-5
Changes in, 206-12, 598-600
Defined-benefit, 203
Funding, 212-13, 457
Participant counts, 203-4
Portfolio, 205-6
and Part-time service, 598-99
Programs
Activities of, 203-14
Administration of, 203
Recommendations, 214-16, 598
Reinstatement of “frozen” participants, 599
Report of, 203-16
and Smaller churches, 639-42, 643. See also Smaller Churches.
See also Overture 10.
Pentecost Sunday, 188, 616
Personnel, Office of, 203
Perspective Reformees, 129
Philippines, The, 183-84, 191
Phnom Penh Bible College, 183
Portuguese-language ministry, 130
Prayer Guide, 177
Prayer Paper, The, 167
Presbyterian Church USA, 142
Presbyterian for Renewal organization, 142
Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 133
“Primary Focus,” 128, 131
Program Committee, 21, 581-82
Program Hope, 196
Protestant Church of Algeria, 184
Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC). See Interchurch Relations.
Psalter Hymnal, 147, 148
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.
Questions Worth Asking, 146
Quota. See Ministry-share requests.

RACOM, 131
Race Relations, Office of, 40
  Activities of, 81
  and All Nations Heritage Week, 82, 684-85
  Mandate of, 79-80
  Office of, 40
  Report of, 79-82
  and Scholarships, 81-82
  Work of, 80-81
Radio Pulpit, The, (Back to God Hour publication), 129
Recommended agencies/causes
  Denied inclusion, 457, 459, 602
  Denominational, 455, 710
  Nondenominational, 455-57, 601, 602, 710-11
  Presentations at Synod 2003, 41, 682
  Recommended for support, 455-57, 459, 601, 710-11
  Related, 455, 710
Redeemer University College, 266-67, 597
Reformation Sunday, 178, 615
Reformed Bible College, 268-69, 597
Reformed Churches
  in the Netherlands (RCN). See Interchurch Relations.
  in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom). See Interchurch Relations.
  in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg). See Interchurch Relations.
Reformed Church
  in Africa (RCA). See Interchurch Relations.
  in America (RCA). See Interchurch Relations.
  in Argentina. See Interchurch Relations.
  in Japan (RCJ). See Interchurch Relations.
  in Zambia. See Interchurch Relations.
  Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA). See Interchurch Relations.
  Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). See Interchurch Relations.
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 230
The Reformed Family Worldwide, 233-34
Reformed Worship, 148
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. See Interchurch Relations.
Refugee resettlement, 189
Report of the Chaplaincy Ministries Study Committee. See Chaplaincy Ministries Study Committee; Ordination of Chaplains.
Report of the General Secretary’s Visit with South African Reformed Churches, 244-55
Report on Bioscience. See Committee to Examine.
Report on Christian Day Schools. See Committee to Study.
Report on War and Peace. See War and Peace.

Report Re Ordination of Chaplains under Church Order Article 23. See Chaplaincy Ministries; Church Order.

Responsibilities for Ministry to Youth. See Dynamic Youth Ministries; Youth Unlimited.

Responding to Domestic Violence: A Resource for Church Leaders, 146

Restorative justice, 401-22, 617-18, 695. See also Overture 1; Study Committees.

Retirement benefits, 203-16

Retirements, ministerial, 648-49


Roman Catholic Church, 505, 510

Romania, 191

Russia, 184

Russian-language ministry, 130

S

Saddleback, 168

Salary ranges. See Board of Trustees.

Self-sufficiency, 189

Sermons for Reading Services Committee

Overview, 253

Recommendations, 253, 588

Report of, 253

SERVE projects, 219

Service committees, 703-4

ServiceLink, 36-37, 196, 197

Sesquicentennial Committee

Background, 254

and Expenses, 256-57

Plans of, 254-56

Recommendations, 256-57, 625

Report of, 254-57

Sierra Leone, 182-92

Sing! A New Creation, 147, 148

Small-business development, 189

Smaller churches, 168, 639-42, 643

Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of

The Advocate, 83

Canadian, 35

Just Worship conference, 83

Office of, 40-41

Report of, 82-84

Shalom Seekers, 83

We Have AIDS, 83

Work of, 687

Social Security Administration, 204

Southern Africa, 191

Spanish-language ministry, 130

Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy (SPMC), 496-97, 596

Stewards of God’s Mysteries: Measuring Ministry Effectiveness, 175

Stated supply, 457-58, 602, 709
Study committees
Committee to Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 704
Committee to Review the Classical-Local Option with Respect of Women Serving in the Offices of Minister, Elder, and Evangelist, 621-22, 694, 704
Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisers to Synod, 30-31, 622, 681, 704
Committee to Study Church Education, 704
Committee to Study Restorative Justice, 617-18, 695, 704
Committee to Study War and Peace, 693-94, 704
Christian Day School Education, 704. See also Committee to Study Christian Day School Education.
Examine Life Issues Raised by Bioscience and Genetic Engineering. See Committee to Examine Issues Raised by Bioscience and Genetic Engineering.
Sudan, 194
Synodical
Appointments, 583
and Classical examination of candidates, 649-51
Delegates, 577-79
Deputies, 696
Officers, 579
Work of deputies, 649-81
Succession Planning Committee, 43, 684
Summit, 220
Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise, 573-76
Synod staff, 580
Sunday Morning Live, 146

T
Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 230
Today (Back to God Hour publication), 129
To Pursue the Mission, 175
Trinity Christian College, 270-72, 597

U
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, 235
Unified Report of Agencies and Service Committees, 125-257
Urban Aboriginal Ministry, 35

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 580-81
VISION statement, 174-75
Visual impairments, 147
Voice of the Reformed, 144-45
Voice of Life, 129
Walk With Me curriculum, 145
War and Peace presentation, 453, 458, 475-86. See also Study committees.
    Building peace and reconciliation, 484-85
    Changes in U.S. nuclear policy, 483-84
    Changes in U.S. security policy, 481-83
    Changes, 477-81
        Failed or rogue states, 479-80
        Increase in terrorism, 479
        Nonstate actors, 480-81
        Radicalism and fanaticism, 481
        Rise of the single superpower, 478-79
    Introduction, 475
    Recommendations, 486, 638-39, 693-94
    Summary of key questions, 477
    The church on war and peace, 475-77
Web sites, 178
Welcome to participants, 577
West Africa, 192
What’s Up with the Church Down the Street, 146
Which Way to God, 146
Who in the World Can You Trust, 147
Willow Creek, 168
Women advisers, 28, 580. See also Study Committees.
Women in office. 30, 44, 422-28. See also Communication 1; Overture 2; Study committees.
Word Alive Bible studies, 146
Words of Hope, 129
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 230, 231, 426, 485-86
World Literature Ministries, 141, 148-49
    Russian/Eastern Europe, 149
    Spanish, 148
Worship at Synod, 573-76, 577, 583, 627, 635
Worship Office
    and Reformed Worship, 148
    and Sing! A New Creation, 147-148
    and The Worship Sourcebook, 148
Yearbook, 32, 52
Youth-Ministry Committee
    Calvinist Cadet Corps, 221-22
    Camporee, 221
        Merit badges, 221-22
        Dynamic Youth Ministries, 219. See also Dynamic Youth Ministries.
    GEMS, 141, 167, 220-21
        Get Connected! camp, 221
Integrated Ministry to Children and Youth Team, 219
Recommendations, 219
Report of, 219-22
Youth Unlimited, 214, 219-20
Compass 21, 220
Encounters, 220
SERVE, 219
Summit, 220
Website, 220

Z
Zambia, 191, 195, 504
ZOA Vluchtelingenzorg, 198
(Page numbers in boldface type refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to agenda and supplementary materials.)

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
CA 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’Egleses en Mission] Evangélique 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
CRCREA Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa
CRCN Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria
CRCRP 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 Kerl
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
ERCBD  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
JMMMC  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
NCCCC  National Council of Churches of Christ
NCCCK  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

A
Abuse Prevention, Office of
Procedures for handling allegations of abuse, 56-58, 551
Report of, 39-40, 51-58
Acts of Synod, v, 34,
Addresses to synod
Byker, Dr. Gaylen, 539
DiNunzio, Dr. Ronald C., 565
duPlooy, Professor Andres Le R., 565
Granberg-Michaelson, Dr. Wesley, 565
Liphadzi, Rev. Tshililo, 565
Murupus, Rev. Joseph M., 624
Musa, Rev. Manasseh A, 566
Advisers. See Ethnic advisers, faculty advisers, women advisers.
Advocate, The, 38, 69
Agencies. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
Board changes for. See BOT, Program and finance.
Unified report of, 139-317

Agenda for Synod 2004, v, 34, 553
Agenda Directory for Synod 2004, 539
AIDS, 230, 233
All Nations Heritage Week, 51, 68, 557
Alternate Routes to Ministry Report. See Study committees.
Announcements, 9-11
Appeals
1: Classis Toronto, 445-47, 580
2: Council of Springdale CRC, Bradford, Ontario, 447-50, 630-31
Appointments. See also Synodical.
   Interim, 23, 51, 453, 466, 548
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Asia Ministry Council, 230
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC). See Interchurch Relations.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 536-37

B
Back to God Hour, The
   Board, officers, and nominations, 141-42, 554, 636
   Cooperative organizations, 145
   Financial statements, 108, 511
   Ministries, 142-45
   Recommendations, 145, 554
   Report of, 141-45
   Salary disclosure, 142

   Editor position, 199-201, 560-61
Belhar Confession. See Interchurch Relations Committee.
Bilateral relationships. See Interchurch Relations Committee.
Boards and committees, 635-40
Board of Trustees
   Activities of, 23-50
   and Abuse Prevention. See Abuse Prevention, Office of.
   and Agency and institutional boards, 557
   Board, 21-22. See also BOT, Membership.
   and Chaplaincy Ministries. See Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
   and Denominational Ministries Plan, 37, 42-45, 70-72, 174-75
   and Disability Concerns. See Disability Concerns, Office of.
   Financial matters
   and Condensed financial statements, 107-38, 511-26
   Investment policy, 466, 473-78
   and Ministry shares, 647
   Pension matters, 466. See also Pensions and Insurance.
   Salary. See BOT, Salary.
   Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21
   Mandate of, 21
   Meetings of, 21
Membership, 22, 24-28, 51, 453-54, 548, 635-36
and Ministries Priority Committee. See Ministries Priority Committee Report.
and Ministry Planning. See Ministry Planning, Office of.
and Pastor-Church Relations. See Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.

Polity matters
Adoption of change in Church Order Article 17d, 29-30, 548
Adoption of change in Church Order Articles 2, 3a, 23, and 24, 30-31, 549
Classes that have declared the word male inoperative, 23-24
Convening churches, 31, 634
Guidelines re abuse, 40. See Abuse Prevention.
and Historical Committee request, 32
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim.
Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.
Publications and services, 33-36
Review of ethnic advisors. See Study committees.
Review of women in office. See Study committees.
and Smaller churches. See Smaller churches.
Supplement for Church Order Article 15, 454-55, 466-67, 611
Supplement for Church Order Article 84, 455-58, 467, 611-12
Women advisers. See Women advisers.

Program and finance matters
Agency board changes, 47-48, 460, 557
Agency budgets, 460
Agency presentations at synod, 45
and Alternate Routes to Ministry. See Study committees.
BOT ministry programs, 39-45. See also individual reports of.
Budget. See Agenda for Synod—Financial and Business Supplement.
Canadian ministries. See Canada.
and CRC Publications. See CRC Publications.
and Home Missions. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
and CRWRC, 48. See also Christian Reformed World Relief Committee.
and CRC Foundation, 50.
and Calvin College. See Calvin College.
and Classis Pacific Hanmi report. See Pacific Hanmi.
Financial matters, 49, 460-66. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
and Mandate and vision approvals, 459-60, 468, 558
and Ministry-share requests, 647
Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
and Recommended salary ranges. See BOT, Salary.
and Reformed Church in America, 50, 261-62, 494-95, 565. See also CRC Publications, Relationships.
Recommendations, 40-42, 466-69, 547-49, 551-53, 557-59, 611-12, 623-24
Report of, 21-138, 453-69
Salary grids, 22, 460-61, 468, 624
Boards and committees, 635-42
Breaking Barriers. See Disability Concerns, Office of.

C
Cadets, 333
Calvin College
  Board, 146, 479-82, 483, 546, 636-37
Faculty, 146-47, 479, 483, 545-46
Finance, 109-10, 147, 512
Recommendations, 147-48, 483, 545-46
Report re, 146-48, 479-83
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 184
Calvin Theological Seminary
Administration, 150
Board of trustees, 149-50, 484, 546, 637
Candidates, 484, 485-86, 540-41, 547, 550-51
Curriculum and programs, 151-54, 166, 621
Faculty, 150-51, 166, 167-71, 486, 542
Appointments to, 543-44
Finance, 111-12, 155, 484-85, 513, 546, 627
General matters, 155, 166, 546
Offerings for, 546
See also Study committees.
and SPMC. See Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy.
Students, 154-55. See also Calvin Theological Seminary, Candidates.
Recommendations, 165-66, 485-86, 542-44, 546, 547, 549-51, 621. See also Study committees.
Report of, 149-66, 484-86
Canada
Canadian Ministries, 37-39
Canadian Ministries Forum (CMF), 37
Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC), 38-39
Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 37-38, 233
Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada (CCRCC), 39
Eastern Canada Leadership Development Network (ECLDN), 37
Ecumenical relations, 39
Financial statements, 114, 514
KAIROS. See Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.
Sea to Sea Bike Tour, 556
ServiceLink. See ServiceLink.
Social justice, 38
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 257
Canadian Council for International Cooperation, 233
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 233, 234, 237
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 234, 237
Caribbean and North American Area Council, 257
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of, 536, 622-23
and Church Order, Article 23, 31, 60, 548-49. See also Church Order.
Report re, 40, 58-61
Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 222
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (report re). See also Interchurch Relations.
Appendix F-1: List of Participants at the January 27-29, 2004, Meeting,
311-21
Appendix F-2: List of Participants at the January 7-9, 2004, Meeting, 312-13
Finance and budget, 310-11
Governing of CCT, 309-10
Consensus decision-making, 310
General assembly, 309
Participants, 310
Steering committee, 309
Topical forums, 310
Participation in CCT, 308-9
Preamble, 307
Purpose and activity, 307-8
Theological affirmations, 307
Timeline, 311

Christian Day School report. See Study committees.

Christian Education Enhancement program, 222
Christian Education Foundation, 221
Christian Extension Services, 221

Christian Reformed Churches
of Australia (CRCA), 235. See also Interchurch Relations.

Christian Reformed Church
in Cuba. See Interchurch Relations.
in Eastern Africa. See Interchurch Relations.
in the Philippines. See Interchurch Relations.
in Sumba (Indonesia). See Interchurch Relations.
of Myanmar. See Interchurch Relations.
of Nigeria (CRCN). See Interchurch Relations.

Christian Reformed Church in North America-Michigan Corporation, 21
Christian Reformed Church in North America-Ontario Corporation, 21

Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
Board, 239, 622
Committee members, 641
Finances, 240
Agenda for Synod 2004-Financial and Business Supplement, 240
Financial statement, 127-28, 526
Growth of operations, 239-40
Recommendations, 240, 622-23
Staff of, 240
Report re, 239-40

Christian Reformed Church Synod Trustees, 21, 453

Christian Reformed Home Missions
Board, 203, 638
Executive committee, 203-4
Evangelizing progress, 217
Finance.
Financial statements, 125-26, 516
Salary information, 204
Mandate of, 202
Mission values of, 202
Ministries of
Church planting and development, 207-10, 211-12, 216
Educational mission, 212-13
Financial partnering, 216
Mission-focused churches, 205-7
Mission-focused leadership development, 213-15
Ministry advancement, 216-17
New and continuing work, 210-11
Prayer and small group development, 215
Recommendations, 217, 554
Report re, 48, 202-17
Retirements, 204
Christian Reformed Schools (COCREF), 223
Christian Reformed World Missions
   Assessments of, 219-20
   Board, 639
   Finances
      Agenda for Synod 2004-Financial and Business Supplement, 226
      Financial statements, 135-36, 518
      Salary information, 226
   Governance and administration, 226
   and Long-range plan, 226
   Mandate, 218
   Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 224-25
   Mission fields and projects, 221-24
   Missionaries honored, 225-26
   Office staff honored, 225-26
   Partnerships, 220, 226
   Recommendations, 226-27, 555
   Recruitment and training, 225-26
   Report re, 218-27
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
   Board, 228-29, 640
   and Community services, 235-36
   and Disaster, 233-35
   Finances
      Agenda for Synod 2004-Financial and Business Supplement, 237
      Financial statements, 137-38, 519
      financial history, 236-37
      Offerings for, 555
      Salary disclosure, 237
   and Justice education, advocacy, and service learning, 232-33
   and Organizations, 233, 234, 235, 237, 491, 494
   and Partners for Christian development, 231-32
   Programs and ministries, 229-36
   Recommendations, 238, 492, 555
   Report re, 48, 228-38, 489-92
   and Resource development, 237-38
   and work of mercy, 555
Church
   anniversaries. See Historical Committee, Recognition.
   of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi. See Interchurch Relations.
   of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (NKST). See Interchurch Relations.
   of Jesus Christ in Madagascar. See Interchurch Relations.
Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC), 38-39
Church Order
   Article 2, 30-31, 549
   Article 3-a, 30-31, 549
Article 6, 620. See also Study committees, Guidelines to Provide Alternate Routes to Ministry
Article 7, 575-80, 619. See also Study committees, Guidelines.
Article 8, 580-93. See also Study committees, Guidelines.
Article 12-c, 593-97
Article 13-c, 597
Article 14-b, 597-98
Article 14-c, 598
Article 14-d, 598-99
Article 15, 454-55, 466-67, 611
Article 16, 427-29, 632-33
Article 17-a, 599-602
Article 17-c, 602-3
Article 17-d, 29-30, 548
Article 18-b, 603
Article 22, 382-83, 619-20
Article 23, 30-31, 60, 548-49, 603-8
Article 24, 30-31, 548-49
Article 36-a, 499, 541-42
Article 47, 29-30
Article 82, 608
Article 83, 608
Article 84, 455-58, 467, 611-12.

Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 34
Churches in ecclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.

Classical examinations
Article 7 (approved), 575-79
Article 7 (not approved), 579-80
Article 8 (not disputed), 580-92
Article 8 (disputed), 592-93
Article, 12-c, 593-97
Article 14-b, 597-98
Article 14-c, 598
Article 14-d, 598-99
Article 17a, 599-602
Article 17-c, 602-3
Article 18-b, 603
Article 23, 603-8
Article 82-83, 608
of Candidates, 573-75

Classical matters
Classes declaring the word male inoperative, 23-24
Classis Hanmi progress report. See Pacific Hanmi.

Coffee Break, 183
College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh, (CCTB), 220
Commission on Christian Unity, 261
Committee assignments, 537-38
Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 37-38, 233
Committee to Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry. See also Study committees.
Appendix A: The Ordination Process under the Provisions of Church Order
Articles 6, 7, and 8, 384-88
Appendix B: Ministry Readiness Portfolio, 389-90
Appendix C: Recommendation to Synod 2000, 390-95
Appendix D: Recommended Standards for Evangelist/Ministry Associate Compared to Similar Standards for Ministers of the Word, 395-99
Appendix E: Functions of the Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy (SPMC), 399-400, 414
Background, 345-49
Implementation, 378-81
Introduction, 340-45
Issues relating to the routes to the office of minister of the Word, 350-61
Outline, 339-40
Plan for office of evangelist/ministry associate, 371-78
Plan for ordination by way of Articles 6, 7, and 8, 361-71
Recommendations, 381-84
Communications
1: Council of Graafschap CRC, Holland, Michigan, 439-40, 630-32
2: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 440-41, 613-21
3: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 441-42, 626
4: Classis Pacific Northwest, 442-44, 613-21
5: Classis Greater Los Angeles, 505, 613-21
6: Classis Hamilton, 506-7, 613-21
Condensed financial statements, 107-38, 511-26
Confidentiality, 9, 536
Consolidated Group Insurance, 249
Financial statements, 115-16, 525
Continuing education, 44, 66
Convening church
for 2005, 31, 634
Coordinating Council for Church in Society (CCCiS), 69
CRC Denominational Ministries Plan. See Board of Trustees.
CRC Publications
and Antiracism, 177
and The Banner. See Banner.
Board matters, 173-77, 637
Curriculum/Publications, 181-85
Faith Alive
Curriculum Office, 181-83
Evangelism Office, 183-84
Worship Office, 184-85
Finance
Agenda for Synod 2004-Financial and Business Supplement, 187
Financial statements, 117-18, 515
Salary disclosure, 177
Friendship Ministries, 189
Friendship Series Charities, 189
Mandate of, 172
Marketing department, 186-87
Ministry review, 175
Mission statement of, 172
Periodicals department
The Banner, 177-80, 188-89, 197-201 560-62.
Voice of the Reformed, 180
Recommendations, 188-89, 560-62
Relationships, 145, 175-76
  with Association of Reformed Youth Pastors, 175
  with The Back to God Hour, 145
  with Christian Schools International, 176
  with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 176
  with Presbyterian Church USA, 176
  with Reformed Church in America, 175-76
  with Youth Unlimited, 175
Report re, 48, 172-201, 487-88
and Today’s New International Version (TNIT) of the Bible, 487-88
and Use of CRC Publications resources, 176-77
World Literature Ministries, 185-86
  Overview, 185-86
  Publishing work for Libros Desafio, 186
CRC Source, 208, 217
Crossroad Bible Institute, 145

D
“Deep Roots, New Branches,” 208-9, 217, 559
Delegates
  Fraternal. See Fraternal delegates.
  Note to, 9
to Synod 2004, 13-17, 533-35, 539
Denominational agencies
  and archives. See Historical Committee.
  and Ministries Plan. See BOT, Denominational Ministries Plan.
    Goals, 70-72
    Strategic priorities, 42
    Strategic values, 42
  ministry shares, 647
    recommended for offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Services
  Financial statements, 119-20, 520
Denominational investments and compliance with investment policy, 466, 473-78
Denominational officers, 535
Devotions Committee, 539
Disability Concerns, Office of
  Activities of, 61-63
  and Breaking Barriers, 62
  and Church survey, 63-65
  Report re, 40, 61-65
  Strategies of, 61
Disaster Response Services (DRS). See Christian Reformed World Relief
Discovery tours, 235
Dordt College, 321-22, 609
Dutch Reformed Church
  in Africa (DRCA). See Interchurch Relations.
  in South Africa (DRC). See Interchurch Relations.
  in Sri Lanka. See Interchurch Relations.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 174, 333-35, 610
Easter Sunday, 217, 554
Ecclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.
Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy (EMPC), 151-52, 161, 621
Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 256
Ecumenical representatives and observers
  Canadian Council of Churches, Mrs. Louisa Bruinsma, 257; Dr. George Vandervelde, 257
  Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. William C. Veenstra, 257
  National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Dr. David H. Engelhard, 256
  National Council of Churches, Dr. George Vandervelde, 257
  Theological Commission of Caribbean and North American Area Council, Dr. Lyle Bierma, 257
Employee benefit programs, 241-47
Employee’s Retirement Plan: financial statements, 121-22, 524
Encounters, 235
Ethnic advisers, 24, 535.
Ethnic matters. See Multiethnic/multicultural; Study committees.
Ethnic Minority Program for Ministerial Candidacy (EMPMC), 414
Evangelical Fellowship
  of Cambodia (EFC), 221
  of Canada (EFC), 257, 266, 491
Evangelical
  Presbyterian Church (EPC). See Interchurch Relations.
  Reformed Church in Brazil. See Interchurch Relations.
  Reformed Church of Burundi. See Interchurch Relations.
Evangelical University of Latin America, 223
Evangelisch Lutherse Kerk (ELK). See Interchurch Relations.
Executive Committee, 21

F
Faculte Libre De Theologie, 222
Faculty advisers, 536
Faith Alive. See CRC Publications.
Faith and Order Commission, 257
Faith and Witness Commission, 257
Financial matters
  Condensed statements, 107-38, 511-26
“First Easter, The,” 143
First Friday Focus, 217
Foods Resource Bank, 234
Footnotes, 213
Forms of Unity, 535, 539
Fraternal delegates
  From churches
    Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Dr. Ronald C. DiNunzio, 565
    Reformed Church in America, Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, 565
    Reformed Church of East Africa, Rev. Jonathan Kangogo, 618;
      Rev. Joseph M. Murupus, 618, 624
    Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria, Rev. Manasseh A. Musa, 566
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Potchefstroom Synod), Dr. D.G. Breed; Rev. Andres Le R. duPlooy, 565
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod), Rev. Tshililo Liphadzi, 565

To churches
Christian Reformed Churches in Australia, Rev. Lawerence Spalink, 256
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Dr. Clayton Libolt, 256
General Assembly of the Reformed Church of Japan, Rev. George Young, 256
Reformed Church in America (RCA), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 256

Friendship curriculum, 181, 183
Friendship Ministries, 189
Friendship Series Charities, 189
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC) and Annually diminishing subsidy system, 207
Financial statement, 123-24, 517
Future of The Banner Report, The, 189-97. See also Banner, The.

G
Gathering, 217
GEMS, 334
Gratitude, expressions of, 642

H
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 35
Heidelberg Catechism, 263-64, 266, 277-306
Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Eucharist (Revised 2004), 277-97, 567-69, 627-29
Conclusions and recommendations, 295-97
Differences between the Heidelberg Catechism and Roman Catholic teaching, 285-89
Belgic Confession, 286
Mass’s efficacy for the dead, 289
Nature and direction of the sacrament, 285-86
Role of the church in mediation of salvation, 286-89
Differences over Sacrifice, 281-89
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 284, 292
Roman Catholic teachings, 282-85
Second Vatican Council, 283, 292
Teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism, 281-82
Differences over the presence of Christ in the sacrament, 290-95
A key difference between the Heidelberg Catechism and Roman Catholic teaching, 295
Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 294
Council of Florence, 291-92
Roman Catholic teaching, 290-95
Teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism, 290
World Council of Churches, 293-94
Introduction, 277-81
Catholic University of America (CUA), 277
Council of Trent, 279, 283, 284, 292, 294
Documents cited, 281
Historical note, 278-79
Outline of report, 280-81
RCC Ecumenical Commission in Canada, 277
Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (SEIA), 277
Synodical decisions re Q. and A. 80, 279-80
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 277

Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 and the Roman Catholic Eucharist, 297
Q. and A. 80 Report (Part II), 297-306, 629
Background, 297-99
Conclusion, 303-4
The Heidelberg Catechism on the Mass, 299-303
Heidelberg Catechism and contemporary Roman Catholic practice, 303
Heidelberg Catechism as response to official teaching, 300-301, 629
Heidelberg Catechism as response to practice, 301-3, 629
Introduction, 294-300
Recommendations, 297, 304-6, 566-69, 627-29
Hispanic market, 185, 186

Historical Committee
Archival
Staff, 250
Work, 250-52
Committee members, 250, 254, 562, 641
Publications, 251, 252
Recognition
of Congregations, 253-54
of Individuals, 252-53
Recommendations, 254-55, 562
Reminders from, 254, 562
Report re, 250-55

Hospitality Committee, 266, 539

I
Index of Synodical Decisions, 35-36
Institute for Christian Studies, 323-24, 609
Inter-Action, 233
Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD), 233
Interchurch Relations Committee
Belhar Confession, 262
Bilateral relationships
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 261, 494
Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 235, 493
Christian Reformed Church in Cuba, 494
Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa (CRCEA), 261, 267, 565
Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, 220, 493
Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia), 493
Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, 494
Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 221, 260, 267, 493, 564, 566
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi, 494
Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv, (NKST), 493
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, 259-60, 267, 270-72, 564
Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA), 493
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 493
Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 493
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 261, 494, 565
Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil, 494
Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi (ERCB), 494
Evangelisch Lutherse Kerk (ELK), 259
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 493
Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk (NHK), 259
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 494
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN/GKN), 258-59, 494
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 493, 565
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 493, 565
Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 493
Reformed Church in America (RCA), 261-62, 494-95, 286
Reformed Church in Argentina, 494
Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 493
Reformed Church in Zambia, 494
Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 260, 493, 564, 566
Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA), 260, 267, 564, 624
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 493
Catholic/Reformed dialogue, 264
Committee members, 256, 265-66, 570, 641
See also Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (report re).
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 263-64, 267-69, 627-29
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 261-63
Ecumenical relations
Representatives and observers, 256-57. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
and Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80, 277-306, 566-69, 627-29
Hospitality committee, 266, 539
and NAPARC. See NAPARC.
Nominations for membership
Canadian, 265-66
U.S., 266
Multilateral relationships-organizations
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 257
Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 257
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 257
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 256, 257
Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 257
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 257, 258
Protestant Church of the Netherlands, (PCN), 258, 259
Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC), 262-63, 267, 565
Recommendations, 267-71, 564-65, 566-70
and Reformed Ecumenical Council, 494. See also Reformed Ecumenical Council.
Report re, 256-313, 493-95
Representation at synod, 266
Interim pastors, 65-66
International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education, 559
International Student Subsidy Fund. See Calvin Theological Seminary, Offerings for.
Investments, 466, 473-78

J
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21
Joseph Fund, 237
Judicial Code Committee, 31-32, 549, 570, 641
Justice, 38-39, 229, 230, 232-33

K
“Kids Corner,” 143
King’s University College, The, 236, 325-26, 610
Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 38, 39, 70, 233

L
Leadership Development Networks, 210, 214
Lilly grant. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord of the Harvest, 208

M
Mandate and vision approvals, 459-60, 468, 558
Manitoba and Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, 235
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 36
Men’s Life programs, 183
Mental impairments, 183
Mexico
and National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, 224
and Reformed Presbyterian Church, 224
and World Missions, 220, 224
Micah Challenge, 48, 233, 489-91, 555
Micah Network, 233, 490
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA). See Interchurch Relations.
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 143
Millennium Development Compact, 232
Millennium challenge, 231-32
Ministerial Information Service, 40, 66
Ministers’ pension plans. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Administrative Council (MAC), 36, 220
Ministry of advocacy, 68-70, 232
Ministry Planning, Office of, 42-43
Ministries Priority Committee Report, 49, 102-6, 557
Ministry programs of CRWRC, 229-31
Minutes-share requests, 468, 624, 625
Minutes-Review Committee, 539
Multiethnic/multicultural matters
Ethnic advisers, 24, 535. See also Study committees.
Race Relations. See Race Relations.

N
NAPARC and the IRC, 261
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 256, 257
National Council of Churches, 257
Nehemiah Center, 224
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC). See Interchurch Relations.
Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk (NHK). See Interchurch Relations.
Networker, 209
Nicaragua Christian Academy, 224

O
Office of Personnel, 241
Officers and functionaries, 633
Old Age Security in Canada, 242
Overture 13 (from 2002), 626
Overtures
1: Purpose a Means by Which Requested Ministry Shares Are More in Line with the Expected Recovery of Funds, 403-4, 625
2: Study the Ministry Share System, 405, 625
3: Extend Ministry-Share Reduction Formula from 72 to 24 Members, 405-6, 625
4: Revise Ministers’ Pension Funds Assessment Calculation, 406-7, 626
5: Reconsider and Revise the Decision of Synod 2003 re the Funding of the Ministers’ Pension Plan, 408, 626
6: Reverse Decision re Assessments for Ministers’ Pension Fund, 408-9, 626
7: Reassess the New Payment Plan for Ministers’ Pension Fund, 409-10, 626
8: Revise Payment Plan for Ministers’ Pension Funds, 410-11, 626
9: Withhold Action on Recommendations of the Committee to Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 412-17, 613-21
10: Alter Recommendation F in the Alternate Routes to Ministry Report, 417, 613-21
11: Postpone Action on the Recommendations of the Committee to Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 417-18, 613-21
12: Alter Report re Pastoral Care for Homosexual Members Recommended to the Churches by Synod 2002, 418-20, 563
13: Enhance Deliberative Nature of Synod, 420-26, 547
15: Advise Church Councils to Refrain from Participation in Interfaith Worship Services, 428-27, 570-72
16: Revise Church Order Article 16, 427-29, 632-33
17: Exercise Special Discipline re Officebearers of First CRC, Toronto, Ontario, 429, 631-32
18: Instruct Classis Toronto re Discipline of Consistory of First CRC, Toronto, Ontario, 430-32, 631-32
19: Adjudicate Nonconcurrence Decision of Synodical Deputies, 432-33, 579-80
20: Return to Previous Police of Voting Individually on Ministerial Candidates at Synod, 433-35, 540-41
21: Study the Efficacy of the Form of Subscription, 435, 633
22: Appoint Study Committee to Examine “Third Wave” Pentecostalism, 436-37, 556, 608-9, 642
23: Revise Church Order Article 36-a, 499, 541-42
24: Continue Practice of Voting for candidates as a Group, 499-503, 540-41
25: Receive the BOT’s Report re the Succession Plan and Its Recommendations as Information, 503-4, 559-60

P
Pacific Hanmi, report of, 45, 72-81, 552
Partners for Christian Development, 231-32, 237
Pastor-Church Relations
   Activities of, 65-67
   Challenges for, 67
   Financial statement, 133-34, 521. See also Denominational Services.
   Report re, 40, 65-67
Pensions and Insurance
   Administration of, 241
   Board
      Canadian Pension Trustees, 241, 248, 623
      U.S. Board of Pensions and Insurance, 241, 247-48, 623
   and Chaplains, 245-46, 622-23
   Committee members, 641
   Consolidated Group Insurance, 249
   Disability benefits, 245
   Employees’ retirement plans, 247
   Finance
      Disclosures, 247
      Financial statements, 129-32, 522-23
      Investments. See Investments.
   and Housing, 242, 247
   Ministers’ pension plans, 241-46, 466, 622-23
   and Part-time service, 244
   Protocol, 48, 245, 623
   Recommendations, 247-48, 622-23
   Reinstatement of “frozen” participants, 244
   Report re, 241-49
Pentecost Sunday, 227, 555
Personal appeals, 450, 540-541, 630
Phnom Penh Bible College, 222
PowerLink, 209
Prayer Guide, 217
Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 146-47
“Primary Focus,” 143, 145
“Prince of Peace,” 143
Program Committee, 21, 537-38
Program HOPE!, 235
Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC). See Interchurch Relations.
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

O
Quisqueya Christian School, 224
Quota. See Ministry-share requests.

R
RACOM, 145
Race Relations
   and Advisory council, 68
   and All Nations Heritage Week, 51, 68, 557
   Director, 68, 558
   Mandate and vision of, 67, 459, 558
   Report re, 40-42, 67-68
Radio Pulpit, The, 143
Recommended agencies/causes
   Denominational, 461-62, 468-69, 559, 648-49
   New requests (not recommended), 463-64, 469, 559
   New requests (recommended), 462-63, 559
   Nondenominational, 461-62, 468, 469, 559, 648-49
   Recommended for offerings, 461-62, 468-69, 554, 555, 558, 648-49
   Recommended for support, 461, 469, 558, 648-49
   Related, 462, 468-69
   Renewals, 464-66, 559
Readeemer University College, 236, 327-28, 610
Reformation Day Sunday, 217, 554
Reformed Bible College, 329-30, 610
Reformed Churches
   in the Netherlands (RCN), 235. See also Interchurch Relations.
   in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom). See Interchurch Relations.
   in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg). See Interchurch Relations.
Reformed Church
   in Africa (RCA). See Interchurch Relations.
   in America (RCA). See Interchurch Relations; BOT; CRC Publications,
      Relationships.
   in Argentina. See Interchurch Relations.
   in Japan (RCJ), 222. See also Interchurch Relations.
   of New Zealand, 235
   in Zambia. See Interchurch Relations.
   of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 221. See also Interchurch Relations.
   of East Africa. See Interchurch Relations.
   Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). See Interchurch
      Relations.
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 257, 494, 629
Reformed Worship, 181
Regional Coordinators of Volunteers (RCVs), 236
Report re Sierra Leone, 555, 556
Restorative justice. See also Study committees.
Retirement benefits, 241-47
Retirements, ministerial, 572-73
Roman Catholic Eucharist, 627-29. See also Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80.

S
Samen op Weg, 259
Salary. See Board of Trustees, program and finance matters.
Sárospatak Reformed Seminary, 222
Sea to Sea Bike Tour, 556
Sergeant at Arms, 539
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 314, 563, 641
SERVE projects, 335
Service committees, 641
ServiceLink, 38, 235-36
Sesquicentennial Committee
   Recommendations, 317, 549
   Report re, 315-17
Sierra Leone, 222, 556
Smaller churches, 32, 206-7, 458-59, 558
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of
   *The Advocate*, 38, 69
   Report re, 42, 68-70
   *Shalom Seekers*, 69
Social Security Administration, 242
Sous Esowa (Source of Hope), 224
Special Program for Ministerial Candidacy (SPMC), 151-52, 160-61, 399-400, 414, 621
Stated supply, 468, 624, 647
Study committees
   Committee to Provide Guidelines for Alternate Routes to Ministry, 460, 471-73, 613-18, 618-21
   Committee to Review the Classical-Local Option with Respect to Women Serving in the Offices of Minister, Elder, and Evangelist, 642
   Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisors to Synod, 642
   Committee to Study Church Education, 641
   Committee to Study Restorative Justice, 642
   Committee to Study War and Peace, 642
   Committee to Study Christian Day School Education, 641
   Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism, 436-37, 608-9, 629-30, 642
Succession Plan
   Recommendations, 51, 85, 552-53
   Report, 81-102
   Retirement of Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 553
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), 43-45
Synodical
   Appointments, 539-40
   Delegates, 533-35, 539
   Officers, 535
Synodical deputies, 13-17, 634
   Work of, 573-608
Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise, 529-31
Synod staff, 536, 642

T
Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 257
Testimonial Luncheon Committee, 540
Today, 143
Trinity Christian College, 331-32, 610

U
United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 233
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, 262. See also Interchurch Relations.
Unified Report of Agencies and Service Committees, 139-317
Update, 217
Urban Aboriginal Ministry, 37
U.S. Agency for International Development, 234-35

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 536-37
Visual impairments, 183
Voice of the Reformed, 180
Voice of Life, 143
Volunteer placements, 236

W
Walk With Me, 181, 186, 187
Week of prayer for peace, 458, 468, 470, 549
Web sites, 216
Welcome to participants, 533
Women advisers, 28-29, 454, 536
Women in office. See Study committees.
Words of Hope, 143
Words of thanks, 454, 642
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 257, 258
World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), 491
World Literature Ministries. See CRC Publications.
Worship Planning Committee, 540
Worship at Synod, 529-31, 533, 539, 540, 543, 544, 554, 560, 564, 565, 572, 613, 618, 624
Worship Office, 184-85
Y
*Yearbook*, 33-34
Youth Ministry Committee, 333
Youth programs, 235. *See also* Encounters.
Youth Unlimited
  Convention, 334-35
  Encounters, 235, 334
  eQuip, 334
  SERVE, 335

Z
ZOA, 235
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  
BB  *Breaking Barriers*  
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 de l’Éducation Chrétienne en Haïti  
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 *Banner*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ELIC</td>
<td>English Language Institute - China</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EML</td>
<td>Educational Mission Leader</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPC</td>
<td>Evangelical Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPMC</td>
<td>Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERISA</td>
<td>Employee Retirement Income Security Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERRC</td>
<td>Educational Resources and Referrals - China</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAJ</td>
<td>Fédération des Associations de Jeunesses del L’UEBH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRB</td>
<td>Foods Resource Bank</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FSCO</td>
<td>Financial Services Commission of Ontario</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HCRC</td>
<td>Haitian Christian Reformed Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HECA</td>
<td>Higher Education Cooperation Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HPCD</td>
<td>Haitian Partners for Christian Development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICS</td>
<td>Institute for Christian Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICYM</td>
<td>Integrated Children and Youth Ministry Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRC</td>
<td>Interchurch Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ITEM</td>
<td>International Theological Education Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IVP</td>
<td>InterVarsity Press</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMCC</td>
<td>Joint-Ministries Management Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LDN</td>
<td>Leadership Development Networks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MC</td>
<td>Ministry Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MDG</td>
<td>Millennium Development Goals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEPP</td>
<td>Multi-Employer Pension Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MERF</td>
<td>Middle East Reformed Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MPF</td>
<td>Ministers’ Pension Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MUC</td>
<td>Christian University Student Movement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAPARC</td>
<td>North American Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCA</td>
<td>North Central Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NHK</td>
<td>Nederlandse Hervormde Kerk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKST</td>
<td>The Church of Christ among the Tiv</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVA</td>
<td>National Organization for Victim Assistance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OJJDP</td>
<td>Office of Juvenile Justice and delinquency Prevention</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJHA</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PBA</td>
<td>Pension Benefits Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PBGC</td>
<td>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCC</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCN</td>
<td>Protestant Church in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor Church Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCUSA</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in the USA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCC</td>
<td>Roman Catholic Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCCN</td>
<td>Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church of Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCN/GKN</td>
<td>Reformed Churches in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCVs</td>
<td>Regional Coordinators of Volunteers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REC</td>
<td>Reformed Ecumenical Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RES</td>
<td>Reformed Ecumenical Synod</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RRIT</td>
<td>Race Relations Integrating Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCORR</td>
<td>Synodical Committee on Race Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEW</td>
<td>Spiritual Emphasis Week</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMCC</td>
<td>Synodical Ministry Candidacy Committee</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

A
Abuse Prevention, Office of
   Accomplishments, 54-55
   Advocate role, 58-60
   Challenges, 55-56
   Office of, 35
   Report of, 54-60
   Revised procedures, 56-58, 775-77
Acts of Synod, 31, 191
Acts of the Apostles (Bruce), 141
Addresses to synod
   Bremer, Dr. Calvin L., 745
   Clemenger, Mr. Bruce, 739
   Dykstra, Rev. Gerard L., 750
   Engelhard, Dr. David, 749
   Erson, Rev. Liphadzi Azwifaneli, 739, 748
   Fromm, Rev. Douglas, 718, 739
   Heidebrecht, Rev. Paul, 740, 749
   Kendall, Rev. Stephen, 722, 739, 740, 749
   Murupus, Rev. Joseph, 740, 747
   Overeem, Rev. Evert, 739, 748
   Pitikoe, Dr. Seth Molefi, 718, 749
Advisers. See Multietnic/multicultural matters.
Advocate, The, 71
Affiliation task force, 620
Africa, 163-64, 177
Agencies. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
   Board changes for. See BOT, Program and finance.
   Unified report of, 111-288
Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 33, 41, 144, 172, 183, 186, 737
Agenda for Synod 2005, 31, 191
Agenda Directory for Synod 2005, 717
AIDS. See HIV/AIDS.
All Nations Heritage Week. See Race Relations.
Anastasis, 154
Announcements, 9-11
Antiracism. See CRC Publications; Race Relations.
Appointments, 717-18
  Interim, 23, 42, 617, 627, 783, 784
Arabic-language ministry, 113-14
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Asia, 165-66, 175-76
Association of Christian Reformed Educators (ACRE), 135
Association of Reformed Youth Pastors (ARYP), 135
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 714-15

B
Back to God Hour, The
  Primary Focus programs, 114
  Board, officers, and nominations, 113, 639-40, 816
  Cooperative organizations, 116
  Director, 621, 779
  Financial statements, 78-79, 689
  Mandate, 113
Ministries
  Arabic-language, 113-14
  Chinese-language, 115
  English-language, 114-15
  French-language, 115
  Indonesian-language, 115
  Japanese-language, 115
  Portuguese-language, 115-16
  Russian-language, 116
  Spanish-language, 116
  Recommendations, 117, 724
  Report of, 113-17, 639-40
  Salary disclosure, 113
Baker Book House, 135
Bangladesh, 165, 175, 176, 179, 181. See also College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh.
  Banner, The, 137-38
Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling (Clinebell), 114
Biblical and Theological Foundations for Marriage and Family (Meldonado), 141
Bilateral relationships. See Interchurch Relations.
Boards and committees, 815-21
Board of Trustees
  Activities of, 23-42
  and Abuse Prevention, 35. See also Abuse Prevention, Office of.
  Board, 24-27, 815-16
  and Chaplaincy Ministries, 36, 745. See also Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
  Committees
    Executive Committee, 21
    Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21
  and Denominational Ministries Plan. See Denominational Ministries Plan Scorecard.
  Director of denominational ministries, 750
  and Disability Concerns, 36. See also Disability Concerns, Office of.
  Diversity of staff, 777-78
Executive director of the Christian Reformed Church, 745, 747

Financial matters

Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 33, 41, 172, 183, 186
and Condensed financial statements, 78-109
Investments, 627. See also Investments.
and Ministry shares, 827
Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
Salary, 23, 626, 631, 737
and Lilly Endowment, 38
Mandate of, 21
Meetings of, 21
Membership, 22, 618, 627, 783, 784
Board officers, 22, 619
Executive committee members, 22
Corporation officers, 22
and Ministries Priority Committee, 40-41
and Ministry Planning, 37-38
and Organized status to congregations. See Congregations.
and Pastor-Church Relations, 36. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.

Polity matters, 23-33
Adoption of change in Church Order Article 7, 29
Adoption of change in Church Order Article 36-a, 29
Adoption of change in Church Order Article 84, 29.
Board membership for World Missions, 617
Classes that have declared the word male inoperative, 23
Convening churches, 30, 620, 628, 784, 814
Ethnic advisors. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim.
Judicial Code Committee, 30, 784, 820
Ministry associates report, 28, 44-46, 782
Nominations, 24-27
Publications and services, 31-33
Review of ethnic advisors. See Study committees.
Review of women in office. See Study committees.
and Smaller churches, 30
Women advisers. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.

Program and finance matters, 33-42
Agency budgets, 622, 629, 737
Agency presentations at synod, 38
and Balanced scorecard. See Denominational Ministries Plan Scorecard.
BOT ministry programs, 35-42
Canadian ministries. See Canada.
and CRC Foundation, 42. See also CRC Foundation.
and Calvin Theological Seminary, 39-40. See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
Denominational ministries plan. See Denominational agencies.
and Dynamic Youth Ministries. See Dynamic Youth Ministries.
Executive search report, 39
Financial matters, 41-42. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
and Lilly Endowment. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
and Ministry-share requests. See Ministry-share requests.
and new mission/vision statement, 34, 745
and Offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Office of Abuse Prevention. See Abuse Prevention, Office of.
Office of Chaplaincy Ministries. See Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
Office of Disability Concerns. See Disability Concerns, Office of.
Office of Ministry Planning. See Ministry Planning, Office of.
Office of Pastor-Church Relations and Ministerial Information Services.
See Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.
Office of Race Relations. See also Race Relations, Office of.
Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action. See Social Justice and Hunger
Action, Office of.
Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
Power to act re BTGH. See Back to God Hour, Director.
and Recommended salary ranges, 22, 460-61, 468, 624
and Reformed Church in America, 50. See also CRC Publications,
Relationships; Interchurch Relations, Bilateral relationships.
and Smaller churches. See Smaller churches.
and Stated supply. See Stated supply.
Succession planning, 45-47, 460. See also Succession Plan, Report re.
and Race Relations, 36-37. See also Race Relations, Office of.
Recommendations, 42-43, 627-31, 731-32, 735, 737, 744-45, 747, 750, 762-63,
775-77, 778-79, 780-85
Report of, 21-109, 617-38
Retirements, 626-27, 631, 779
Salary grids/ranges, 22, 626, 737
and Social Justice and Hunger Action, 37. See also Social Justice and Hunger
Action, Office of.
and Succession report. See Succession plan.
Vision statement. See Vision statement.
and War and Peace. See Study Committees.
and Women advisers. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.

Boards and committees, 815-21

Breaking Barriers. See Disability Concerns, Office of.

C
Calvin College
Administrative appointments, 119, 641
Board, 118, 119-22, 641-46, 728, 817
General matters, 118
Faculty
Faculty interviews, 118, 645
Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 119
Reappointments, 122, 645, 727
Recognition/retirees, 641, 645, 728
Finance, 122
Financial statements, 80-81, 690
Recommendations, 122, 645-46, 727-78
Report of, 118-23, 641-46
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 140-41
Calvin Theological Seminary
Addresses to synod, 739-40
Administration, 125
Board of trustees
   Elections and appointments, 124-25, 729, 817-18
   Officers, 124, 647
Candidates, 647, 729, 732, 733, 786-87
Curriculum and programs
   and Center for Excellence in Preaching, 126
   and Faculty Working Statement on the Nature of Excellence in Preaching, 126, 129-31, 729
   and Making Connections Initiative, 126
Faculty, 125-26, 647
   Appointments
      Claudia Beversluis, 125
      Darwin Glassford, 125, 128, 649-54, 729
      Reappointments, 125-26, 128
      Retirement, 125, 729
Finance
   Budget, 647
   and Communication to synod, 647-48
   Financial statements, 82-83, 691
General matters
   Chapel renovation, 127
   Continuing education, 127-28
   “Facing Your Future” program, 128, 729
Offerings for, 129, 622, 729
Students
   Composition of student body, 127
   Graduates, licentiates, 647
   Recommendations, 128-30, 648-49, 729, 732, 746
   Report of, 124-31, 647-54
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 302
Cambodia, 165, 175
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
   Aboriginal Ministries, 34
   Canadian Ministries, 34-35, 39, 745
   Centennial, 41, 779
   Committee for Contact with the Government, 34-35
   Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada (CCRCC), 35
   Face of, 34
   Financial statements, 85, 691
   ServiceLink, 35
   Social justice, 35
   Volunteers, 35
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 35, 822
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 179, 180, 183
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 177, 180, 183
Candidates/candidacy. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Caribbean and North American Area Council, 234
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Center for Excellence in Preaching. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Chaos of the Cults (Van Baalen), 142
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of
  Challenges for, 62-63
  Noteworthy events of, 61-62
  Report of, 60-63
China, 161, 162, 165
Chinese-language ministry, 115
Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 166
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 235-36
Christian Community Development Organization, 176
Christian Day School report. See Study committees.
Christian Education Foundation, 164
Christian Reformed Churches. See Interchurch Relations.
Christian Reformed Church in North America-Michigan Corporation, 21
Christian Reformed Church in North America-Ontario Corporation, 21
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
  Assistance programs, 185, 186
  Board, 185
  Committee members, 820
  Finances
    Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 186
    Financial statement, 98-99, 704
    Sources of funding, 186
    Growth of operations, 185-86
    Recommendations, 186-87, 736
    Staff of, 186
  Report of, 185-87
Christian Reformed Church Synod Trustees, 21
Christian Reformed Home Missions
  Board, 147, 818
  and Calvin Theological Seminary, 155, 157
  Classical renewal, 159
  and Reformed Bible College, 155
  Finance
    Financial statements, 96-97, 694
  Ministries of
    Church planting and development, 149-53
      Identified sites, 152-53
      and Growth through evangelism, 149-50
      Partnerships, 151-52
    Educational mission
      Campus ministries, 153-54
      Leadership, 154
      Red Mesa schools, 154
      Evangelizing progress, 146
      Financial partnering, 157-58
      Mission-focused churches, 148
      Mission-focused leadership development
        Directions, 156
        Leadership, 155
        New initiatives, 156
Prayer, 155
Training, 155-56
Ministry advancement
  Communications, 158-59
  Financial resources, 158
  Personnel, 158
Ministry teams, 157-58
  Prayer and small group development, 156-57
Recommendations, 159, 724-25
Reorganizing, 145-46
Report of, 40, 145-59
Retirements, 147
Vision, mission, goals, 145
Christian Reformed Schools (COCREF), 168
Christian Reformed World Missions
  Board, 172, 818-19
  Collaboration with other CRCNA agencies, 160, 172
  and Cuba, 168
Finances
  Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 172
  Financial statements, 106-7, 696
  Salary information, 172
Governance and administration, 172
Honors, 171
  and Long-range plan, 172
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 170
Mission fields and projects
  Africa, 163-64
  Asia, 165-66
  Europe, 166-67
  Latin America, 167-70
Recommendations, 172-73, 725
Recruitment and training, 171
Report of, 160-73
Review of, 161-63
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
  Board, 175, 656, 819-20
  and Classis Renewal Ministry team, 182
  and Community services, 180-82
  and Disaster
    Disaster Response Services (DRS). See Disaster Response Services.
    Relief projects of, 178-80
Finances
  Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 183
  Financial statements, 108-9
  financial history, 183
  Salary disclosure, 183
  and Justice education, advocacy, and service learning, 177-78
Programs and ministries, 175-84
  Africa, 177
  Asia, 175-76
  Eastern Europe, 176
Latin America, 176-77
North America, 176
Recommendations, 184, 657, 725-26
Report of, 174-84
and Resource development, 183-84
Christian Reformed World Relief Fund, 180
Christian Schools International, 135
Church. See also Interchurch Relations.
anniversaries. See Historical Committee, Recognition.
Church Order Articles
Article 7, 29, 783
Article 8, 662, 667-68, 740-42
Article 36-a, 29, 783-84
Article 47, 662
Article 84, 29, 784
Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 31
Church planting goals and objectives. See Christian Reformed Home Missions, Ministries of.
Churches
 convening. See BOT, Polity matters.
in ecclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.
Classical examinations
 Article 7 (approved), 788-91
 Article 7 (not approved), 789
 Article 8, 791-800
 Article, 12-c, 800-815
 Article 13-c, 803
 Article 14-b, 803-5
 Article 14-d, 803
 Article 14-e, 805
 Article 17a, 805-8
 Article 17-c, 808-9
 Article 23, 810-13
 Article 82-83, 813
Classical matters
 Classes declaring the word male inoperative, 23
CNT: Revelation (Kistemaker), 142
Coffee Break, 157
College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh, (CCTB), 165
Commission on Christian Unity, 240
Committee assignments, 715-16
Committees. See also Study committees.
 Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 34-35
 Service, 820-21
Sesquicentennial Committee. See Sesquicentennial Committee.
Communications
 1: Classis Iakota, 603-4, 748, 755-56
 2: Classis Iakota, 605, 761-62
 3: Classis Heartland, 605-6, 719-21
 4: Council of Maranatha CRC, Woodbridge, Ontario, 606-11, 722, 723-24, 743-44, 820, 821
5: Council of Springdale CRC, Brantford, Ontario, 611-14, **722, 723-24, 743-44, 820, 821**

6: Classis Hamilton, 681, **748, 755-56**

7: Classis Toronto, 681-85, **748, 755-56**

*Compassionate Congregation, The*, 140

Condensed financial statements, 78-109

*Confesiones de fe de la Iglesia*, 142

Confidentiality, 9, **714**

Congregations, 46-52, 622-29, 631-33, **762-63, 780-81**

Connections, 157

Consolidated Group Insurance, 197-98

Financial statements, 86-87, 703

Continuing education, 68. *See also* Calvin Theological Seminary.

Convening churches. *See* BOT, Polity matters.

Coordinating Council for Church in Society (CCCiS), 71

Costa Rica, 167-68

CRC Denominational Ministries Plan. *See* Denominational Ministries Plan.

*CRC Church Order*, Spanish, 142

CRC Publications

and Antiracism, 136

and *The Banner*, 137-38

Board, 133-34, **818**

Long-range planning, 134

Nominations for, 133-34

Officers of, 132

Organization of, 132

and Recycling, 136

and Relationship with other organizations. *See* CRC Publications,

Relationships.

and Relationship with denominational structure and plan, 134

and Resources used by CRC churches, 136

Curriculum/Publications

*Compassionate Congregation, The*, 140

*Discover Your Bible*, 139

*Discover Your Gifts*, 140

*Empty Pew: Caring for Christ’s Wandering Sheep, The*, 140

*Fossils and Faith*, 139

Friendship Bible Studies, 140

Kerygma Bible Study program, 139

*I Believe: Getting Ready to Profess My Faith*, 139

*LiFE*, 135

*Little Lambs*, 139

*Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony*, 655, **734**

*Questions Worth Asking*, 182

*Reformed Worship*, 140, 141

*Route 66*, 139

*Sing! A New Creation*, 140

*Sing With Me*, 140

*Stuff to Know When Cults Come Knocking*, 139

*Together: All God’s People*, 139

*Walk With Me*, 135, 138, 140, 143

*Word Alive*, 139

*The Worship Sourcebook*, 141
Faith Alive
    Education Office, 138-40
    Evangelism Office, 140
    Worship Office, 140-41
Finance
    Agenda for Synod 2005-Financial and Business Supplement, 143-44
    Financial statements, 88-89, 693
    Salary disclosure, 136-37
Friendship Ministries, 144
Friendship Series Charities, 144
Long-term training, 134-35
Marketing department, 142-43
Mission statement of, 132
Periodical department
    The Banner, 137-38
    Faith Alive, 138-41
    Voice of the Reformed, 138
Personnel matters, 143
Recommendations, 144, 655, 733-34
Relationships
    with Association of Reformed Youth Pastors, 135
    with Association of Christian Reformed Educators (ACRE), 135
    with Baker Book House, 135
    with Christian Schools International, 135
    with Dynamic Youth Ministries (DYM), 135
    with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 135
    with Other CRC agencies, 134-35
    with Presbyterian Church USA, 135
    with Reformed Church in America, 135
Report of, 132-44, 655
and Use of CRC Publications resources, 136
World Literature Ministries, 141-42
    Overview, 141
    Publishing work for Libros Desafio, 141-42
CRC Source, 159
Created in God’s Image (Hoekema), 142
Crossroad Bible Institute, 116
Cuba, 168
Curriculum, 76-77, 135, 138-40. See also CRC Publications.

D
Deep Roots, New Branches, 150, 155
Delegates, 13-17
    Note to, 9
    to Synod 2005, 13-17, 711-13
Denominational agencies
    and archives. See Historical Committee.
    and Ministries Plan, 37-38. See also Denominational Ministries Plan Scorecard.
    ministry shares, 827
    recommended for offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.
    Financial statements, 90-91, 698
Denominational investments and compliance with investment policy. See Investments.

Denominational Ministries Plan Scorecard, 35-42, 52-54

Denominational officers, 713

Devotions Committee, 717

Disability Concerns, Office of
  Activities of, 64-65
  and Breaking Barriers, 64-65
  and Church survey, 65-66
  Office of, 36
  Report of, 63-67

Disaster Response Services (DRS), 178-80

Discover Your Bible, 139

Discover Your Gifts, 140

Discovery tours, 181

Domestic disaster relief, 179

Dominican Republic, 168, 180, 182

Dordt College, 291-94, 730

Dutch Reformed Church. See Interchurch Relations.

Dynamic Youth Ministries, 135, 302-4, 731

E

East Africa, 177

Europe, 166-67, 176

Easter Sunday, 159

Ecclesiastical fellowship. See Interchurch Relations.

Ecuador, 178

Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 233

Ecumenical representatives and observers
  Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. Johannes De Viet, 233
  Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. David Engelhard, 234
  National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Dr. David H. Engelhard, 233
  National Council of Churches, Dr. George Vandervelde, 133
  Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), 739
  Theological Commission of Caribbean and North American Area Council,
    Dr. Lyle Bierma, 234

Elections, 727

El Salvador, 161, 168-69

Employee benefit programs, 188-94

Employee’s Retirement Plan: financial statements, 92-93, 702

Empty Pew: Caring for Christ’s Wandering Sheep, The, 140

Encounters, 162

English-language ministry, 114-15

Ethnic
  advisers. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
  matters. See Multiethnic/multicultural; Study committees.

Evangelical Fellowship
  of Cambodia (EFC), 165
  of Canada, 224
Evangelical Reformed churches. See Interchurch Relations.
Evangelical University of Latin America, 167-68
Executive Committee, 21

F
Faculty Statement on the Nature of Excellence in Preaching. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Faith Alive. See CRC Publications.
Faith and Order Commission, 133
Faith and Witness Commission, 233-34
Financial matters. See also BOT; Recommended agencies/causes; Stated Supply
Condensed statements, 78-109, 689-704, 737
First Easter, The, 115
First Friday Focus, 159
Form of subscription, 619, 627-28, 735
Fossils and Faith, 139
Forms of Unity, 713
France, 161, 166-67
Fraternal delegates
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Rev. Paul Heidebrecht, 749
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Dr. Philip De Jonge, 233; Rev. Paul Heidebrecht, 740
Protestant Church of the Netherlands, Rev. Evert Overeem, 713, 748
Reformed Church in America (RCA), Dr. Philip De Jonge, 233
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Douglas Fromm, 718, 739, 740
Reformed Church in East Africa, Rev. Joseph M. Murupus, 713, 739, 740, 747
Reformed Church of Japan, Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, 233
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod), Rev. Erson Azwifaneli Liphadzi, 723, 739-40, 748
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Dr. Seth Molefi Pitikoe, 718, 749
French-language ministry, 115
Friendship Bible Studies, 139-40, 141
Friendship curriculum, 140, 141
Friendship Ministries, 144, 733
Friendship Series Charities, 144
Fulfulde New Testament, 177
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC)
Financial statement, 94-95, 695

G
Gathering, 159
GEMS, 302-3
Getting to the Other Side of Grief (Zonnebelt-Smeenge and De Vries), 142
Go Guide, 162
Gratitude, expressions of,
on behalf of synod, 822-23
for centennial anniversary in Canada, 779
for Dr. David Engelhard, 779
for Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 779
to governments, 778
Greetings, 822
Guam, 165
Guinea, 164

H
Haiti, 169, 179, 182.
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 31-32
Heidelberg Catechism, 234, 242
Hispanic market, 141-42
Historical Committee
  Archival
    Staff, 227
    Work, 227-29
  Board, 229, 733
  Committee members, 820
Publications
  Historical Dictionary of the Christian Reformed Church, 229
Recognition
  of Congregations, 231
  of Individuals, 229-31
Recommendations, 232, 734
Reminders from, 231-32
Report of, 227-32
Historical Dictionary of the Christian Reformed Church, 229
HIV/AIDS, 162, 167, 177, 178, 726, 822
Honduras, 169, 182
Hospitality Committee, 243, 660, 717
Hungary, 161, 167

I
I Believe: Getting Ready to Profess My Faith, 139
Index of Synodical Decisions, 32
India, 179, 181
Indonesia, 176
Indonesian-language ministry, 115
Institute for Christian Studies, 293-94, 730
Institutes (Calvin), 142
Interchurch Relations Committee
  Belhar Confession, 240
Bilateral relationships
  Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 660
  Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 659, 822
  Christian Reformed Church in Cuba, 660
  Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa (CRCEA), 660
  Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, 659
  Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia), 659
  Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, 660
  Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 659
  Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Nkhoma Synod) Malawi, 660
  Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv, (NKST), 659
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, 660
Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA), 659
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 659
Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 659, 822
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 239, 660
Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil, 660
Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi (ERCB), 660
Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 659
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 659
Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), 241
Protestant Church of the Netherlands, (PCN), 659, 750-55, 754
Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN/GKN), 236-39, 822
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 659
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 659
Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 659, 822
Reformed Church in America (RCA), 239, 240-41, 660, 740-43, 822
Reformed Church in Argentina, 660
Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 659
Reformed Church in Zambia, 660
Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 659
Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA), 660
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 659
Committee members, 233, 658, 820
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 235-36
Conversation with the Reformed Church in America, 660-62, 663-67, 740-43
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 242
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 239
Ecumenical relations
Representatives and observers, 233-34, 739. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality committee. See Hospitality committee.
Membership, 233, 658, 740
Nominations for Canada, 242
Nominations for U.S., 243
“Message Committee Report,” 278-81
“Mission Section Plenary Report,” 269-73
Multilateral relationships-organizations
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 234
Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 234
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), 235-36
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 234
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 234
Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 234
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 235, 257-84
and NAPARC. 239
Recommendations, 243-44, 661-62, 739-43, 750-55, 764
and Reformed Ecumenical Council, 660
Report of, 233-84
Representation at synod, 243
“Spirituality Section Report,” 274-77
Interim pastors, 68
Investments, 627, 634-38, 737
J
Japan, 161, 162, 166
Japanese-language ministry, 115
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 21
Joseph Fund, 184
Judicial Code Committee, 30, 784, 820
Justice, 177-78

K
Kenya, 180-82
“Kids Corner,” 115
King’s University College, The, 295-96, 569-70, 730, 748
Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 35

L
Laos, 175, 180
Latin America, 167-70, 176-77
Leadership Development Networks. See Home Missions, Mission-focused leadership.
Liberia, 164, 179
LiFE, 135
Life Line, 157
Lilly grant. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Little Lambs, 139, 157
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord of the Harvest, 150

M
Making Connections Initiative. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Malawi, 180
Mali, 161, 162, 164, 177, 180
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 33
Men’s Life programs, 140
Mental impairments, 139-40
Membership Issues re Organized Status of Congregations. See Congregations.
Mexico, 169-70
Micah Challenge, 71, 726, 743
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 113-14
Millennium Development Goals, 71
Ministerial Information Service, 36, 69
Minister as Diagnostician, The, 142
Ministers’ Pension Fund. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministry associate. See BOT, Polity matters.
Ministry Council (MC), 33
Ministry of advocacy, 68-70, 177-78
Ministry Planning, Office of, 37-38
Ministries Priority Committee Report, 40-41
Ministry programs of CRWRC in Asia, 175-76
in East and Southern Africa, 177
in Eastern Europe, 176
in Latin America, 176-77
in North America, 176
in West Africa, 177
Ministry-shares, 629, 827
Minutes-Review Committee, 717
More Than Conquerors (Hendriksen), 142
Multiethnic/multicultural matters
  Ethnic advisers, 23-24, 618, 714, 748, 755-56. See also Study committees.
  Faculty advisers, 713
  Women advisers, 27-28, 618, 714. See also Study committees.

N
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 233, 234
National Council of Churches, 233
Navigating the Growth Matrix, 150
Nehemiah Center, 170
Networker, 150
Nicaragua, 161, 170, 180
Nigeria, 161, 162, 163-64, 177, 181
Niger, 177
North America, 176

O
Office of Personnel, 188
Officers and functionaries, 814
Old Age Security in Canada, 190
On a Mission, 159
Overtures
  1: Permit the Transfer of the Los Angeles Church of Love CRC to Classis
     Pacific Hanmi, 569, 747-49
  2: Convene Synod 2001 at the Kings University College in Edmonton,
     Alberta, 569-70, 748
  3: Allow Former Elders to Serve as Delegates to Synod, 570-71, 721
  4: Replace Article 41 of the Church Order, 571-72, 721-22
  5: Drop Questions 5-a, 5-b, and 5-c from Church Order Article 41, 573, 721-
     22
  6: Change the Title for the New Chief Denominational Executive Position,
     573-74, 621-22, 629, 782
  7: Depose the Minister and Elders of First CRC Toronto, 574-75, 722, 723-24,
     743-44, 820, 821-22
  8: Appoint a Study Committee re Improving the Relational Health and
     Nurture of Marriage and Family Life, 575-77, 735-36
  9: Develop a Denominationally Supported Fund to Assist with the Cost of
     Christian Day School Education for the Children of Seminary Students,
     578-79, 738
  10: Honor Both Convictions Regarding the Use of Women’s Gifts, 579-90,
     757-60
11: Request Not to Adopt the Recommendations of the Committee to Review the Classical-Local Options with Respect to Women Serving in the Office of Minister, Elder, and Evangelist, 590-92, 757-60
12: Reject the Report and Recommendations of the Committee to Review the Classical-Local Option re Women in Office, 592-93, 757-60
13: Not Adopt Certain Recommendations of the Committee to Review the Classical-Local Options with to Women Serving in the Office of Minister, Elder, and Evangelist, 593-97, 757-60
15: Highlight Recommendation C and Reject Recommendation B of the Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisers to Synod, 598-99, 748, 755-56
16: Reject the Recommendation of the Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisers to Synod, 599-600, 748, 755-56
17: Not Adopt Recommendation B of the Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisers to Synod, 600-601, 748, 755-56
18: Also Interview Leading Female Candidate for Director of Denominational Ministries, 673-74, 749-50
19: Request Additional Study on Restorative Justice, 675-80, 761-62

P
Partners Worldwide (formerly Partners for Christian Development), 175-76, 183
Pastoral Ministries, 36-38
  Financial statement, 104-5, 699
Pastor-Church Relations
  Activities of, 67-69
  Challenges for, 69
  Office of, 36
  Report of, 67-69
Pensions and Insurance
  Board
    Canadian Pension Trustees, 188, 196-97
    U.S. Board of Pensions and Insurance, 188, 195-96
  and Chaplains, 193
  Committee members, 820
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 197-98
  Employees’ retirement plans, 194
  Endorsement by BOT, 622, 629, 737
  Finance
    Disclosures, 194
    Financial statements, 100-103, 700-701
    Investments. See Investments.
  and Housing, 190, 195
  Ministers’ pension plans, 189-94
    Actuarial valuation, 191
    Assumptions and priorities, 190-91
    Changes in, 192-93
    Defined-benefit, 189
    Funding, 193-94
    Participant counts, 189
    Portfolio, 191-92
Recommendations, 194-98, 736-37
Report of, 188-226
Retirement benefits, 189-94, 198-226
Strategic plan, 198-226
Pentecost Sunday, 172, 725
Ph.D. program for Latin America (PRODOLA), 167
Philippines, The, 166, 179, 182
PowerLink, 150
Portuguese-language ministry, 115-16
Prayer Guide, 159
Prayer Paper, 157
Presbyterian Church in the USA, 180
Primary Focus, 114, 116
Prince of Peace, 115
Program Committee, 21, 715-17
Program HOPE!, 181
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

Q
Questions Worth Asking, 139
Quota. See Ministry-share requests.

R
RACOM, 116
Race Relations
and All Nations Heritage Week, 44, 70, 732
Mandate and vision of, 69-70
Office of, 36-37
Report of, 69-70
Radio Pulpit, The, 114
REC News Exchange, 234
Recommended agencies/causes
Denied inclusion, 625, 630-31, 782
Denominational, 622-23, 781
New requests (not recommended), 626, 630, 631, 781
New requests (recommended), 625, 781
Nondenominational, 630, 781-82
Recommended for offerings, 622-23, 630, 781
Recommended for support, 623-24, 781, 827, 828
Related, 623
Redeemer University College, 297-98, 730
Reformation Sunday, 159, 725
Reformed Bible College, 299, 730-31
Reformed Christian Church of Nigeria, 300-301
Reformed Churches. See Interchurch Relations.
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 234
Reformed Worship, 140, 141
Regional Coordinators of Volunteers (RCVs), 182
Restorative justice, 675-80, 761-62. See also Study committees.
Retirements, ministerial, 785-86
Romania, 282
Route 66, 139
Russia, 167
Russian-language ministry, 116
Rwanda, 177, 182

S
Safe Keeping, 139
Samen op Weg, 236
Salary. See Board of Trustees, Program and finance matters.
Sárospatak Reformed Seminary, 167
Sea to Sea Bike Tour. See Canada, Centennial
Seeds of New Creation, 160, 168-69
Senegal, 177
Sergeant at Arms, 717
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 285, 735, 821
Service committees, 820-21
ServiceLink, 180-82
  Discovery tours, 181
  Program HOPE!, 181
  Service Link Canada, 182
  Volunteer placements, 181
  Youth programs, 181
Sesquicentennial Committee, 821
  Background, 286
  Plans of, 286-88
  Recommendations, 288, 779
  Report of, 286-88
Shalom Seekers: Living the Call to Do Justice, 72
Sierra Leone, 164, 177
Sing! A New Creation, 140
Sing With Me, 140
Small Talk, 157
Social Justice and Hunger Action
  Office of, 37
  Report of, 68-70
  Shalom Seekers, 72
  Third World debt relief, 778
  Work of, 71
Social Security Administration, 190
South Africa, 182
Southern Africa, 177
Spanish-language ministry, 116
Stated supply, 622, 629, 737
Story Hour, 157
Study committees
  Committee to Review the Classical-Local Option with Respect to Women
    Serving in the Offices of Minister, Elder, and Evangelist, 307-32, 756-60
  Committee to Review the Practice of Appointing Ethnic Advisors to Synod,
    333-51, 748, 755-56
  Committee to Study Church Education, 136, 482-528, 719-21
Committee to Study Christian Day School Education, 352-481, 765-75
Committee to Study Restorative Justice, 529-65, 761-62
Committee to Study War and Peace, 620-21, 628, 784-85, 821
Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism, 620-21, 628-29, 784, 821

Stuff to Know When Cults Come Knocking, 139
Succession plan, report re, 39, 73-77
Sudan, 179
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), 38
Synod
  Appointments, 717-18
  and candidates, 718-19. See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
  Delegates, 711-13
  Deputies, 786-813, 814-15
  Functionaries, 814
  Introduction re, 713-14
  Officers, 713, 814
Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee, 774, 783, 821
Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise, 707-9
Systematic Theology (Berkhof), 142

Tanzania, 178
Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC), 234
Testimonial Luncheon Committee, 718
Today, 114
Together: All God’s People, 139
Transforming Mission (Bosch), 142
Trinity Christian College, 300-301, 730-31

Uganda, 179, 182
Unified Report of Agencies and Service Committees, 111-304
Universe Next Door, The (Sire), 142
Pudate, 159
Urban Aboriginal Ministry, 34
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), 175, 180

Video recording of synod, 9-10, 714
Vision statement, 34, 745
Visual impairments, 139-40
Voice of the Reformed, 138
Voice of Life, 114
Volunteer placements, 181

Walk With Me, 135, 138, 140, 143
Web sites, 158
Welcome to participants, 711
West Africa, 177
Women advisors. See Multiethnic/multicultural matters.
Women in office. See Study committees.
Word Alive, 139
Words of Hope, 113
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 235, 257-84
World Literature Ministries, 141-42
Worship Planning Committee, 717
Worship Office
   and Reformed Worship, 140
   and Sing! A New Creation, 140
   and The Worship Sourcebook, 140-41

Y
Yearbook, 31, 146
Youth Unlimited, 303-4

Z
Zambia, 180, 182
(Page numbers in boldface type refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to agenda and supplementary materials.)

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
COCREF – 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 Haïti
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 Jeunesses 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
Abuse Prevention, Office of

Accomplishments, 71-72
Acknowledgment of director, 642
Challenges, 72-73
Report of, 33, 70-73
Acts of Synod, v, 28, 254, 296, 303, 518
Acts of the Apostles (Bruce), 186
Addresses to synod
Adema, Rev. Bruce, 641, 668
Bekker, Dr. Gary, 710
Breed, Dr. Douw, 668
DeWaard, Rev. Henk, 668
du Plooy, Prof. Andries le R., 668
Fromm, Rev. Doug, 668
Granberg-Michaelson, Rev. Wesley, 673
Heerspink, Rev. Robert, 664
Jacob, Rev. Chuck, 668
Mpindi, Rev. Paul, 652
Mutiogo, Ms. Ida Kaastra, 664
Silas, Rev. Nefefe Mbulahani, 668
Weber, Mr. Steven P., 668

Advisers
- Ethnic, 21-22, 632
- Faculty, 631-32
- Women, 22, 632

*Advocate, The. See* Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of.

Affiliation process, 27, 40, 64-70, 680
Africa, 212, 213, 214-16, 235-37, 238-40
Agencies. *See also* Recommended agencies/causes;
  - Supplemental reports, 585-98
  - Unified report of, 149-256

*Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement*, 30, 37, 187, 225, 244, 247

*Agenda for Synod 2006*, 28, 296, 303
*Agenda Directory for Synod 2006*, 634

AIDS. *See* HIV/AIDS.

All Nations Heritage Week. *See* Race Relations.

Announcements, 9-11

Antiracism. *See* Race Relations; CRC Publications.

Appeal 1: Springdale CRC, Bradford, Ontario, 605

Appointments,
  - Interim, 21, 563, 573, 660

Arabic-language ministry, 152

Archives. *See* Historical Committee.

Asia, 212, 213, 216-17, 231

Association of Christian Reformed Educators (ACRE), 179

Association of Reformed Youth Pastors (ARYP), 179

Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 632-33

B

Back to God Hour, The

*Primary Focus* programs, 152

Board, officers, and nominations, 151, 649, 734

Cooperative organizations, 155

Director, 151, 641, 648-49, 664

Financial statements, 115-16, 609. *See also* Agenda for Synod 2006—Business and Financial Supplement.

Mandate, 151

Ministries
  - Arabic-language, 152
  - Chinese-language, 153
  - English-language, 152-53
  - French-language, 153-54
  - Indonesian-language, 154
  - Japanese-language, 154
  - Portuguese-language, 154
Russian-language, 154
Spanish-language, 154-55
Recommendations, 155
Report of, 151-55, 585
Salary disclosure, 151
Baker Book House, 180
Bangladesh, 216, 231, 232. See also College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh.
Banner, The, 179, 181
Belhar Confession, 273, 276, 715
Biblical and Theological Foundations for Marriage and Family (Meldonado), 186
Bilateral relationships. See Interchurch Relations.
Board of Trustees
and Abuse Prevention, 33. See also Abuse Prevention, Office of.
and Affiliation process, 27, 40, 64-67, 680
and Appointment of Canadian director, 25
Board, 19-20, 563-64, 565, 660, 734
and Chaplaincy Ministries, 33. See also Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
and Christian day school tuition, 25-26, 43-50
Committees
Executive Committee, 19-20
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 19
and Denominational Ministries Plan. See Denominational Ministries Plan,
Scorecard.
Director of denominational ministries, 30, 567, 574, 680
and Disability Concerns, 33-34. See also Disability Concerns, Office of.
Executive director of the Christian Reformed Church,
and BOT, 19, 20
and Calvin Bremer, 27
and Chaplaincy, 73
and Church Order 3-a, 21
and Convening church, 481
and CRC Publications, 28, 30, 189
and Disability Concerns, 79
and Gerard Dykstra, 566-67, 575-76, 654-55, 664-65
and Healthy congregations, 573-74
and Interchurch Relations, 264, 270, 276, 278, 286, 304
and Member count, 38, 52, 54
and Peter Borgdorff, 568, 574
and SMCC, 313
and War and Peace report, 416, 417, 534
Financial matters
Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement, 30, 37. See also
Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement.
and Condensed financial statements, 40, 115-48. See also Condensed
Financial Statements.
Investments, 36, 572, 577-81, 572, 577-81. See also Condensed Financial
Statements.
Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
Salary, 20-21
and Form of Subscription revision, 25
and Lilly Endowment, 35-36
Mandate of, 19. See also individual BOT-related ministry programs; individual agencies.
Meetings of, 19, 30, 31
Membership
  Board officers, 20
  Corporation officers, 20
  Executive committee members, 20
  Nominations for, 22-24
and Ministry Planning. See Ministry Planning, Office of.
and Pastor-Church Relations, 34. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.

Polity matters
  Adoption of change in Church Order Article 8: 26
  Adoption of change in Church Order Article 41: 26, 54-64
  Adoption of change in Church Order Article 47: 26
  Agency director appointments, 24
  Bremer, Resignation of Rev. Calvin, 25, 568, 679-80, 725
  Classes that have declared the word male inoperative, 21. See also
  Classical matters.
  Constitution Article VI, 567-68, 574, 680-81
  Convening churches, 26-27, 732, 680
  Ethnic advisors. See Advisers.
  Interim appointments. See Appointments, Interim.
  Judicial Code Committee, 27, 564, 573, 678-79, 680
  Membership count, 26, 50-54, 38, 660-61
  Publications and services, 28-30
  Women advisers. See Advisers.
  World Missions board, 563

Program and finance matters
  Agency presentations at synod, 36
  and Balanced scorecard. See Denominational Ministries Plan.
  BOT ministry programs, 33-36, 70-87
  Canadian ministries. See Canada.
  and CRC Foundation, 36
  and Calvin Theological Seminary, 35-36. See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
  and Denominational Ministries Plan. See Denominational Ministries Plan.
  Discipleship Office, 36, 681
  and Dynamic Youth Ministries. See Dynamic Youth Ministries.
  Executive search report, 25
  Financial matters, 37. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
  and Lilly Endowment. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
  and Ministries Plan Scorecard, 30-31
  and Offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.
  Office of Abuse Prevention. See Abuse Prevention, Office of.
  Office of Chaplaincy Ministries. See Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of.
  Office of Disability Concerns. See Disability Concerns, Office of.
  Office of Ministry Planning. See Ministry Planning, Office of.
  Office of Pastor-Church Relations and Ministerial Information Services. See Pastor-Church Relations, Office of.
  Office of Race Relations. See Race Relations, Office of.
Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
Power to act re BTGH. See Back to God Hour, Director.
and Reformed Church in America, 26, 152
and CRC Publications, 174, 179, 193, 194
and Interchurch Relations Committee, 265, 269, 273, 514, 516
and SMCC, 320
and Committee to Study War and Peace, 414.
Smaller churches. See also Smaller churches.
and Home Missions, 182, 196, 199, 207, 208
and Stated supply. See Stated supply compensation.
and Race Relations, 34. See also Race Relations, Office of.
Recommendations, 37-40, 573-75
Report of, 19-148, 563-84
and Restorative Justice, 573, 575, 681
Retirements
  Borgdorff, Dr. Peter, 568, 574, 673, 681
  Vander Laan, Dr. James, 568
Salary grids/ranges, 20-21, 571-72, 575
and Social Justice and Hunger Action, 34. See also Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of.
Vision statement. See Vision statement.
and War and Peace. See Study Committees.
and Women advisers. See Advisers.
Boards and committees, 733-39
Breaking Barriers. See Disability Concerns, Office of.

C
Calvin College
  Administrative appointments, 156-57, 586
  Board, 157-62, 587, 717, 735
  General matters, 156
  Faculty
    Faculty interviews, 156
    Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, 156
    Provost appointment, 717
    Reappointments, 162, 716-17
    Recognition/retirees, 587-88, 717
  Fiftieth anniversary of campus, 639
  Finance
    Financial statements, 117-18, 610
    Recommendations, 162, 587-88
    Report of, 156-62, 586-88
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 178
Calvin Theological Seminary
  Administration, 164
  Board of trustees
    Elections and appointments, 163-64, 589, 636, 735
    Officers, 163
    Candidates, 640, 645
Curriculum and programs
  and Center for Excellence in Preaching, 166-67
  and Discerning Your Calling, 167
  and Formation for Ministry, 167-68, 173
  and Making Connections Initiative, 167
Faculty,
  Reappointments, 165, 636-37
  Retirement, 165, 589, 637
Finance
  Budget, 589
  Financial statements, 119-20, 611
General matters
  Continuing education, 169
  Facing Your Future program, 169-70
Offerings for, 637
Sermon Evaluation Form, 170-72
Students
  Composition of student body, 168-69
  Graduates, 589
Tuition, 658
  Recommendations, 170
  Report of, 163-73, 589
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 375
Cambodia, 217, 232
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
  Aboriginal Ministries, 31
  Committee for Contact with the Government, 31-32
  Director of Canadian ministries, 641
  Ecumenical relations, 32
  Financial statements, 122
  Personnel changes, 33
  and Race Relations, 32-33
  ServiceLink, 32
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 32, 87, 265, 266, 272, 411, 534
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 237, 244
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 237-38, 245
Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund, 238
Candidates/candidacy, 683-85. See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Center for Excellence in Preaching. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Chaos of the Cults (Van Baalen), 185
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of
  Acknowledgment of director, 642
  Challenges for, 76-77
  and Government and professional organizations, 74
  and Ministers’ Pension Fund, 73-74
  Noteworthy events of, 75-76
  Report of, 33, 73-77
  and Retirements, 75
China, 231, 216
Chinese-language ministry, 153
Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ), 217
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 265
Christian Community Development Organization, 232
Christian day school tuition, 25, 43-50
Christian Education Foundation, 213, 216
Christian Reformed Church in North America-Michigan Corporation, 19
Christian Reformed Church in North America-Ontario Corporation, 19
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S.
  Board, 246, 655
  Finances
    Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement, 247
    Financial statement, 137-38, 620
    Sources of funding, 247
    Growth of operations, 246-47
    Recommendations, 247
    Staff of, 247
    Report of, 246-47
Christian Reformed Home Missions
  Board, 196-98, 736
  and Calvin Theological Seminary, 205-6
  and campus ministry, 195, 196, 203-4, 208
  Classical renewal, 209-10
    and Reformed Bible College, 205 See also Kuyper College.
Finance
  Financial statements, 135-36, 613
  Salary disclosure, 198
Ministries of
  Church planting and development, 199-203
Educational mission
  Campus ministries, 203
  Leadership, 204
  Red Mesa schools, 204
Evangelizing progress, 196, 648
  Financial partnering, 201
  Goals, 195
  Mission, 195
Mission-focused churches, 199, 205-6, 648
  Mission-focused leadership development, 205-6
Ministry advancement
  Communications, 209
  Financial resources, 208-9
  Personnel, 209
  Ministry teams, 207-8
  Prayer and small group development, 206-7
Organization, 195-96, 648
  Recommendations, 210
  Report of, 195-210
Christian Reformed Schools (COCREF), 219
Christian Reformed World Missions
Board, 226-28, 650, 736-37
Collaborations. See also Collaborations.
   with Other CRCNA agencies, 223.
   with Organizations, 211-12
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement, 225
   Financial statements, 145-46, 615
   Salary information, 226
Governance and administration, 223
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 221-22
Mission fields and projects
   Africa, 212, 213, 214-16
   Asia, 212, 213, 216-17
   Europe, 212, 213, 217-18
   Latin America, 212, 213, 218-21
Recommendations, 228-29
Recruitment and training, 222-23
Report of, 211-29
Review of 2005, 213
Strategic planning, 223-25

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
Board, 230-31, 737-38
and Canadian director, 230, 641, 650, 664
and Classis Renewal Ministry team, 243-44
and Community services, 242-43
and Disaster
   Disaster Response Services (DRS). See Disaster Response Services.
   Relief and rehabilitation, 237-42,
Finances
   Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement, 244
   Financial statements, 147-48, 616
   Financial history, 244
   Salary disclosure, 244
and Justice education and advocacy, 237
Offerings for, 651
Programs and ministries
   Africa, 235-37
   Asia, 231-32
   Eastern Europe, 232-33
   Latin America, 234-35
   North America, 233-34
Recommendations, 245
Report of, 230-45
and Resource development, 244-45

Christian Schools International, 180

Church Order and Rules for Synodical Procedure, 28
Church Order Articles
   Article 3: 315, 329, 467
   Article 3-a: 21, 465-68, 478-80, 564-65, 721-24
   Article 6: 313, 314, 315, 319, 320, 323, 324, 327, 328, 329-32, 338, 465-68,
   637-38, 662
Article 6-a: 321
Article 7: 69, 312, 315, 317, 320, 322, 323, 324, 327, 328, 332-35, 338, 662, 663,
Article 8: 26, 39, 65, 67, 68, 269, 270, 276, 312, 315, 320, 322, 324, 325, 335-38,
662, 663, 726
Article 15: 252
Article 20: 551, 552, 553
Article 21: 327, 473-77, 731
Article 27: 553
Article, 30-a: 678
Article, 31: 468, 524
Article 36: 387
Article 38: 65
Article 41: 26, 39, 54-64, 725-26
Article 42: 55, 58, 59, 60
Article 44: 318
Article 45: 723
Article 47: 26
Article 49: 293, 294, 301, 302
Article 49-b: 294
Article 50: 295
Article 50-a: 297
Article 52: 591
Article 55: 487
Article 59-a: 527
Article 59-b: 728-31
Article 67: 51
Article 67: 660
Church Order Supplement
Article 3-a: 467, 480, 564-65, 723
Article 6: 465-68, 637-39
Article 8: 26
Article 10: 470-72, 727
Article 22: 316-17
Article 23: 313, 470-72, 680, 727
Article 23-a: 471
Article 30-c: 27
Article 38-g: 40, 64-70, 680
Article 42: 726
Article 47: 26, 726
Article 47-a: 565
Article 47-c: 26
Article 47-e: 724
Article 48: 723
Church planting goals and objectives. See Christian Reformed Home Missions,
Ministries of.
Churches
Anniversaries. See Historical Committee, Recognition.
Convening, 26-27, 732. See BOT, Polity matters.
Classical examinations
Article 7 (approved): 685-87
Article 7 (not approved): 687
Article 8: 687-95
Article, 12-c: 695-97
Article 13-c: 697-98
Article 14-b: 698-99
Article 14-c: 699
Article 14-e: 699
Article 17a: 699-702
Article 17-c: 702-3
Article 23: 703-8
Article 82-83: 708

Classical matters
- Classes declaring the word *male* inoperative, 21, 315, 328, 465, 478-80

Coffee Break, 183, 184, 206, 207

Collaborations
- Asian Theological Seminary - Bacolod, 212
- Asian Theological Seminary - Manila, 212
- Association of UNELA (Costa Rica), 212
- Bible League, The, 211
- Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ), 212
- Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 212
- Consortium de la Renforcement de l’Education Crétienne en Haïti (CRECH), 212
- East-West Ministries (Russia), 211
- Educational Resources and Referrals - China (ERRC), 211
- English Language Institute - China (ELIC), 211
- Evangelical Association of Guinea, 212
- Evangelical University of Latin America - Costa Rica (UNELA), 212
- Evergreen Family Friendship Services, 211
- Excelsis-secondment agreement, 212
- Faith Academy (Philippines), 212
- Fédération des Associations de Jeunesses de L’UEBH (FAJ), 212
- Haitian Christian Reformed Church (HCRC), 212
- Haitian Partners for Christian development (HPCD), 212
- International Theological Education Ministries (ITEM), 211
- Jian Hua Foundation, 211
- National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, 212
- Nicaragua Christian Academy, 212
- NKST (Nigeria), 212
- Philippine CRC - Classis Metro Manila, 212
- RCJ Eastern Presbytery, 212
- Synod Mission Board of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church of India, 212
- United Bible Societies, 212
- Yew Chung Education Foundation, 211

College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh, (CCTB), 216

Commission on Christian Unity, 269, 516

Committee assignments, 10, 633-34

Committees. See also Study committees.
- Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 87
- Service, 738-39
- Sesquicentennial Committee. See Sesquicentennial Committee.

Communications
1: Classis Heartland, 539-43, 713-14
2: Council of Cottage Grove CRC, South Holland, Illinois, 543-44, 713-14
3: Classis Illiana, 544-46, 677
4: Classis Columbia, 546-48, 677
5: Council of First CRC, Sioux Center, Iowa, 548-50, 677
6: Council of New Life CRC, Guelph, Ontario, 550-57, 654
7: Council of Maranatha CRC, Woodbridge, Ontario, 557-59, 654
8: Classis Grand Rapids East, 603, 682

Compassionate Congregation, The, 183
Condensed financial statements, 115-48, 609-24
Confidentiality, 9, 632
Congregations
and Affiliation, 64-70
and Abuse Prevention, 71
and Chaplaincy, 76
and Church Order Article 41: 39, 55, 59, 62, 63
and Day school tuition, 46, 47
and Denominational Ministries Plan, 91-114
and Disability Concerns, 78, 80
Health of, 29
and Ministry shares, 38
and Member count, 51, 52, 54
and Pastor Church Relations, 81, 82, 83
and the Yearbook, 27
Connections, 206
Consolidated Group Insurance, 248, 254
Financial statements, 123-24, 624
Continuing education, 82, 165, 169, 199. See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
Convening churches, 732. See also BOT, Polity matters.
Coordinating Council for Church in Society (CCCiS), 431
Costa Rica, 218
CRC Denominational Ministries Plan. See Denominational Ministries Plan.
CRC Church Order 2005 (Spanish electronic and printed editions), 185
CRC Publications
and Antiracism, 180
and The Banner, 179, 181
Board
Nominations for, 175-77
Officers of, 174
Organization of, 174
and Relationship with other organizations. See CRC Publications,
Relationships.
Core values, 174
Curriculum/Publications
Autism and Your Church, 183
Compassionate Congregation, The, 183
Discover Your Bible, 183, 186
Discover Your Gifts, 183
Fossils and Faith, 182
Friendship Bible Studies, 183
Kerygma Bible Study program, 183
Kid Connection, 182
LiFE, 179
Little Lambs, 206, 207
Living the Good Life on God’s Good Earth, 183
Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, 50, 318, 388, 389, 430, 431
Questions Worth Asking, 183
Reformed Worship, 184
Route 66, 182
Safekeeping, 182
Sing! A New Creation, 184
Sing With Me, 184
Stuff to Know When Cults Come Knocking, 182
Together: All God’s People, 182
Walk With Me, 179, 182, 184
Word Alive, 183
The Worship Sourcebook, 184
WWJD Camp, 182
Faith Alive
   Curriculum Office, 182-84
   Evangelism Office, 184
   Worship Office, 184
Finance
   Agenda for Synod 2006—Financial and Business Supplement, 187
   Financial statements, 187, 612
   Salary disclosure, 180
Friendship Ministries, 183
Friendship Series Charities, 187, 188
Korean language publishing, 186
Liturgical forms, 590-91, 646
Marketing department, 186
Mission statement of, 174
Periodical department
   The Banner, 181
   Faith Alive, 182-84
   Voice of the Reformed, 181-82
Personnel matters, 187
Proposal re training, conferencing, consulting, 192-94
Publishing work
   Acts of the Apostles (Bruce), 186
   Biblical and Theological Foundations for Marriage and Family (Maldanado), 186
   Chaos of the Cults (Van Baalen and Roldán), 185
   CRC Church Order 2005 (Spanish electronic and printed editions), 185
   Created in God’s Image (Hoekema), 185
   Friendship, 186
   Introduction to the Old Testament (Dillard and Longman), 186
   Keeping and Making of Commitments (Smedes), 185
   Minister as Diagnostician (Pruyser), 185
   Myths America Lives By (Hughes), 185
   Universe Next Door (Sire), 185
Recommendations, 187-88, 591
Recycling, 180
Relationships
   with Association of Reformed Youth Pastors, 179
   with Association of Christian Reformed Educators (ACRE), 179
with Baker Book House, 180
with Christian Schools International, 180
with Denominational Ministries Plan, 178-79
with Dynamic Youth Ministries (DYM), 193
with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 179-80
with CRC churches, 180
with Presbyterian Church USA, 179
with Reformed Church in America, 179
Report of, 174-94, 590-91
Synodical action re church education, 177-78
and TNIV, 188-91, 644-45, 651
and Use of CRC Publications resources, 180
World Literature Ministries
  Overview, 185
  Publishing work for Libros Desafio, 185-86
Created in God’s Image (Hoekema), 185
Crossroad Bible Institute, 155
Cuba, 219
Curriculum
  Vitae of Bruce G. Adema, 42-43
  Vitae of Gerard L. Dykstra, 575-76
  Vitae of Robert Heerspink, 40-41
  Vitae of Ida Kaastra Mutoigo, 41-42

D
Deep Roots, New Branches, 200
Delegates
to Synod 2006, 11-12, 629-31, 635
Denominational agencies
  and Archives. See Historical Committee.
  and Ministries Plan, See Denominational Ministries Plan.
  Recommended for offerings. See Recommended agencies/causes.
  Financial statements, 127-28
Denominational investments, 36
Denominational Ministries Plan, 87-114, 178, 740
  Scorecard, 30-31
Denominational Services
  Financial statements, 127-28, 617
Disability Concerns, Office of
  Acknowledgment of director, 642
  Activities of, 77-79
  and Breaking Barriers, 78
  and Church survey, 79-80
  Report of, 33-34, 77-80
  Retirement of director, 568
Disaster Response Services (DRS), 237-42
Discover Your Bible, 183, 186
Discover Your Gifts, 183
Discovery tours, 242
Domestic disaster relief, 240
Dominican Republic, 219
Dordt College, 365-66, 716
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 193, 375-77, 716

E
Easter Sunday, 210, 648
Ecuador, 234
Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA, 271-73, 276
   Current, 290-98
   Proposed, 298-304, 714
Ecumenical representatives and observers
   Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Richard Vander Vaart, 265,
   Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 265
   National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 265
   National Council of Churches, Dr. George Vandervelde, 265
   Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), Rev. Richard T. Vander Vaart, 270
Elections, 32, 151, 160, 163, 197, 636
El Salvador, 213, 219-20
Employee benefit programs, 248
Employee’s Retirement Plan
   Financial statements, 129-32, 623
Encounters program, 205
Engelhard, Dr. David H., 659-60
English-language ministry, 152-53
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Europe, 212, 213, 217-18, 232-33
Evangelical Fellowship
   of Canada, 32, 87, 266, 271, 272, 411
   of India Commission, 237, 239
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 179
Evangelical University of Latin America, 218
Executive Committee
   and BOT, 177, 189
   and Calvin College, 156
   and Home Missions, 196
   and REC, 279, 519
Ezra team, 221

F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers.
Faith Alive. See CRC Publications.
Faith and Order Commission, 265
Faith and Witness Commission, 265
Financial matters, 568-71, 574. See also Recommended agencies/causes;
   Condensed statements, 115-47, 609-24, 656
First Easter, The, 153
First Friday Focus, 209
First Toronto CRC. See Special Ad Hoc Committee.
Form of Subscription, 25, 552
   and Ordination, 332, 335, 338
Fossils and Faith, 182
Forms of Unity, 292, 323, 332, 335, 338, 387, 631
and Ordination, 332, 335, 338, 387
France, 212, 217

Fraternal delegates
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mr. Steven P. Weber, 668
Christian Reformed Church of Australia, Rev. Henk DeWaard, 631, 668
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Rev. Chuck Jacob, 668,
Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), Rev. Richard Vander Vaart, 265
Reformed Church in America (RCA), Ms. Teresa Renkema, 265; Rev.
Douglas Fromm, 668
Reformed Church of Japan, Rev. Ken H. Lee, 265
Reformed Churches of South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod), Rev. Nefefe
Mbulahani Silas, 631
Reformed Churches of South Africa (Potchefstroom Synod), Prof. Andries
le R. du Plooy, 631; Dr. Douw Breed, 640,
French-language ministry, 153-54
Friendship Bible Studies, 183
Friendship Ministries, 183, 187, 188, 645
Friendship Series Charities, 187, 188, 645
Fund for Smaller Churches (FSC)
Financial statement, 133-34

G
GEMS, 375-76
Gratitude, expressions of, v
on Behalf of synod, 683, 739, 740,
for Centennial anniversary in Canada, 731
for Dr. David Engelhard, 660
for Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 568, 574, 681
for Mr. John Vander Lugt, 589, 637
Greetings, 641, 715
Guam, 259
Guinea, 315

H
Haiti, 220
Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 28-29
Healthy churches, 573, 575. See also Sustaining Congregational Excellence.
Report of, 581-84
Heidelberg Catechism, 270-71, 274-76, 277-86. See also Interchurch Relations.
Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 (Part III). See also Q. and A. 80.
Background and mandate, 277-78
Belhar Confession, 304-7. See also Belhar Confession.
Church questionnaire, 289
Ecumenical Charter
Current, 290-98
Proposed, 298-304
Letter to Church Councils, 287-88
Options, 282, 84
Summary of responses, 278-82
  From ecumenical partners, 279-80
  From classes, church councils, and individuals, 280-82
Recommendations, 284-86

Historical Committee
Archival
  Staff, 257
  Work, 257-59
Committee members, 262, 646
Publications
  *Historical Dictionary of the Christian Reformed Church*, 259
Recognition
  of Congregations, 261
  of Individuals, 259-61
Recommendations, 262-63
Reminders from, 261-62, 646-47
Report of, 257-63
*Historical Dictionary of the Christian Reformed Church*, 259

HIV/AIDS, 87, 218, 230, 237
Honduras, 220
Hospitality Committee, 274
Hungary, 213, 218

I

*Index of Synodical Decisions*, 29
  India, 237, 239
  Indonesia, 232
Indonesian-language ministry, 154
Institute for Christian Studies, 367, 716

Interchurch Relations Committee
  Belhar Confession, 273, 276, 715
  Bilateral relationships
    Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), 269, 594
    Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 238, 593
    Christian Reformed Church in Cuba, 219, 594
    Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa (CRCEA), 217, 594
    Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, , 593
    Christian Reformed Church in Sumba (Indonesia), 593
    Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, 594
    Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), 212, 214, 438, 593
    Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Nkhoma Synod) Malawi, 594
    Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (NKST), 593
    Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, 594
    Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (DRCA), 593
    Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 593
    Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 593
    Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 594
    Evangelical Reformed Church in Brazil, 594
    Evangelical Reformed Church of Burundi (ERCB), 594
    Midlands Reformed Churches in South Africa (MRCSA), 593
    Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 593
Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), 270
Protestant Church of the Netherlands, (PCN), 267-69, 276, 712-13
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 593
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 593
Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 593
Reformed Church in America (RCA), 269-70, 594
Reformed Church in Argentina, 594
Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 593
Reformed Church in Zambia, 594
Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria (RCCN), 593
Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA), 594
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), 593
Committee members, 264, 715
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 265, 267, 271
Corresponding fellowship, 594
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 270-71
re Heidelberg Catechism, 270-71, 274-76, 666-68, 669-70, 710-11, 713-14, 715
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 264-65, 267-69, 273, 593-94
and Ecumenical Charter. See Ecumenical Charter of the CRCNA.
Ecumenical relations
Representatives and observers, 264-65. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality committee. See Hospitality committee.
Membership, 264, 592
Nominations for Canada, 592
Nominations for U.S., 274, 592
Multilateral relationships-organizations
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 265, 266
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), 265, 267
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), 266
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 265, 266
Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), 265
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 265-66, 266-67
and NAPARC, 269
Recommendations, 274-76, 594
Report of, 264-76, 592-94
Representation at synod, 274
and World Reformed Communion (WRC), 666
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim,
Investments. See BOT, Financial matters.

J
Japan, 212, 217
Japanese-language ministry, 154
Joint-Ministries Management Committee, 19
Joseph Fund, 245
Judicial Code Committee, 27, 40, 678-79, 680
Justice education, 237
K
Kenya, 235, 243, 375, 436, 437
“Kids Corner,” 153
King’s University College, 368-69, 716
Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 32, 87, 411, 534
Kuyper College, 371-72, 716

L
Laos, 232
Latin America, 211, 212, 213, 218-21, 234-35, 239
Leadership Development Networks. See Christian Reformed Home Missions,
Mission-focused leadership.
Liberia, 216
Licensing to exhort. See Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Life, 213
Lilly grant. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Little Lambs, 206, 207
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Making Connections Initiative. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Malawi, 235, 236, 239, 243
Mali, 212, 215
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 30
Mental impairments, 183
Membership Issues re Organized Status of Congregations. See Congregations.
Mexico, 220-21
Micah Challenge, 85-86, 237
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 152
Millennium Development Goals, 85, 87, 398, 435
Ministerial Information Service, 34, 82
Minister as Diagnostician, The, 185
Ministers’ Pension Plan. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministry associate, 93, 259, 313, 316, 472, 478, 479-80
Ministry Council (MC), 30, 83-84, 180
Ministry Planning, Office of, 35
Acknowledgment of director, 643
Ministry programs of CRWRC
   in Asia, 231-32
   in East and Southern Africa, 235-36
   in Eastern Europe, 232-33
   in Latin America, 234-35
   in North America, 233-34
   in West Africa, 236-37
Ministry shares
   and Affiliation, 68, 69
   Amount for 2007, 569, 569, 656, 743-44
   and CRC Publications, 178, 182, 194
   and Day school tuition, 47
   and Handbook of the Christian Reformed Church, 29
and Kings University College, 369
and Marriage and Family Institute, 532, 643
and Member count, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 603
and Pensions, 252, 253
Policy, 38, 660, 661
and Recommended agencies, 574, 657, 745
and Redeemer University College, 370
and SMCC, 475, 476
and Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 573, 583, 720
and World Missions, 222

N
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 265, 266, 271, 272
National Council of Churches, 265, 271, 437
Navigating the Growth Matrix, 200
Nehemiah Center, 221
Networker, 200
Nicaragua, 212, 221
Nigeria, 213, 214
Niger, 236
North America, 233-34, 240-42

O
Officers and functionaries, 732
Old Age Security in Canada, 250
On a Mission, 209
Overtures
1: Revise Church Order Supplement, Article 6, 465-68, 637-39
2: Reverse Decision to Vote on Candidates for Ministry in a Group Rather
   Than Individually, 468-70, 637-39
3: Revise the Examination Procedure in Church Order Supplement,
   Articles 10 and 23, 470-72, 727
4: Revise Article 21 of the Church Order, 473-77, 731
5: Permit the delegation of Women Officebearers to Synod; Delete the
   Word Male from Church Order Article 3-a, 478-80, 721-24
6: Ensure That the Synodical Worship Service Reflects the Diversity of Our
   Denomination, 480-81, 681
7: Revise Method of Selecting Synod Officers, 482-84, 682
8: Amend the Board of Trustees’ Election Process, 484-86, 682
9: Establish an Exemption Re Minister’s Pension Fund, 487, 659
10: Request to Maintain the Present Form of Heidelberg Catechism Q. and
    A. 80 and to Add an Expanded Footnote, 487-91, 713-14
11: Do Not Change Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80, 491-507, 713-14
12: Retain Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 in Its Present Format, 507-14,
    713-14
13: Instruct the Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) to Proceed with a
    Strategy and Process for Congregations, Classes, and Synod to Study
    and Adopt the Belhar Confession as the Fourth Standard of Unity,
    514-19, 715
14: Instruct the Interchurch Relations Committee to Work with the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC) to Reconsider the Belhar Confession, 519-20, 715
15: Declare the New Living Translation (NLT) Version of the Bible to Be Acceptable for Use in Worship Services in the Christian Reformed Church, 520-26, 652
16: Appoint a Study Committee to Examine the Admission of All Baptized Members to the Lord’s Supper and to Consider the Nature and Practice of Profession of Faith Both in the Life of Individuals and the Church, 526-30, 727-31
17: Appoint Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Marriage and Family Institute, 530-33, 643
18: Revise Recommendation J in the Committee to Study War and Peace Report, 533-35, 566, 675
19: Refer Report of the Committee to Study War and Peace Back to the Churches, 535, 675-76
20: Not Adopt Recommendation I of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report, 535-36, 676
21: Amend Section X, B of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report, 537, 676
22: Withdraw Support for the Conclusions of the Committee to Study War and Peace Report, 601-2, 676-77

P
Pakistan, 239
Partners Worldwide, 226, 236, 241
Pastoral Ministries, 60
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of
  Acknowledgment of directors, 642
  Activities of, 81-82
  Challenges for, 83
  Report of, 34, 80-83
Pathways International, 183
Pensions and Insurance
  Board, 248, 572, 575, 656
  Committee nominations, 572-73, 575
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 248, 254
  Employees’ retirement plans, 253-54
  Finance
    Disclosures, 254
    Financial statements, 123-24, 129-32, 139-42, 621-22
    and Ministers’ housing, 250, 655
  Ministers’ pension plans,
    Assumptions and priorities, 249-51
    Changes in, 251-52
    Defined-benefit, 249
    Funding, 253, 656
    Participant counts, 249
    Portfolio, 251
  Recommendations, 254-56
  Report of, 248-56
Retirement benefits, 248, 249
Pentecost Sunday, 213, 216, 229, 650
Ph.D. program for Latin America (PRODOLA), 218
Philippines, The, 213, 217, 232
Ploughshares, 411, 417, 534
PowerLink, 200
Portuguese-language ministry, 153, 154, 155
Prayer Guide, 209
Presbyterian Church in the USA, 179
Primary Focus, 152, 153
Prince of Peace, 153
Program HOPE!, 242
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

Q
Q. and A. 80, 666-68. See also Interchurch relations; re Heidelberg Catechism. 
Questions Worth Asking, 183

R
RACOM, 155
Race Relations, Office of
  Acknowledgment of director, 642
  and All Nations Heritage Week, 40, 84, 642
  Mandate, 83
  Report of, 34, 83-84
Recommended agencies/causes, 569-71, 574-75
  Denied inclusion, 658
  Denominational, 745
  New requests (not recommended), 658
  Nondenominational, 657, 745-46
  Recommended for offerings, 657, 745
  Recommended for support, 645
  Related, 745
Recycling, 180
Reedemer University College, 370, 716
Reformation Sunday, 648
Reformed Bible College. See Kuyper College.
Reformed Church of East Africa, 375, 436, 437
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 264, 265-66, 271, 277, 278, 279, 297, 414, 438, 515, 519-20, 666
Reformed seminaries
  Aix-en-Provence, 217
  Mid-America, 476
  Sárospatak, 218
Reformed Worship, 108, 184, 189
Regions, 733
Restorative justice, 76, 681
Retirements, ministerial, 682-83
Romania, 233, 242, 243
Route 66, 182
Russia, 218
Russian-language ministry, 154
Rwanda, 373, 398, 425, 426, 435, 451, 550

S
Salary disclosures, 20-21, 151, 180, 198, 226, 244, 571-72, 575, 658
*Seeds of New Creation*, 211, 219, 220
Senegal, 438
Sergeant at Arms, 635
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 308, 647
Service committees, 738-39
ServiceLink, 738-39
   Canada, 243
   Discovery tours, 242
   Program HOPE!, 242
   United States, 242-43
   Volunteer placements, 242-43
Sesquicentennial Committee
   Background, 309
   Endowment campaign, 657
   Other significant matters, 310
   Painting, 656
   Theme and subthemes, 309-10
   Recommendations, 311
   Report of, 309-11
*Shalom Seekers: Living the Call to Do Justice*, 86
Sierra Leone, 216
Sing! A New Creation, 184
Sing With Me, 184
Smaller churches, 27, 50, 65, 133-34. See also Sustaining Congregational Excellence.
Small Talk, 206
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of
   Acknowledgment of director, 642
   Advocacy, 87
   Advocate, The, 86
   and Canada, 86, 87
   Micah Challenge, 85-86, 642-43
   Report of, 34, 85-87
   Shalom Seekers, 86
   Work of, 85-87
Social Security Administration, 250
South Africa, 242, 273, 280, 398, 404, 514, 515, 516, 518
Southern Africa, 230, 235, 236, 239, 269
Spanish-language ministry, 154-55
Special Ad Hoc Committee
   First Toronto CRC in Loco Committee, 455-62, 653-54
Specialized Ministries
   Financial statements, 144 618
Sri Lanka, 238
Stated supply compensation, 571, 575, 658
   and Ordination, 322, 325, 336-37
Story Hour, 206, 207
Study committees
  Committee to Study Church Education, 177-78
  Committee to Study War and Peace, 381-452, 670-77
  Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism, 739
Stuff to Know When Cults Come Knocking, 182
Sudan, 87, 238, 243, 390, 410, 414, 425
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 718-21
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), 35-36
Synod
  Appointments, 635
  and Candidates. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
  Delegates, 629-31, 635
  Deputies, 21, 683-709, 732-33
  Functionaries, 732
  Officers, 631, 732
Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee
  Candidates, 595, 640-41
  and Timing of declaration, 595, 641
  Church Order Article 22: 316-17
  Committee membership, 313, 597, 663-64
  and EMPC program, 663
  General summary, 313-15
  Introduction, 312-13
  and Licensing to exhort for administrative personnel, 663
  Mandate, 596-97, 662
  Manual, 596-97, 662, 663
  Recommendations, 317-18, 598
Standards, 662
Toward ordination in CRC, 315-16, 318-61
  Candidates, 320-25
  Classis, 326-27
  Council, 325-260
  Forms, 339-61
  Glossary, 319-20
  Introduction, 318-19
  Journey re Article 6: 329-32
  Journey re Article 7: 332-35, 663
  Journey re Article 8: 335-38, 663
  SMCC, 327-29
  Tool kit, 338
Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise, 627-28
Systematic Theology (Berkhof), 98, 165

T
Tanzania, 235, 242
Testimonial Luncheon Committee, 635, 739
Today, 153
Together: All God’s People, 182
Trinity Christian College, 373-74, 716
U
Uganda, 235, 236, 242, 243, 437
Unified Report of Agencies and Service Committees, 149-56
Universe Next Door, The (Sire), 185
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), 235-36

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 632-33
Vision statement
  Board of Trustees (BOT), 88
  Denominational Ministries Plan (DMP), 95
Visual impairments, 183
Voice of the Reformed, 181-82
Volunteer placements, 242-43

W
Walk With Me, 182, 184
Web sites, 29, 36, 85, 86, 166, 203, 206, 221, 258, 308, 367
West Africa, 212, 236-37, 242
Women advisors. See Advisers.
Women in office, 565, 590, 592
Word Alive, 183
Words of Hope, 152
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 265, 266, 267, 271, 272, 276, 279, 280, 286, 515, 666
World Literature Ministries, 178
Worship at Synod, 629, 635, 636, 639, 652, 661, 665, 668, 673, 678, 710, 721, 724
Worship Office
  and Reformed Worship, 184
  and Sing! A New Creation, 184
  and The Worship Sourcebook, 184

Y
Yearbook, 28
Youth Unlimited, 376-77

Z
Zambia, 239
Initialisms and abbreviations from the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2007

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 Haïti
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 Jeunesses 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
NJIV - 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
ZOA - Auid Oost Azie

150th Anniversary Celebration Service, 559-68

A
Aboriginal Ministries, 32
Abuse Prevention, Office of, 33, 130-32, 581
Addresses to synod
   Bahago, Rev. Istifanus Bala, 612
   Gerber, Dr. Kobus J.J., 613
   Horsman, Rev. Johannes (Hans), 612
   Jeremiah, Dr. Jeffrey, 613
   Johnson, Ms. Sandy F., 609
   Ornee, Rev. John, 612
   Overeem, Rev. Evert, 613
   Trinos, Pastor Lawrence B. de los, 613
   Van Houten, Dr. Richard, 612
Advisers
   Ethnic advisers, 22, 495, 572
   Faculty advisers, 572
   Women advisers, 22, 572
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/ causes.
All Nations Heritage Week, 42, 144-45, 581, 585
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeals
   1: Rev. R.J. Meyer, 491, 622
   2: Mr. J.A. Lopez, 491, 585
Appointments, 187, 668-75
   Interim, 21, 495, 597
Arabic-language ministry, 182, 183
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Asia, 183, 216, 231, 232, 235-37, 242, 247, 374, 403
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 572-73

B
Back to God Hour, The, 117, 148-49, 181-86, 239, 242, 583, 670
Bangladesh, 235-36, 247, 257. See also College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh.
Banner, The, 133, 134, 200, 201, 203-4
Belhar Confession, 277, 282-83, 284-87, 592
Board of Trustees, 19-178, 495-513, 580-82, 669-70
   Board, 20, 669-70
   and Christian day school tuition, 296
   and Church Order Article 3-a. See Church Order.
   Director of denominational advancement, 25, 29, 36
   Director of denominational ministries, 26, 28, 31, 496, 506, 508-9, 606, 607, 609, 668
Financial matters, 37
   and Condensed financial statements, 148-78, 543-56
   Investments, 94, 105, 509-13
   Pension matters. See Pensions and Insurance.
   Salary, 505
Gratitude to, 496, 579, 597, 625, 675
Membership, 20, 22-25, 495-96, 669-70
Polity matters
   Adoption of change in Church Order. See also Church Order.
      Article 3-a, 27
      Article 6, 27
      Article 7, 28
      Article 8, 29
      Article 47, 27
   Agency director appointments, 25
   Bible Translation Committee, 26
   Biographies of synod delegates, 28-29
   Children at the Lord’s Supper Task Force, 26, 654-57
   Classes that have declared the word male inoperative, 21
   Convening churches. See Convening churches.
   Director of synodical services, 29, 496, 668
Diversity Plan, 496
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Form of Subscription Revision Committee, 26
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim.
Judicial Code Committee, See Judicial Code Committee.
Publications and services, 30-31
Repentance for racism, 496-97, 647-48, 649-50
Resolution re G. Vandervelde, 29, 41, 661
Sexual Abuse Task Force, 25
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 29, 99-128
Women advisers. See Advisers.

Program and finance matters
Aboriginal Ministries, 32
Agency presentations at synod, 36
Canadian ministries. See Canada.
and CRC Foundation, 36-37
Financial matters, 37. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
and Lilly Endowment, 35-36. See also Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
and Ministries Plan Scorecard, 32
and Stated supply. See Stated supply.
Salary grids/ranges, 20-21
Boards and committees, 669-74
Breaking Barriers. See Disability Concerns, Office of.

C
Calvin College, 187-89, 515-18, 660, 670-71
   Administrative appointments, 187-88, 515, 518
   Board, 188, 515, 416
   General matters, 187
   Faculty, 187, 515, 517
   Finance, 189
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 38, 59, 193, 196, 200, 206, 324
Calvin Theological Seminary, 190-97, 519-21, 576-77, 671
   Administration, 190
   Board of trustees, 190-91, 519
   Continuing education, 195-96
   Curriculum and programs, 192-95
   Facing Your Future program, 196, 577
   Faculty
      New, 519-21, 577, 619
      Reappointments, 192, 577
   Offerings for, 577
   Students, 195
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 326
Campus ministry, 79, 214, 215, 217, 222, 223, 227, 275, 400
Canada
   Aboriginal Ministries, 32
   Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 32-35
   Director of Canadian ministries, 31, 135, 277, 397
   Ecumenical relations, 279
   and Race Relations, 144
   Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 279
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 255
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 247, 255
Candidates/candidacy. See Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of, 33, 132-36, 581
Children at the Lord’s Supper Task Force, 26, 27, 38-40, 43-63. See also Overtures 13, 14, 15; Faith Formation Committee.
Chinese-language ministry, 183-84
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 280
Christian day school tuition, 296
Christian Education Foundation, 235
Christian Reformed Churches. See Interchurch Relations.
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 261-62, 499-500, 674
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 214-29, 522-24, 583-84, 672
Board, 216-17, 522-23, 672
Campus ministries, 222-23
Church planting and development, 219-22
Classis Renewal Ministry Team, 228
Director search, 498, 523-24, 617
Growth, 216
Mandate, 214-15
Ministry advancement, 227-28
Ministry development, 217-25
Ministry teams, 225-27
Mission, 214
Mission-focused churches, 218-19
Mission-focused leadership development, 223-24
Red Mesa schools, 223
Organization of, 215-16
Spiritual formation, 224-25
Christian Reformed Schools (COCREF), 233, 238-39
Christian Reformed World Missions, 230-45, 615-16, 672
Board, 241-44, 672
Collaborations, 242
Looking ahead, 233-34
Ministry in Canada and the U.S.A., 231-33
Mission fields and projects
  Africa, 232-33, 234-35
  Asia, 232, 233, 235-37
  Europe, 232, 233, 237
  Latin America, 232, 233, 237-41
  Program report, 241-42
Review of 2006, 233
Salary information, 242
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 246-60, 616-17, 672-73
Board, 246, 500, 672-73
and Classis Renewal Ministry Team, 258
and Community services, 256-58
Human resources management, 259
and Justice education and advocacy, 250-51
Programs and ministries
   Africa, 249-50
   Asia, 247
   Eastern Europe, 247-48
   Latin America, 248-49
   North America, 248
Relief and rehabilitation, 251-56
and Resource development, 259-60
Salary disclosure, 259

Church Order Articles
Article 3, 41
   Article 3-a, 21, 27, 40-41, 607-9, 610-12
      Overture 21, 446-52, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 22, 452, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 23, 454-55, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 24, 455-56, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 25, 456-62, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 26, 462-64, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 27, 464-65, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 28, 465, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 29, 465-71, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 30, 471-72, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 31, 472, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 32, 473-74, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      Overture 37, 465-71, 537, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
      SMCC, 292. See also Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Article 6, 27
Article 6-a, 415
Article 7, 28, 651-53
   History, 310
      Overture 8, 415, 578
      Overture 9, 415-18, 665-67
      Overture 10, 418-19, 665-67
      SMCC, 294-98, 305-10. See also Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Article 8, 28
   Overture 9, 415-18, 665-67
   Overture 10, 418-19, 665-67
   SMCC, 305-10. See also Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a, 302-3
Article 23-b, 664-65
Article 23-c
   Overture 11, 419-20, 653
      SMCC, 292-93, 294, 298-302, 305-10, 653
Article 30-c, 28
   Overture 1, 391, 594-95
   Overture 2, 392-94, 594-95
Article 40-a, 594-95
Article 47, 27
Article 56, 39, 46
Article 59
Overture 13, 426-27, 653-57
Overture 15, 433, 653-67
Revision, 39-40, 46-48
Article 63, 40, 48
Article 79, 40-48
Articles 78-81, 40, 48
Classical examinations. See Synodical deputies.
Classical Ministry Leadership, 305-10
Classical matters
Classes declaring the word male inoperative, 21
College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh (CCTB), 236
Commission on Christian Unity, 282
Committee assignments, 573-74
Committees. See also Study committees.
Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 32-33
Faith Formation. See Faith Formation Committee.
Service, 621, 654-57, 659, 674-75
Communications
1: Classis Grand Rapids North, 483-89, 663
2: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 539-40, 585, 653-57
Condensed financial statements, 148-78, 543-56
Confidentiality, 9, 572
Consolidated Group Insurance, 263, 267-68
Convening churches, 28, 500, 569, 617, 668
CRC Publications. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Crossroad Bible Institute, 185

D
Delegates to Synod 2007, 11-15, 569-71
Denominational Ministries Plan, 31, 34, 90, 102-3, 116, 198, 200, 230
Scorecard, 32, 35, 102, 200
Disability Concerns, Office of, 33, 136-41, 581
Disaster Response Services (DRS), 252-53
Discovery tours, 236, 257
Domestic disaster relief, 252
Dordt College, 315-16, 661
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, 576
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 326-28, 661

E
Easter Sunday, 229, 584
Ecumenical representatives and observers
Canadian Council of Churches, Ms. Louisa Bruinsma and Rev. Bruce Adema, 278
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 278
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 278
National Council of Churches, Dr. George Vandervelde, 278
Employee benefit programs, 263
English-language ministry, 182-83
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 279
Executive committee sessions, 499, 572, 618

F
Faith Alive Christian Resources (formerly CRC Publications), 198-213, 525-26, 579-80, 674
and Antiracism, 202
appointment of editor in chief, 25, 203, 204, 593
and The Banner, 203-4
Board, 198-213, 525-26, 579-80, 674
Core values, 198
Curriculum/publications, 204-6
English Standard Version, 525
Faith Alive, 204-8
Salary disclosure, 202
Marketing department, 209
Mission statement of, 198
New Living Translation, 201, 525
New name of, 201
Personnel matters, 209
Recycling, 202
Relationships with other organizations, 200-201
Resources, 206-8
World Literature Ministries, 208-9
Year of Faith Formation, 201
Faith Formation Committee, 59-60, 621, 654-57, 659
Financial matters, 148-78, 543-56, 501-6. See also Recommended agencies/causes; Stated supply.
Forms of Unity, 307, 571
French language ministry, 184
Fraternal delegates
Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, Pastor Lawrence B. de los Trinos, 613
Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, Rev. Istifanus Bala Bahago, 612
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Rev. Kobus J.J. Gerber, 576, 613
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, 613
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NGK), Rev. Johannes (Hans) Horsman, 571, 612
Protestant Reformed Church in the Netherlands, Rev. Evert Overveem, 528, 572, 613
Reformed Church in America (RCA), Rev. John Ornee, 612
French-language ministry, 184
Friendship Ministries, 579
Friendship Series Charities, 579
Fulton Street Prayer Revival, 498, 607, 649, 658

G
GEMS, 326-27
Gratitude, expressions of, 597, 675
Greetings from churches in ecclesiastical fellowship, 613
H
Healthy churches, 581-84. See also Sustaining Congregational Excellence.
Historical Committee, 269-76, 593-94, 674
  Recognition
    of Congregations, 274-75
    of Individuals, 272-74
HIV/AIDS, 237, 246, 250-51, 255, 260, 324, 348
Hospitality Committee, 284, 575
Hymnal, 206-8, 210-13, 526, 579-80

I
Index of Synodical Decisions, 31
Indonesian-language ministry, 181
Infant baptism. See Overtures 16 and 17.
Institute for Christian Studies, 317-18, 661
Institute for Christian Leadership, 78-96, 618
Interchurch Relations Committee, 277-87, 527-31, 578-79, 592, 674
  Belhar Confession, 283, 284-87. See also Belhar Confession.
  Bilateral relationships, 280-83, 528-31
    Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA), 54, 613
    Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, 612
    Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC), 613
    Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, 613
    Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), 613
    Netherlands Reformed Churches (NRC), 612
    Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), 54, 283
    Protestant Church in the Netherlands, (PCN), 613
    Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Potchefstroom), 613
    Reformed Churches in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg), 613
    Reformed Church in Africa (RCA), 613
    Reformed Church in America (RCA), 612
    Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), 616
  Committee members, 674
  Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 280
  Churches in Dialogue, 531
  Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 283
  Ecclesiastical fellowship, 528
  Ecumenical relations, 278, 528. See also Ecumenical representatives and
    observers; Fraternal delegates.
  Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
  Membership, 277, 283-84, 527-28, 674
  Multilateral relationships-organizations, 278-80
    and World Reformed Communion (WRC), 278-79
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim,
  Investments. See BOT, Financial matters.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 184
Judicial Code Committee, 28, 41, 500, 674
“Kids Corner,” 183
King’s University College, 319-20, 661
Kuyper College, 321, 661

Leadership Development Networks, 84, 94, 303. See also Christian Reformed
Home Missions, Mission-focused leadership.
Licensing to exhort. See Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.
Lilly grant. See Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

Making Connections Initiative. See Calvin Theological Seminary.
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 31
Mental impairments, ministry to people with, 205-6
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 182
Migration of Workers. See Study committees.
Ministerial Information Service, 34, 143
Ministers’ Pension Plan. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministry Planning, Office of, 34-35, 581
Ministry shares, 438-43, 426, 679-80
Minutes-Review Committee, 575

National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 279
National Council of Churches, 278
Nehemiah Center, 241
Netherlands Reformed Churches (NGK), 571-72, 612

Offering vouchers, 589
Officers and functionaries, 668
Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, 64-78, 593
Overtures
1. Allow Ordained Ministers of Emerging Churches to Serve as Delegates to Classis, 391, 594-95
2. Allow the Interpretation of Church Order Article 40-a to Include Delegates from Emerging Churches as well as Organized Churches, 392-94, 594-95
3. Transfer First CRC, Prinsburg, Minnesota, to Classis Minnkota, 394, 618
4. Reinstate the Position of Canadian Director of Chaplaincy Ministries, 394-98, 501, 582
5. Appoint a Review Committee to Evaluate the Denominational Board of Trustees and Require the BOT to Adhere to Synodical Deadlines, 398-402, 498, 623-24
7. Enforce Establishment of Abuse Prevention and Safe Church Teams, 413-14, 582
8. Allow Candidates to Be Called from the Reformed Church in America, 14-15, 578
9. Do Not Ratify Changes to the Church Order Re the SMCC, 415-18, 665-67
10. Do Not Ratify Changes to Church Order Articles 7 and 8 Re the SMCC, 418-19, 665-67
12. Approve the English Standard Version of the Bible for Use in Worship, 426, 525, 596
14. Do Not Ratify Synod’s Decision to Admit Children to the Lord’s Supper, 427-33, 653-67
15. Do Not Ratify Changes to Church Order Article 59, 433, 653-57
16. Appoint a Study Committee to Address the Issue of Who Can Present a Child for Baptism, 433-37, 620
17. Appoint a Study Committee to Study the Growing Practice of Infant Dedication and the Practice of Infant Baptism, 437, 620, 621, 659
18. Establish a Group to Study Ways in Which to Allocate Denominational Ministry Shares among Local Congregations, 438-43, 589-91, 622-23
19. Provide Pension Subsidy for Institutional Chaplains not Covered by Employers’ Pension Plans, 443-45, 591
20. Change the Pension Fund Policy So It Does Not Discriminate Against Pastors of Small Churches, 446, 622-23, 592
21. Adopt the Changes to Church Order Article 3-a Proposed by Synod 2006 without the Conditions Imposed by Synod, 446-52, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
22. Adopt Decision of Synod 2006 to Delete the Word Male from the Church Order but Allow Women to Serve as Synodical Deputies or Delegates, 452-54, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
23. Adopt Decision to Delete the Word Male from Church Order Article 3-a, 454-55, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
24. Do Not Adopt Decision of Synod 2006 to Remove the Word Male from the Church Order, 455-56, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
25. Honor the Women Officebearers of Our Denomination, 456-62, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
26. Adopt Recommendation to Delete the Word Male from Church Order Article 3-a; Reject Prohibition against Women Synodical Deputies, 462-64, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
27. Do Not Adopt the Change to Church Order Article 3-a, 456-62, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
28. Do Not Impose Restrictions on Church Order Article 3-a, 465, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
29. Permit Women Ministers and Elders to Serve as Synodical Delegates or Deputies, 465-71, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
30. Adopt Proposal to Delete the Word Male from Church Order Article 3-a without Restrictions, 471-72, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
31. Adopt Change to Church Order Article 3-a But Not Its Restriction, 472, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
32. Open All Denominational Positions of Ordained Leadership to Women, 473-74, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12
33. Reconsider (1) the Sabbath Rest from Discussing Women in Office and (2) the Justice of Barring Women Officebearers from Serving as Synodical Delegates and Deputies, 474-77, 651
34. Do Not Adopt Seven Years of Silence Re Use of Women’s Gifts, 477, 651
35. Do Not Adopt a Seven-Year Sabbath Rest, 477-78, 651
36. Withhold Action on the Recommendations of the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism and Appoint a New Committee, 478-82, 613-15
37. Do Not Restrict Women from Being Synodical Deputies and Delegates, 537, 598-606, 608-9, 610-12

P
Partners Worldwide, 253, 257, 260
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 34, 141-44, 581
Pathways International, 206
Pensions and Insurance, 263-68, 505-6, 586, 675
  Board, 263, 675
  Committee nominations, 505-6
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 267-68
  Employees’ retirement plans, 267
  Finance disclosures, 268
  and Ministers’ housing, 586
  Ministers’ pension plans, 263-67
Pentecost Sunday, 235, 244, 616
Portuguese-language ministry, 184
Presbyterian Church in Canada, 283
Primary Focus, 182
Prince of Peace, 183
Program HOPE!, 257
Protestant Church in the Netherlands, 280-81, 528, 529, 571-72, 579, 613
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 34, 144-45, 581, 650
Racism, 497-98, 647-48, 650
Recommended agencies/causes, 501-4, 587-88, 679-83
Redeemer University College, 322-23, 662
Reformed Church in America, 282-83, 612
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 278-79, 612, 654-55
Restorative justice, 134, 135, 397
Retirements, ministerial. See Synodical deputies.
Russian-language ministry, 184

S
Salary grid, 505
Sea to Sea, 26, 607
Sergeant at Arms, 575
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 288, 594, 675
Service committees, 674-75
ServiceLink, 33, 256-57, 258
Sesquicentennial Committee, 289-91, 618
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 34, 145-47, 581-82
Spanish-language ministry, 185
Specialized Ministries, 32-37
Stated supply, 505, 589
Study committees
   Committee to Study the Migration of Workers, 595-96, 663, 675
   Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism, 331-38, 613-15, 675
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 29, 36, 99-128
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), 35-36
Synodical
   Committees, 573-74
   Delegates, 11-15, 569-71
   Deputies, 495, 625-47, 668-69
   Executive sessions, 499, 572, 618
   Functionaries, 668
   Officers, 571, 668
   Candidates, 532, 577-78, 588-89
Synodical Service of Prayer and Praise. See 150th Anniversary Celebration Service.

T
Testimonial Dinner Committee, 575
Trinity Christian College, 324-25, 662
Third Wave Pentecostalism. See Study committees.

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 572-73
Vitae
   Mr. Peter M. Harkema, 96-99
   Ms. Sandy F. Johnson, 508-9
   Rev. Leonard J. Vander Zee, 42-43, 593

W
Women advisers. See Advisers.
Women in office, 434, 598-606, 607-9, 610-12
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 279-80
Worship Planning Committee, 575
Worship at Synod, 575, 576, 585, 593, 607, 609, 612, 613, 619, 620, 649, 653, 658, 663, 675

Y
Yearbook, 30
Youth Unlimited, 327-28
Acronyms and abbreviations from the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2008

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
SMF – 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
WTC – Widening the Circle

A
Aboriginal Ministries, 34-35
Abuse Prevention, Office of, 35, 49-51, 330-31, 344, 457
Abuse Victims Task Force, 31, 324, 329-61, 480-81
Addresses to synod
  Bala, Pastor Bahago Istifanus, 471
  Banda, Rev. Madalitso, 455
  Bechtel, Dr. Carol, 471
  Gerber, Dr. Kobus, 455
  Iratsi, Rev. Ira-Rimam Matthias, 471
  Keizer, Rev. Herman, 430
  Lee, Mr. John R., 455
  Weber, Mr. Steven P., 471
  Witvliet, Dr. John, 454, 517
Advisers
  Ethnic advisers, 23-24, 26, 429
  Faculty advisers, 429
  Women advisers, 24, 321, 429, 479
Advisory committee assignments, 431-32
Affirmation of Faith for Officebearers. See Communication 1.
  See also Study Committees, Form of Subscription; Overtures 17-26.
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
All Nations Heritage Week, 38, 42, 60-61, 456
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal, personal, 317, 465-69
Appointments. See also Synodical.
  Interim, 23, 321, 443
Arabic-language ministry, 98-99
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Articles of Incorporation. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 430-31

B
Back to God Hour, The (renamed Back to God Ministries International), 97-103, 322, 440-41, 524
  Board, 97-98, 524
  Cooperative organizations, 102-103
  Finance, 409
Mandate, 97
Ministries, 98-102
Name change, 322, 440-41
Salary disclosure, 98
_Banner, The_, 153, 155-56, 174
Belhar Confession, 186-87, 246
Board of Trustees, 21-94, 321-72, 443, 449-51, 453, 455-57, 478-81, 523-24
Board members, 21-22, 24-28, 321-22, 481, 523-24
Financial matters, 40, 325-28. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
  Condensed financial statements, 64-94, 409-22, 449
  Investments, 367-72, 451
  Pension matters, 451-52. See also Pensions.
  Salary, 22-23, 328, 451
Polity matters, 23-34
  Abuse Victims Task Force, 31, 324, 329-61, 480-81
  Adoption of change in Church Order. See also Church Order.
    Article 23-d, 31, 519-20
  Articles of Incorporation, 324, 361-67, 481
  Back to God Hour name change, 322, 440-41
  Bible Translation Committee report, 29, 43-49, 453
  Board alternates, discontinued, 28-29, 478-79
    See also Overture 27.
  Board nominations, 24-28, 523-24
    Single nominations proposal, 28, 478
    See also Overture 27.
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
Communal Covenantal Commitment Task Force, 30
Convening churches, 32. See also Convening churches.
CRC Foundation board, 324-25
CRWRC board nominee, 323, 527
Dynamic Youth Ministries partnership agreement, 30
Environmental awareness, 460-61. See Overture 9.
Ethnic advisers, 23-24. See also Advisers.
Faith Alive Christian Resources director, 29, 323. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Guidelines for former pastors, 521. See also Overture 4.
Healthy congregations and denominational structure, 30
Home Missions director, 323. See also Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Interim appointments, 23, 321, 443. See also Appointments, Interim.
Judicial Code Committee, 32. See also Judicial Code Committee.
Leadership Institute Governing Board, 30
Project Ploughshares, 31
Publications and services, 33-34
Resolution on Zimbabwe, 511
Sea to Sea fundraiser, 31. See also Sea to Sea.
Women advisers, 24. See also Advisers.
World Missions board appointment, 29. See also Christian Reformed World Missions.
Program and finance matters, 34-40, 325-28
Aboriginal Ministries, 34-35
Agency presentations at synod, 40
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35
CRC Foundation, 40, 324-25
Office of Abuse Prevention, 35. See also Abuse Prevention.
Office of Chaplaincy Ministries, 35, 323. See also Chaplaincy Ministries.
Office of Disability Concerns, 36. See also Disability Concerns.
Office of Ministry Planning, 36-38. See also Ministry Planning.
Office of Pastor-Church Relations, 38, 322-23. See also Pastor-Church Relations.
Office of Race Relations, 38. See also Race Relations.
Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action, 38. See also Social Justice and Hunger Action.
Pension Board matters, 328. See also Pensions.
ServiceLink, 38. See also ServiceLink.
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 39. See also Sustaining Congregational Excellence.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 39. See also Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Salary grids/ranges, 22-23, 328
Boards and committees, 523-27
Breaking Barriers, 55. See also Disability Concerns.

C
Calvin College, 104-108, 373-75, 434-35, 524-25
Administrative appointments, 373-74
Board, 104-107, 374-75, 524-25
Distinguished alumni, 373
General matters, 104
Faculty, 104, 107
Reappointments, 373-74, 434-35
Recognition, 373, 435
Finance, 107, 410
Recognition of former president Spoelhof, 457
Retirees, 373
Trustees, 104-107, 374-75
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 52, 55, 153, 158-59, 201, 231, 239
Calvin, John (500th anniversary). See Overture 10.
Calvin Theological Seminary, 109-12, 435-36, 525
Administration, 109, 435
Board of trustees, 109, 525
Faculty
New, 110, 112, 436, 461
Reappointments, 110, 435
Finance, 411
M.Div. program changes, 110
Ministry incentive program, 110
Offerings for, 436
Program highlights, 110
Students, 111
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 203, 454
Campus ministry, 120-21, 124
Canada
Aboriginal Ministries, 34-35, 457
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35, 457
Director of Canadian ministries, 34
Ecumenical relations, 181
Finances, 90
Race Relations, 38
ServiceLink, 38, 457
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 181, 382
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 35, 140, 142
Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), 142
Candidacy Committee, 166-73, 379-81, 438-39, 517-20, 451, 517-20, 527-28
Candidates, 379-80, 439, 451, 488-92
Director appointment, 167, 439, 517
Financial support for students, 380
Guideline re Article 8 of Church Order, 380-81
Mandate, 166-67, 438-39, 517
Membership, 166, 380, 527-28
Ministry associates, 167-71, 502-10, 519-20
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Chaplaincy Ministries, 35, 51-54, 182, 455-56
Director position, retirement, 323, 455
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Faith Formation Committee report, 231-42.
Chinese-language ministry, 100
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 180, 182
Christian Reformed Churches. See Interchurch Relations.
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 149-50, 418, 452, 528
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 113-27, 376-78, 441, 525
Board, 115-16, 376-78, 525
Campus ministries, 120-21
Church planting and development, 117-20
Classis Renewal Ministry Team, 126
Director position, retirement, 323, 378, 441
Educational mission, 120-21
Financial report, 412
Growth, 114-15
Mandate, 113
Ministry advancement, 125-26
Ministry development, 116-23
Ministry Plan Scorecard budget, 125
Mission, 113
Mission-focused churches, 116
Mission-focused leadership development, 121-22
Red Mesa schools, 121
Regional ministry teams, 123-24
Organization of, 114
Salary disclosure, 116
Spiritual formation, 122
Christian Reformed World Missions, 128-34, 442, 526
  Board, 132-34, 526
  Collaborations, 132
  Financial report, 413
  Highlights from 2007, 128-30
  Looking ahead, 130-31
  Ministry in Canada and the U.S., 128
  Mission fields and projects
    Africa, 130
    Asia, 129-30
    Europe, 129
    Latin America, 130
    Program report, 131-32
  Salary information, 132
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 135-48, 442, 526-27
  Board, 135-36, 526-27
  Classis Renewal Ministry Team, 146
  Community services, 144-46
  Financial report, 414
  Human resources management, 147
  Justice education and advocacy, 139
  Partnerships, 140, 144
  Programs and ministries
    Africa, 139, 141-44
    Asia, 142-43
    Latin America, 137, 142
    North America, 138-41
    Relief and rehabilitation, 139-44
    Resource development, 147-148
  Salary disclosure, 146
Church Order Articles
  Article 6, 7, or 8 ordination, 31, 166, 170-72, 285, 289, 291-92, 295-96, 518, 520
  Article 6-a, 168
  Article 7, 291, 483-84
  Article 8, 484-88
    Overture 12, 283-85, 518
    Candidacy Committee, 380-81, 518-19. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 8-c
    Overture 13, 285-88, 518
  Article 10, 488-92
  Article 12-a
    Overture 16, 296-97, 437-38
  Article 12-c, 492-95
  Article 13-c, 495-96
  Article 14-b, 496
  Article 14-c, 497
Article 17-a, 497-99
Article 17-c, 499-502
Article 23
   Overture 14, 288-92, 519
   Overture 15, 293-96, 519
   Candidacy Committee, 167-68, 171-73, 519. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a, 502-10
Article 23-b or -c, 510
Article 23-d, 31, 42
   Candidacy Committee, 170-72, 519-20. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 47, 31
Article 51-a, 256, 445
Article 54-b, 268
Articles 82-83, 482
Classical examinations. See Synodical deputies, work of.
Classical Ministry Leadership Teams, 285-86
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.
   Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
   Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 315, 443, 452-53
Commission on Christian Unity, 186
Committees. See also Advisory, Service, and Study committees.
   Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 35, 63, 139
Communications
   1: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 313-15, 473, 476-77, 516
   2: Classis Minnkota, 315, 443, 452-53
   3: Council of Ivanrest CRC, 403-405, 513, 521
Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 430
Consolidated Group Insurance, 422
   See also Study Committees; Overture 28.
Convening churches, 32, 425, 522
Covenant of Ordination. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription;
   Overtures 17-26; Communication 1.
CRC Foundation, 40
   Mission statement, 324-25
CRC Publications (in Korea), 159. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Crossroad Bible Institute, 103

D
Delegates to Synod 2008, 13-17, 427-29
Denominational Ministries Plan, 34, 36, 153, 324, 461
   Scorecard, 34, 37, 55, 113, 125, 153
Denominational Services, 416
Disability Concerns, Office of, 36, 54-57, 456
Disaster Response Services (DRS), 140
Disaster relief, 139-144
Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription; Overtures 17-26; Communication 1.

Dordt College, 193-194, 436

Dynamic Youth Ministries, 30, 203, 454

Easter Sunday, 127, 441

Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
- Canadian Council of Churches, Ms. Louisa Bruinsma and Rev. Bruce Adema, 180
- Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 180
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 180
- National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 180
- National Council of Churches, 382

Elim Christian Services (60th anniversary). See Overture 1.

Employee benefit programs. See Insurance; Pensions.

English-language ministry, 99-100

English Standard Version, 48

Environmental awareness. See Overture 9.

Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 181

Evening worship service, practice of. See Overture 2.

Executive sessions of synod, 9, 430, 461, 482

Faith Alive Christian Resources (formerly CRC Publications), 151-61, 446-47, 527
- Antiracism, 155
- The Banner, 153, 155-56
- Board, 151-52, 527
- Core values, 151
- Curriculum/publications, 156-58
- Director position, retirement, 152-53, 323, 447, 454
- Finances, 160-61, 415
- Marketing and customer service, 160
- Mission statement, 151
- Personnel matters, 152, 160
- Recycling, 154
- Relationships with other organizations, 153-54
- Salary disclosure, 155
- Use of resources by CRC churches, 154
- World Literature Ministries, 159

Faith Formation. See Study committees.

Financial statements, 64-94, 409-22. See also Recommended agencies/causes; Stated supply.

 Former pastors, guidelines. See Overture 4.

 Form of Subscription. See Study Committees; Overtures 17-26; Communication 1.
Forms of Unity, 243, 430
Fraternal delegates, 180, 185, 382, 430, 433, 455, 471, 511

From churches
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mr. Steven P. Weber, 471
Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, Rev. Yakubu Ishaya Tsojon, 430
Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, Pastor Bahago Istifanus Bala, 430, 471
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Dr. Kobus Gerber, 433, 455, 511
Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria, Rev. Ira-Rimam Matthias Iratsi, 433, 471
Reformed Church in America, Dr. Carol Bechtel, 471
Reformed Church in Zambia, Rev. Madalitso Banda, 430, 455

To churches
Reformed Church in America, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 180
Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. George Young, 180
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Dr. Philip V. De Jonge, 180

French-language ministry, 100
Friendship Ministries, 158, 161
Friendship Series Charities, 161

G
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 203-204, 454
Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (GKN), 182-85, 188-89, 463-64, 512.
See also Interchurch Relations, Protestant Church in the Netherlands.
Gratitude, expressions of, 441, 454-57, 529
Greetings. See also Fraternal delegates.
From Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, 455
Guidelines for former pastors. See Overture 4.

H
Heidelberg Catechism. See Overtures 6-7.
Historical Committee, 174-78, 448, 528
 Recognition of congregations, 177
 Recognition of individuals, 175-77
HIV/AIDS, 135, 137-39, 147-48
Hospitality Committee, 188, 433
Hymnal, 153, 158-59. See also Overtures 6-8.

I
Indonesian-language ministry, 101
Infant baptism, 232. See Study Committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 195-96, 436
Insurance, Consolidated Group, 422
Interchurch Relations Committee, 179-89, 382-86, 455, 462-65, 469-70, 472-73, 512-13, 528
 Belhar Confession, 187. See also Belhar Confession.
Bilateral relationships, 182-86, 382-85
Churches in dialogue, 186-87, 384-85
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 186-87
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 185-86, 382-84
Ecumenical relations, 180, 382. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Fraternal delegates, 180, 382. See also Fraternal delegates.
Greetings from Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, 455
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Membership, 179-80, 187-89, 382, 528
Multilateral relationships-organizations, 180-82, 382
Protestant Church in the Netherlands discussion, 183-85, 463-65, 469-70, 472-73, 512-13
Unifying General Council meeting, 181, 462
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 181, 462
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 101
Judicial Code Committee, 32, 42, 465-69, 528

K
Kids Corner radio program, 99
King’s University College, 197, 436
Korean-language ministry, 102
Kuyper College, 198, 436

L
Leadership Development. See Christian Reformed Home Missions, Mission-focused leadership.
Leadership Institute, 30
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lilly grant, 39, 59, 72
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord’s Supper. See Interchurch Relations, Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church; Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee; Overture 3.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 34
Mental impairments, ministry to people with, 158
Micah Challenge, 61-63, 139, 510-11
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 98, 103
Migration of Workers. See Study Committees.
Ministerial Information Service, 59
Ministers’ Pension Plan. See Pensions.
Ministry Associates. See Candidacy Committee; Overture 14.
Ministry Planning, Office of, 36, 457
Ministry shares, 449, 533-34
Minutes-Review Committee, 433

N
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 182
National Council of Churches, 382
New Living Translation Evaluation Committee Report, 43-49, 453

O
Officers and functionaries, 522
Our World Belongs to God. See Contemporary Testimony; Study Committees; Overture 28.
Overtures
1. Observe Elim Sunday in October 2008, 253, 445
2. Encourage the Practice of an Evening Worship Service, 253-57, 445
3. Ensure That Synodical Delegates Can Receive the Elements of Holy Communion from a Male Elder at Synodical Worship Services, 257-58, 481-82
4. Establish Guidelines for Former Pastors, 258-64, 513-16, 521
5. Revise the Guidelines for the Advisory Panel Process, 264-67, 483
6. Include the Heidelberg Catechism in the New Hymnal, 267-68, 447
7. Include the Reformed Confessions in the New Hymnal, 268-69, 447
8. Instruct the New Hymnal Committee Regarding Placement of the Psalms, 269, 447
9. Develop Guidelines for Environmental Awareness, 269-74, 459-61
10. Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of John Calvin’s Birth, 274-75, 449
11. Appoint a Committee to Study Both Sides of the Women-in-Office Issue, 275-83, 442
12. Overturn the Decision of Synod 2006 That Empowers the Candidacy Committee to Control the Church Order Article 8 Process for Ministers Coming from Other Denominations, 283-85, 518
13. Revise Church Order Article 8-c to Remove the Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy Requirement, 285-88, 518-19
14. Revise Church Order Article 23 to Permit the Ordination of Ministry Associates as Ministers of the Word, 288-92, 519
15. Revise Church Order Articles 23-b and 23-c, 293-96, 519
16. Add the Word Pray to Church Order Article 12-a, 296-97, 437-38
17. Re-emphasize Use of the Form of Subscription, 297-300, 473, 477, 516
18. Re-emphasize Our Confessional Unity, 300-303, 473, 477, 516
19. Reject or Revise the Proposed Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers, 303-306, 473, 477, 516
22. Withhold Action on the Form of Subscription Revision Committee Report and Appoint a New Committee to Update the Language of the Form of Subscription, 308-11, 473, 477, 516
23. Defer Deliberations and Decisions on the Proposed Covenant of Ordination for Officebearers in the CRCNA to Synod 2009, 311, 473, 477, 516
24. Refer the Matter of Clarifying the Form of Subscription to a New Committee, 389-94, 473, 477, 516
25. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Doctrinal Covenant of Ordination, 394-95, 473, 477, 516
26. Reject the Proposed Covenant of Ordination and Call Churches to a Renewed Understanding of the Role of the Form of Subscription, 395-96, 473, 477, 516
27. Do Not Adopt Recommendations of the Board of Trustees Regarding Denominational Boards and Committees, 396-400, 478
28. Defer Action on the Proposed Contemporary Testimony, 400-401, 458-459

P
Partners Worldwide, 137, 148
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 38, 57-59, 258, 264, 456-57, 521
   Director position, retirement, 322-323, 456-57
   Guidelines for former pastors, 521. See also Overture 4.
Pathways International, 158
Pensions, 162-65, 328, 419-21, 452, 528
   Board, 162, 165, 528
   Employees’ retirement plans, 164, 421
   Financial disclosures, 165, 419-21
   Ministers’ pension plans, 162-64, 419-20, 452
Personal Appeal, 317, 465-69
Portuguese-language ministry, 101
Prayer, role in pastoral ministry. See Overture 16.
Presbyterian Church in Canada, 186
Program HOPE!, 145
Protestant Church in the Netherlands. See Interchurch Relations Committee.
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 38, 60-61, 456
Recommended agencies/causes, 325-27, 449-50, 535-37
Redeemer University College, 199-200, 437
Reformation Sunday, 127, 441
Reformed Church in America, 186, 456, 483
Reformed confessions. See Overtures 6-7.
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 180-81
Restorative justice, 52-53, 342-44, 348, 350, 360, 481
Retirements
   Agency and ministry directors, 323, 441, 454-57
   Ministerial, 443-44. See also Synodical deputies, work of.
Russian-language ministry, 101-102
S
Salary grid, 22-23, 328, 451
Sea to Sea bicycle tour fundraiser, 31-32, 73, 124, 186, 425, 483
Sergeant at Arms, 433
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 190, 481, 528
Service committees, 527-28
ServiceLink, 38, 144-45
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 38, 61-63, 457, 510
Spanish-language ministry, 102
Specialized ministries, 34-40, 417
Stated supply, 327-28, 450
Study committees
  Committee to Study the Migration of Workers, 528
  Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism II, 528
  Contemporary Testimony Revision Committee, 209-30, 458-459
  Faith Formation Committee, 231-42, 454, 473, 517, 528
  Form of Subscription Revision Committee, 243-50, 473-78, 516
  Form of Subscription Revision Committee II, 476-77, 516-17, 528
  Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 39, 457
  Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 39, 59, 457
Synodical
  Appointments, 522
  Boards, 523-27
  Committees, 527-29
    Delegates, 13-17, 427-29
    Deputies, 23, 321, 522-23
      Work of, 482, 483-510
    Executive sessions, 9, 430, 461, 482
    Functionaries, 522
    Officers, 429, 522
    Resources, 33-34
    Service of Prayer and Praise, 425-26
Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee, 517. See Candidacy Committee.

T
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 433
Third Wave Pentecostalism. See Study Committees.
Trinity Christian College, 201-202, 437

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 430-31
Vitae
  Mary Lynn Vanden Berg, 112
  Visual impairments, 158
  Voice of the Reformed, 156

W
Women advisers. See Advisers.
Women delegates. See Classical Matters; Communication 2.
Women in office. See Overture 11.
World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 182, 462
Worship Planning Committee, 433
Worship at synod, 427, 433, 446, 455, 462, 471, 480, 529

Y
Yearbook, 33
Youth Unlimited, 204-205, 454

Z
Zimbabwe, Synodical Resolution on, 510-11
Acronyms and abbreviations from the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2009

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

A
Aboriginal Ministries, 36-37
Abuse Prevention, Office of (renamed Safe Church Ministry), 31, 43, 83-86, 586-87
  Advocate position, 43, 86, 586
  Name change, 43, 86, 586
  Regional advisory panels, 43, 86, 586-87
Accra Confession (statement on economic justice), 246, 263-69, 577
Addresses to synod
  Bahago, Rev. Istifanus Bala, 596
  Betha, Rev. Motlalentwa Godfrey, 597
  du Plooy, Prof. Andries le Roux, 596
  Dykstra, Rev. Gerard L., executive director, 603, 614
  Granberg-Michaelson, Dr. Wesley, 596
  Jumper, Dr. Mark, 597
  Rice, Mr. Mark, 595
  Vandezande, Mr. Ben, 610
Advisers
  Ethnic advisers, 26-27, 563
  Faculty advisers, 563
  See also Overture 2; Youth observers at synod.
Advisory committees, 565-66
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
All Nations Heritage Week, 35, 44, 95-96, 588
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeals
  1: Mr. L. and Mrs. F. Garnanez, 471, 600-601
  2: Ms. B. Hoekstra, 471, 597-99
3: Mr. A. Jae and Mr. Y. Min, 471, 601-602, 611-12
4: Revs. J. J. Choi, P. Han, T. Lim, and C. Yoon, 471, 601-602, 611-12

Appointments. See also Synodical.
   Interim, 23, 37, 475, 595
to CRC ministries, 37

Arabic-language ministry, 146
Archives. See Historical Committee.

Articles of Incorporation. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 564-65

B
Back to God Ministries International (formerly The Back to God Hour),
   38, 145-52, 539, 608-609, 644
Board, 151-52, 644
Cooperative organizations, 150-51
Finance, 539
Mandate, 145
Ministries, 145-150, 608
Name change, 145
New ministry opportunity in India, 38, 150, 608
Salary disclosure, 152

Banner, The, 197-99, 206, 225
Belhar Confession, 269-313. See also Interchurch Relations, Belhar Confession;
   Overtures 5, 7; Communication 3.

Board of Trustees, 21-142, 475-520, 569-70, 573-82, 586-89, 593, 595-96, 603,
   608-609, 614-15, 643-44, 649
Board members, 22-26, 475-76, 643-44
Financial matters, 38-39, 478-83. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
   Condensed financial statements, 112-42, 539-53, 581
   Investments, 482, 516-20
   Pension matters, 42, 53-55, 67-68, 482-83, 582. See also Pensions and Insurance.
   Salary, 22-23, 482, 582

Polity matters, 23-30, 475-78
   Articles of Incorporation
      Model articles – U.S. churches, 478, 485-88, 596
      Model articles – Canadian churches, 478, 489-92, 596
      Operating Bylaw 1 – Canadian churches, 478, 492-515, 596
Board nominations, 23-26, 475-76, 569-70
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
Communal Covenantal Commitment Task Force, 28, 40-42, 52-69, 577-81
Convening churches, 27, 477, 596. See also Convening churches of synod.
Denominational survey, 477, 603
Ethnic advisers, 26-27. See also Advisers.
Guide for Conducting Church Visiting survey, 28, 42, 596
Guidelines for Congregations and Former Pastors, 27, 39-40, 45-52, 575-76
Interim appointments, 23, 475, 595. See also Appointments, Interim.
Judicial Code Committee, 29, 476-77. See also Judicial Code Committee.
Leadership Exchange (formerly Leadership Institute), 28, 69-77, 478, 603, 608
Ministry Council, restructure of, 28, 81-83, 588-89, 614-15, 649
Publications and services, 29-30
Sea to Sea fundraiser, 29. See also Sea to Sea.
Synod 2010, location of, 27, 39, 596
Youth observers at synod, 27, 563
World Missions at-large member appt., 477-78, 569-70, 645. See also Christian Reformed World Missions.
Program and finance matters, 30-38, 478-83
Agency presentations at synod, 37
Appointments to CRC ministries, 37, 44-45, 593, 608
Back to God Ministries International—India, 38, 45, 608
See also The Network: Connecting Churches for Ministry.
Committee for Contact with the Government, 31
CRC Foundation, 38
CRCNA-Canada Foundation, Bylaw No. 1, 38, 103-111, 581
Financial matters, 38-39, 478-83. See also Financial Statements.
Office of Abuse Prevention (renamed Safe Church Ministry), 31, 43.
See also Abuse Prevention.
Office of Chaplaincy Ministries, 31-32, 43-44. See also Chaplaincy Ministries.
Office of Disability Concerns, 32, 44. See also Disability Concerns.
Office of Ministry Planning, 32-34. See also Ministry Planning.
Office of Pastor-Church Relations, 28, 34. See also Pastor-Church Relations.
Office of Race Relations, 34-35, 44. See also Race Relations.
Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action, 35. See also Social Justice and Hunger Action.
Pension Board matters, 482-83, 582. See also Pensions.
ServiceLink, 35. See also ServiceLink.
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 35. See also Sustaining Congregational Excellence.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 36. See also Sustaining Pastoral Excellence.
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 36-37
Salary grids/ranges, 22-23, 482, 582
Boards and committees, 643-48
Breaking Barriers, 90. See also Disability Concerns.
Bylaws. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

C
Calvin College, 153-58, 521-23, 570-71, 644-45
Administrative appointments, 153, 157-58, 521-22
Board, 153-58, 644-45
General matters, 153
Faculty
Reappointments, 153, 157-58, 521, 570-71
Recognition, 153, 571
Retirees, 521, 571
Finance, 157, 540
Trustees, 154-57, 522-23
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 88, 91, 202, 206, 434
Calvin, John (500th anniversary), 199, 250, 319
Calvin Theological Seminary, 159-161, 313, 541, 569, 571, 645
  Administration, 159
  Board of Trustees, 159, 645
  Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
  Faculty reappointments, 160, 571
  Finance, 541
  M.Div. curriculum changes, 160
  Offerings for, 569
  Program highlights, 160-61
  Semester system change, 160
  Students, 161
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 329, 610
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
  Committee for Contact with the Government, 31, 98, 187
  Director of Canadian ministries, 30, 81-82, 104, 596, 642
  Ecumenical relations, 245
  Finances, 138
  Race Relations, 34
  ServiceLink, 35. See also Service Link.
  Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 36-37
Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), 98, 245
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 188-89
Candidacy Committee, 215-23, 524-26, 572-73, 578-89, 583-84, 647
  Administering Church Order Article 8, 222
  Candidates, 524-26, 572-73, 578-79
  Church Order Article 23 issues, 216-23, 583-84
  Classical Ministerial Leadership Teams (CMLTs), 215, 219-20, 222
  Membership, 215, 647
  Ministry associates, 216-23, 583. See also Ministry Associates.
  Physical examination requirement removed, 216, 583
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Center for Congregations. See The Network: Connecting Churches for Ministry.
Chaplaincy Ministries, 31-32, 37, 43-44, 86-90, 478, 587
  Director position, retirement, 37, 478
  Veterans’ needs, 89-90, 587
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee.
Chinese-language ministry, 147-48
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 246
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 194-96, 549, 582, 647
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 162-76, 569, 608-10, 645
  Board matters, 173-76, 645
  Campus ministries, 166-67
  Church planting and development, 163-66
Collaborative efforts, 170
 Communications, 174-75
 Director position, 37, 45, 174, 608, 610
 Educational mission, 166-67
 Financial report, 542
 Growth through evangelism, 170
 Leadership development, 167, 169-70, 172-73
 Mandate, 162
 Ministries, 163-72
 Ministry to and with local CRCs, 167-70
 Ministry advancement, 174
 Ministry Plan Scorecard budget, 175-76
 Mission, 162-63
 New ministry development, 171-72
 Offerings for, 569
 Personnel, 174
 Recruitment and training, 172-73
 Salary disclosure, 174
 Stories of lives changed, 170-71
 Christian Reformed World Missions, 177-83, 477-78, 569-70, 589, 608-609, 645-46
 At-large member appointment, 477-78, 569-70, 645
 Board matters, 182-83, 645-46
 Church missions coaching, 178
 Financial report, 543
 Ministries, 177-81
 Mission fields and projects, 178-81, 608-609
   Africa, 179-80
   Eurasia, 180
   India, 608
   Latin America, 180-81
 Offerings for, 569
 Recruitment, placement, and training, 181-82
 Salary information, 183
 Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 184-93, 475, 569, 603, 609, 646-47
 Board matters, 191-92, 475, 646-47
 Community transformation, 184-86, 603
 Disaster Response Services, 190-91
 Financial report, 544
 HIV and AIDS programming, 185, 603
 Human resources management, 191
 International disaster response, 188-90
   Africa, 189-90
   Asia, 189-90
 Justice education and advocacy, 186-87
 Ministries, 184-91
 Offerings for, 569
 Resource development, 193
 Salary disclosure, 192
 Service Learning-U.S., 187-88
 ServiceLink Canada, 187-88
Churches Together in the U.S.A., 246

Church Order Articles

Article 3, 457, 463-64
Article 5, 251, 281, 448
Article 6, 7, or 8 ordination, 215-17, 222-23.

See also Candidacy Committee.

Article 7, 617-18
Article 8, 618-19
Article 10, 619-25
Article 12-c, 625-28
Article 13-c, 628
Article 14-b, 628-29
Article 14-c, 629-30
Article 14-d, 630
Article 14-e, 630-31
Article 17-a, 631-32
Article 17-c, 633-34
Article 18, 220
Article 23, 216-17. See also Candidacy Committee.

Article 23-a, 218, 222-23, 634-40
Article 23-b or -c, 640-41
Article 23-d, 641
Article 32-d, Supplement, 596

Articles 40-a and 45. See Overture 4.

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, work of.

Classical Ministerial Leadership Teams (CMLTs), 215, 219-20, 222

Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.

Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 457-64, 469,

567-68

Classis Renewal Ministry Team, 170

Cognitive impairments. See Friendship Ministries.

Commission on Christian Unity, 247-48

Committees. See also Advisory, Service, and Study committees.

Committee for Contact with the Government (CCG), 31, 98, 187

Communal Covenantal Commitment Task Force, 28, 40-42, 52-69, 577-81

Communications

1: Classis Minnkota, 469, 616
2: Classis Heartland, 469-70, 592
3: Classis Grand Rapids North, 535-36, 607

Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 564

Consolidated Group Insurance, 213

Convening churches of synod, 7, 27, 477, 557, 596, 642

Covenant for Officebearers, Doctrinal. See Study Committees, Form of
Subscription Revision Committee II.

CRC Foundation, 38

in Canada, 38, 169, 103-111, 581

CRC Publications (Korea publisher), 203. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Crossroad Bible Institute, 91, 150
Delegates to Synod 2009, 13-17, 561-63
Denominational Ministries Plan, 30, 101, 206
    Scorecard, 31, 34, 101, 162, 176, 206
    See also The Network: Connecting Churches for Ministry.
Denominational Services, 546
Diaconal advisers. See Overture 2.
Disability Concerns, Office of, 32, 37, 44, 90-92, 587-88
Disaster Response Services (DRS), 190-91
Disaster relief, 188-91
Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers. See Study Committees, Form of
    Subscription Revision Committee II.
Dordt College, 319-20, 571
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 329-31, 610

Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
    Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra and Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 244
    Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 244
    Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 244
    National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 244
Employee benefit programs. See Insurance; Pensions.
English-language ministry, 146-47
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 245
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 564, 597-602

Faith Alive Christian Resources, 197-208, 545, 593, 595, 647
    Antiracism, 208
    The Banner, 197-99, 206
    Board matters, 205-208, 647
    Core values, 197
    Curriculum and other publications, 199-203
    Director position, 37, 44, 593
    Finances, 204, 545
    Hymnal development, 202, 206
    Marketing and customer service, 203-204
    Mission statement, 197
    Personnel matters, 204
    Recycling, 207
    Relationships with other organizations, 206-207
    Salary disclosure, 208
    Use of resources by CRC churches, 207
    World Literature Ministries, 202-203
    Worship resources, 202, 206
Faith Formation. *See* Study committees.

Financial statements, 112-42, 539-53. *See also* Recommended agencies/causes; Stated supply.

Former pastors, guidelines, 27, 39-40, 45-52, 575-76

Form of Subscription. *See* Study Committees.

Forms of Unity, 466, 564. *See also* Overture 7.

Fraternal delegates, 243-44, 247, 527, 564, 567, 589, 596-97

From churches

Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, Pastor Istifanus Bala Bahago, 527, 567, 596

Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Dr. Mark Jumper, 527, 597

Reformed Church in America, Rev. Harold Delhagen, 527, 589

Reformed Church in America, Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, 596

Reformed Churches in South Africa, Prof. Andries le Roux du Plooy, 596

Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Rev. Motlalentwa Godfrey Betha, 527, 564, 589, 596

To churches

Anglican Church of Kenya (CRWRC partner), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 243

Die Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika (GKST), Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 243

Reformed Church in America, Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 243

Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Jeong Gho, 243

Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA), Dr. David Holwerda, 244

Reformed Church of East Africa, Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 243

Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 243

French-language ministry, 148

Friendship Ministries, 91, 201, 207

**G**

GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 329-30, 610

Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (GKN), 246-47

*See also* Interchurch Relations, Protestant Church in the Netherlands.

Gratitude, expressions of, 29, 160, 475, 527, 576-77, 579, 596, 617, 649

Greetings. *See* Fraternal delegates.

Guidelines for congregations and former pastors, 27, 39-40, 45-52, 575-76

**H**

Heidelberg Catechism, 202, 248

Historical Committee, 224-41, 593, 648

Congregational Records Management, 229-41, 593

Recognition of ministries, 227

Recognition of individuals, 226-27

HIV-AIDS ministries, 181, 185-86

Hospitality Committee, 567

Hymnal development, 202, 206
Indonesian-language ministry, 148
Infant baptism, 434, 444. See Study Committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 321-22, 584
Insurance, Consolidated Group, 213
Interchurch Relations Committee (renamed Ecumenical Relations Committee), 242-314, 527, 576-77, 589, 603-608, 611, 648
Accra Confession (statement on economic justice), 246, 263-69, 577
See also Overtures 5, 7; Communication 3.
Bilateral relationships, 246-48
Calvin, John (500th anniversary), 250
Churches in dialogue, 313-14
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 248-49
Racial and Ethnic Diversity, biblical and theological principles, 287-313
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 247-48, 250, 313
Ecumenical relations, 243-48, 250, 527. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Fraternal delegates, 243-44, 527. See also Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 249, 607, 611
Membership, 242-43, 648
Multilateral relationships—organizations, 244-46
Name change, 242, 252, 577
Protestant Church in the Netherlands discussion, 246-47
Unifying General Council meeting, 245
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 244
Proposed constitution and bylaws, 252-63
Interim appointments. See Appointments, interim.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 149
Judicial Code Committee, 29, 476-77, 597-99, 648

K
King’s University College, 323, 571
Korean-language ministry, 150
Kuyper College, 324, 585

L
Leadership Development. See Christian Reformed Home Missions, Leadership Development.
Leadership Exchange (formerly Leadership Institute), 28, 69-77
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lilly Endowment funding, 35-36, 91
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Index

Lord’s Supper. See Interchurch Relations, Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church; Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 30
Mental (cognitive) impairments. See Friendship Ministries.
Micah Challenge, 97-98, 187
Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), 146, 151
Migration of Workers. See Study Committees.
Ministerial Information Service, 94, 221
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Ministry associates; Synodical deputies, work of.
Examined via Church Order Article 7, 617-18
From other denominations, 618-19
Granted extension as eligible for call, 633-34
In specialized services, 625-28
Loan to another denomination, 628
Re-eligible for call, 630-31
Released from office, 628-32, 635
Retired, 616-17
Ministers’ Pension Plan. See Pensions; Overture 1.
Ministry associates, 634-41. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Planning, Office of, 32-34
Ministry shares, 40-42, 52-69, 479, 577-81, 653-54
Minutes-Review Committee, 567

N
National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), 244, 245
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 548, 574, 603, 615
See also Board of Trustees, Program and Finance Matters, Center for Congregations and Polity Matters, Structure Report.

O
Officers and functionaries, 641-42
Overtures
1. Re-evaluate Participant Assessment Regarding the Ministers’ Pension Fund, 455, 583
2. Appoint Diaconal Advisers to Synod, 455-56, 616
4. Revise Church Order Supplement, Articles 40-a and 45-b, 1, 463-64, 612-14
5. Endorse the Recommendation of the Interchurch Relations Committee to Accept the Belhar Confession as a Doctrinal Standard of Unity, 464-67, 607
6. Refer the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism to the Churches, 531, 592
7. Accept the Belhar Confession as a Foundational Standard of the Christian Reformed Church in North America Equal to the Historic Three Forms of Unity, and Recommend to Synod 2012 the Adoption of the Belhar as a Fourth Confession of Our Denomination, 531-33, 607

P
Partners Worldwide, 57, 327
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 28, 34, 45-51, 92-95, 575-76, 596
   Church visiting, importance of, 28, 596
   Director position, new appointments, 34, 92
   Guidelines re former pastors, 27, 39-40, 45-52, 575-76
Pensions and Insurance, 42, 53-55, 67-68, 209-14, 550-53, 582-83, 648. See also
   Overture 1.
   Board matters, 209-10, 648
   Consolidated Group Insurance, 213, 553
   Employees’ retirement plans, 212-13, 552
   Financial disclosures, 213
   Ministers’ pension plans, 210-12, 550-51, 582-83
Personal Appeals. See Appeals.
Portuguese-language ministry, 149
Presbyterian Church in Canada, 248
Protestant Church in the Netherlands. See Interchurch Relations Committee.
Protests. See Classical matters.
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 34-35, 44, 95-96, 588
Recommended agencies/causes, 479-82, 581-82, 655-57
Reedeemer University College, 325-26, 572
Reformed Church in America, 146, 202, 205-206, 243, 247-48, 465, 527, 532, 589, 595-96, 647
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 244-45, 270
Restorative justice, 43, 85-88, 98,
Retirements
   Agency and ministry directors, 31, 34, 478
   Ministerial, 616-17. See also Synodical Deputies, work of.
Russian-language ministry, 149

S
Salary grid, 22-23, 482, 582
Sea to Sea bicycle tour fundraiser, 29, 120-21, 169
Sergeant at Arms, 567
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 315, 615, 648
Service committees, 647-48
Service Learning-U.S., 187-88
ServiceLink, 35, 187-88
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 35, 97-98, 558
Spanish-language ministry, 149
Specialized Ministries, 31-37, 547
Study committees
  Committee to Study the Migration of Workers, 648
  Committee to Study Third Wave Pentecostalism II, 335-432, 590-92
  Faith Formation Committee, 433-47, 584, 594-95, 648
  Form of Subscription Revision Committee II, 448-51, 570, 593, 648
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 35, 603
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 36, 603
Synodical
  Appointments, 641-42
  Boards, 643-47
  Committees, 647-48
  Convening church for Synod 2010, 642. See also Convening churches.
  Delegates, 13-17, 561-63
  Deputies, 23, 475, 612, 642
    Work of, 617-41
  Executive sessions, 9, 564, 597-602
  Functionaries, 642
  Officers, 563, 641-42
  Resources, 29-30
  Service of Prayer and Praise, 557-59

T
  Testimonial Banquet Committee, 567
Third Wave Pentecostalism. See Study Committees; Overture 6;
  Communication 2.
Trinity Christian College, 7, 35, 327-28, 477, 561, 585

V
  Video recording of synod, 9-10, 564-65
  Visual impairments, 201
  Voice of the Reformed, 199

W
  Women delegates. See Classical Matters; Overture 4; Communication 1.
  Women in office. See Overture 3.
  World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), 245-46, 263-70
  Worship at synod, 557-59, 561, 567, 574, 592, 605, 649
  Worship Planning Committee, 567
  Worship resources, 202

Y
  Yearbook, 29-30
  Youth observers at synod, 27, 563
  Youth Unlimited, 330-31, 610
Acronyms and abbreviations in the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2010

ACRE – Association of Christian Reformed Educators
ACT – Action by Churches Together
ANH – All Nations Heritage
APCE – Association of Presbyterian Church Educators
ARP – 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
CEF – 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 – Heralding 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
YU – Youth Unlimited

A
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.
Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.
Abuse Victims Task Force, 31, 475-509, 862-66. See also Communication 1.
Addresses to synod
Dykstra, Rev. Gerard L., executive director, 802
Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Karen, Canadian Council of Churches, 862
Klimp, Rev. Ron, director of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, 870
Poest, Rev. Don, Reformed Church in America, 862
Rice, Dr. Rodger; Mr. Neil Carlson; and Ms. Christina Vanden Bosch-der Nederlanden (Calvin College Center for Social Research), 812-13
Advisers to synod
Ethnic advisers, 27, 795
Faculty advisers, 795
Young adult advisers (formerly youth advisers, youth observers), 795.
See also Young adult advisers.
Advisory committees, 797-98
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
All Nations Heritage Week, 41-42, 400, 869
Antiracism. See Race Relations.

Appeals
  1. Rev. N. Punt, 709, 803
     Pacific Hanmi appeals (from 2009), 31-32, 715, 725-28, 802-803

Appointments. See also Synodical.
   Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   to CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Arabic-language ministry, 104
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 796

B
Back to God Ministries International, 103-10, 131-32, 137, 160, 801, 821-22, 894
   Board, 109-10, 801, 894
   Cooperative organizations, 108-109
   Finance, 110
   Mandate, 103,
   Ministries, 103-109
   Salary disclosure, 110
Banner, The, 130, 154-56, 163, 390, 395, 453
Belgic Confession (proposed translation), 168-240, 818-20. See also Overtures 20-25.
   Belhar Confession, 154-55, 651-52. See also Ecumenical Relations Committee, Belhar Confession; Overture 12.
   Board of Trustees, 21-100, 713-35, 773-87, 802-806, 808-809, 814, 818-21, 823-24, 830-31, 861-62, 867-72, 883-85, 891, 893-94
   Board members, 22-27, 713-15, 893-94
   Financial matters. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
      Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 37-38
      Condensed financial statements, 69-100, 773-87, 805
      Investments, 722, 731-35
      Ministry shares, 36-37, 42, 717, 805, 921-22
      Pension matters, 722, 807. See also Pensions and Insurance.
      Salary disclosure, 22-23, 721, 806
   Ministries Leadership Team Mandate, 33-34, 54-56
   Polity matters
      Abuse Victims Task Force report, 31, 475-509, 862-66
      Addressing topics of church-wide interest, time for, 28-29, 39, 809
      Agency presentations, 28, 813, 871, 891
      Board nominations, 24-27, 714, 893-94
      Calvin Theological Seminary president nominee endorsement, 715, 814.
      See also Calvin Theological Seminary.
      Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
      Convening churches, 28, 809, 892. See also Convening churches of synod.
      Creation care, 30, 46-51, 870-72
      Denominational Membership Mailing List Policy and Administration, 715, 722, 728-30
      Denominational survey, 31, 809, 812-13
      Diversity in leadership planning, 31, 715, 884
Ethnic advisers, 27. See also Advisers.
Guidelines for Proposed Structure Changes, 31, 51-54, 861-62
Judicial Code Committee, 29-30, 39, 898. See also Judicial Code Committee.
Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 footnote revision, 716-17, 818-20
Immigration Resolution (NAE), 30, 43-46
Interim appointments, 23, 713, 808
Leadership Exchange, 31
Pacific Hanmi Appeals Committee, 31-32, 715, 725-28, 802-803
Publications and services, 32-33
Seek ways forward for churches that submitted Overtures 1-2, 891
Synod 2011, location of, 28, 809, 892
Synod 2012, location of, 28, 809
Worship planning at synod, 28, 809
Young adult advisers (formerly youth advisers, youth observers), 27, 795, 830. See also Advisers.
  Dialogue re, with ethnic minorities, 830
  Guidelines for, 38, 42-43, 830
Youth advisers. See Young adult advisers.
Youth and discipleship discussion, 716
Youth observers, 27, 795. See also Young adult advisers.

Program matters
Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 35-36, 101-407, 737-53
All Nations Heritage Week observance, 41-42, 400, 869
Chaplaincy Ministries, Office of
  name change, 40, 392-93, 867-68
  new director, 36, 42, 869-70
CRHM director position, 717, 821
CRWRC - Ecuador program, 36, 821
Disability Week observance, 41, 396-97, 868-69
Ethnic diversity and racial justice, annual report to synod, 884
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 34-35, 56-64, 867
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 35, 64-68, 823-24
Office of Social Justice mandate, review, 883
Safe Church Advocate (title change), 717, 870

Boards and committees, 892-98

C
Calvin College, 111-14, 737-39, 813-14, 894
  Administrative appointments, 738
Board, 111-14, 801, 894
General matters, 111
  Faculty, 111
    Promotions, 738-39, 814
    Reappointments, 114, 737-39, 813-14
    Recognition, 111, 738, 814
    Retirees, 737
  Finance, 114
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 28, 159, 163, 390, 413, 586
Calvin Theological Seminary, 115-18, 715, 740-42, 814-15, 843, 895
Administration, 116
Board of trustees, 115-16, 740, 801, 895
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Faculty reappointments, 117, 815
Faculty retirement, 117
Finance, 118, 740
Graduates, 740
Offerings for, 118, 801
President nomination and appointment, 740-42, 814, 843
Program highlights, 117
Recognition, 815
Students, 118
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 469, 824
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
Committee for Contact with the Government, 393, 879, 883
Director of Canadian ministries, 33, 891
Ecumenical relations, 417
Finances, 95
ServiceLink, 138, 144-45, 404-405
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 407
Canadian Council of Churches, 415, 417, 752, 813, 827, 862
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 145, 427
Candidacy Committee, 411-13, 747-51, 815-16, 818, 882, 897. See also Overture 8.
Candidates, 747-48, 815-16, 882
Clarification of Church Order Article 8, 412-13
Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy, 413, 751
Mandate, 411
Mandatory continuing education, 413, 749-51
Membership, 411-12, 897
Ministry associate, office of, 412. See also Ministry associates.
Review wording of Church Order Article 23, 818
RCA pastor orientation, 751
Welcoming new pastors, 413
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Canons of Dort (proposed translation), 241-93, 818-20. See also Overtures 20-25.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Chaplaincy Ministries (renamed Chaplaincy and Care Ministry), 389-93, 867-70, 883
Encourage chaplaincy as a vocation, 393, 868
Name change, 40, 392-393, 868
New director, 36, 391, 869-70, 883
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee; Overtures 9-11.
Chinese-language ministry, 104
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 417-18. See also Ecumenical Relations.
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 37-38
Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, 752
Christian Reformed Church of Australia, greetings from, 862
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 151-52, 808, 897
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 37, 119-30, 717, 801, 821-22, 895
  Board matters, 127-29, 801, 895
  Campus ministries, 122, 822
  Church planting and development, 37, 120-21, 822
  Collaborative efforts, 125
  Communications, 130
  Director position, 717, 821
  Educational mission, 122-23
  Evangelizing growth, 125
  Finances, 125, 129-30
  Leadership development, 120-23
  Mandate, 119
  Ministries, 120-27
  Mission and vision, 119-20
  Missional health in churches, 123
  New ministry development, 126-27
  Offerings for, 130, 801
  Personnel, 129
  Prayer and small group ministry, 124-25
  Recruitment and training, 127
  Regional teams, 123-25
  Renewing communities together, 119-20
  Salary disclosure, 129
  Stories of lives changed, 126
Christian Reformed World Missions, 131-40, 801, 822-23, 895-96
  Board matters, 139-40, 801, 895-96
  Collaborative efforts, 132
  Finance, 140
  Ministries, 131-37
  Mission and ministry stories, 133-37
    Asia, 133-34
    Africa, 134-36
    Europe, 134
    Hope Equals, 137
    Latin America, 136
  Offerings for, 140, 801
  Placement, learning, and care, 137-38
  Salary information, 140
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 36, 141-50, 801, 808, 821, 823, 896-97
  Board matters, 148-49, 808, 896-97
  Community transformation, 141-43
  Disaster Response Services, 146-47
  Ecuador program, 36, 821
  Finance, 148, 150
  HIV and AIDS programming, 142
  International disaster response, 145-46
  Justice education and advocacy, 143-44
Ministries, 141-47
Offerings for, 150, 801
Resource development, 147-48
Salary disclosure, 148
Service Learning-U.S., 144
ServiceLink Canada, 144
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, 419

Church Order
Administrative actions according to
   Article 8: 816, 831-35
   Article 10: 835-41
   Article 12-c: 841-43
   Article 13-c: 843
   Article 14-b: 844-45
   Article 14-c: 845-46
   Article 14-d: 846
   Article 14-e: 846-47
   Article 17-a: 847-50
   Article 17-c: 850-52
   Article 23-a: 852-59
   Article 23-b or -c: 859-60
   Article 23-d: 860
   Articles 82-83: 860

Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement; Study
   Committees, Church Order Revision Task Force; Overtures 13-15, 17.
   Introduction, 531-34, 912-15
   Article 1-a: 514, 694, 899
   Article 3-a: 514, 899
   Article 4-c: 514-15, 694, 900
   Article 17: 687-88, 915-16
   Article 18-b: 515-16, 694, 900
   Article 21: 516, 694, 900-901
   Article 23: 663-64, 818
   Article 36-b: 516-17, 901
   Article 37: 517, 695, 901
   Article 38-c: 517-18, 695, 901-902
   Article 42: 518-19, 695, 902-903
   Article 43: 519-20, 696, 903
   Article 47: 520, 696, 903
   Article 49: 422, 425, 434-35, 826-27
   Article 50: 520-21, 752, 827, 904
   Articles 52-b and 52-c: 521, 904
   Article 53: 521-22, 904
   Article 54: 522, 688-90, 905
   Article 60: 522-23, 905
   Article 61: 523, 905
   Article 65: 523, 905-906
   Article 66: 524, 906
   Article 67: 524, 687, 696, 906, 915
   Article 68: 525, 906
Article 70: 525, 696, 907
Article 72: 525-26, 907
Article 76-a: 526, 907
Article 77-a: 526-27, 908
Articles 78-81: 687, 915

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order discussion, study, revision; Study Committees, Church Order Revision Task Force; Overtures 13, 17.

Article 4-a: 527, 908
Article 6, C, 1: 527, 908-909
Article 17-a: 687-88, 915-16
Article 18: 527-28, 696, 909
Article 22: 528, 909
Article 38-c: 528, 695, 909
Article 40-b: 528-29, 910
Article 42-b: 529, 910
Articles 52-53: 529-30, 696, 910-11
Article 67: 687, 915
Article 76-a: 530, 911-12
Article 77-a: 530, 912
Articles 78-81: 687, 915

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.

Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23

Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 799-800

Commission on Christian Unity, 420

Committees. See also Advisory, Service, and Study committees.

Committee for Contact with the Government, 393, 879, 883

Communications
1: Classis Central Plains, 707-708, 866-67
2: Classis Toronto, 767-69

Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 796

Consolidated Group Insurance, 387-88

Convening churches of synod, 28, 809, 892

Covenant for Officebearers, Doctrinal. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription Revision Committee II.

CRC Publications (Korea publisher), 160. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Creation and science. See Overture 18.

Creation care, 30, 46-51, 870-72

D

Delegates to Synod 2010, 13-17, 793-95

Denominational Ministries Plan. See Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church.

Denominational survey, 31, 809, 812-13

Deacon, office of, in Church Order. See Overture 16.

Disability Concerns, Office of, 41, 393-97, 868-69, 883

Disability Week, 868-69
Disaster Response Services (DRS), 146-47
Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers. See Study Committees, Form of
Subscription Revision Committee II.
Dordt College, 461, 816
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 469-71, 824

E
Ecumenical Relations Committee (renamed Ecumenical and Interfaith
Relations Committee; formerly Interchurch Relations Committee),
414-51, 752-53, 825-28, 862, 897-98
Belhar Confession, 420, 423. See also Overture 12.
Bilateral relationships, 418-21
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., membership in, 424, 426-27, 825
Church Order Article 49 proposal, 422, 425, 826-27
Church Order Article 50 proposal, 752-53, 826-27, 904
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 421
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 423-24, 450-51
Ecumenical Charter, 421-22, 429-48, 826
Ecumenical relations, 415-16, 752, 827-28. See also Ecumenical
representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Expression of gratitude, 825
Formal dialogue, 451
Fraternal delegates, 415, 752, 813, 827. See also Fraternal delegates.
Greetings from Christian Reformed Church of Australia, 862
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 423, 448-50, 827-28
Mandate, 425-26, 449
Membership, 414-15, 897-98
Multilateral relationships-organizations, 416-18
Name change, 426, 450, 828
Presbyterian Church in Canada, relationship with, 424, 427-29, 825-26
World Communion of Reformed Churches (launch), 11, 416
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
From Presbyterian Church of Korea (Hap Dong), 752
To churches, ecumenical organizations
  Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra and Rev. Bruce G.
  Adema, 415
  Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Gerard L.
  Dykstra and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 416
  Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 416
  National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra and
  Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 415
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
English-language ministry (ReFrame Media), 104-106
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 417
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 796, 830
F
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 28, 153-383, 809, 818-20, 891, 897
  Antiracism, 165
  Banner, The, 154-55
  Belgic Confession (proposed translation), 168-240, 818-20
  Board matters, 161-63, 801, 897
  Canons of Dort (proposed translation), 241-93, 818-20
  Core values, 153
  Curriculum and other publications, 156-60
  Finances, 161
  Heidelberg Catechism (proposed translation), 294-383, 716-17, 818-20
  Hymnal development, 159, 809
  Marketing and customer service, 160-61
  Mission statement, 153
  Periodicals, 154-56, 159, 809
  Personnel matters, 161
  Reformed standards (proposed translation), 163, 165-383, 818-20
  Relationships with other organizations, 164
  Salary disclosure, 165
  Use of resources by CRC churches, 164-64
  World Literature Ministries, 159-60
  Worship Planning Committee for synods 2011-13, 28, 809
  Worship resources, 159
Faith Formation. See Study committees.
Financial statements, 69-100, 773-87, 805. See also Ministry shares;
  Recommended agencies/causes.
Form of Subscription. See Study committees.
Forms of Unity, 796. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed
  Standards; Overtures 12, 20-25.
Fraternal delegates, 415, 752, 813, 827, 862
  From churches
    Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, 752, 813, 827, 862
    Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, Elder Fred Bravo, 752
    Reformed Church in America, Rev. Don Poest, 752, 827, 862
  To churches
    Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 415
    Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 415
    Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 415
    Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Lawrence Spalink, 415
French-language ministry, 106
Friendship Ministries, 158, 164

G
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 470, 824
Gratitude, expressions of, 29, 116, 118, 415, 713-14, 825, 831, 916-17
Greetings. See also Fraternal delegates.
  From Christian Reformed Church of Australia, 862
H
Heidelberg Catechism, 156, 160, 163, 166-68, 522
   Proposed translation, 294-383, 716-17, 818-20. See also Overtures 20-25.
Hindi and related languages ministry, 108
Historical Committee, 452-56, 809-10, 898
   Recognition of individuals, 453-55
   Recognition of ministries, 455
HIV-AIDS ministries, 142-43, 147
Hospitality Committee, 799
Hymnal development, 159, 809

I
Immigration resolution, 30, 43-46
Indonesian-language ministry, 106
Infant baptism, 586-87, 590, 602, 606. See Study Committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 462-63, 817
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Interchurch Relations Committee (renamed). See Ecumenical Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 106-107
Judicial Code Committee, 29-30, 39, 898

K
King’s University College, 464, 817
Korean-language ministry, 108, 156, 160
Kuyper College, 465, 817

L
Leadership Development. See Christian Reformed Home Missions, Leadership Development.
Leadership Exchange (formerly Leadership Institute), 31
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lilly Endowment funding, 67-68, 95
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord’s Supper. See Ecumenical Relations, Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church; Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee; Overtures 9-11, 25.

M
Madagascar, Church of Jesus Christ in, 419
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 33
Mental (intellectual) disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Micah Challenge, 51, 405-406
Middle East Reformed Fellowship, 104, 109
Migration of Workers. See Study Committees; see also Communication 2;
Immigration resolution.
Ministerial Information Service, 399
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Ministry associates;
Synodical deputies, work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 835-41
Approved for specialized service, 841-43
Approved from other denominations, 831-35
Declared again eligible for call, 846-47
Deposed, 860
Granted extension as eligible for call, 850-52
Loaned to another denomination, 843
Released from office, 844-50, 852
Retirements, 830-31
Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Team, 33-34, 54-56
Ministry associates, 852-60, 916. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church (formerly Denominational
Ministries Plan), 34-35, 56-64, 867
Ministry shares, 36-37, 42, 805, 921-22
Minutes-Review Committee, 799

N
National Association of Evangelicals, 30, 43-46, 417
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 35, 64-68, 123, 389, 395,
823-24
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 35, 65-67, 824
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 35, 67-68, 398, 824

O
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2011, 891-92
Overtures
1. Approve the Transfer of Trinity CRC of Sparta, Michigan, to Classis
   Minnkota, 657-59, 886-91
2. Approve Transfer of Second CRC, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from Classis
   Kalamazoo to Classis Minnkota, 757-60 (replaces earlier submission at
   pp. 659-60), 886-91
3. Transfer Membership of Second CRC, Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Classis
   Minnkota, 660, 886-91
4. Transfer Membership of Trinity CRC, Sparta, Michigan, to Classis
   Minnkota, 661, 886-91
5. Develop Guidelines for Endorsements Made by Denominational Staff,
   661, 818
6. Develop and Advocate Denominational Support Opposing Abortion,
   661-62, 883
7. Identify the CRC Position on Anthropogenic Global Warming; Address
   Endorsements Made by Denominational Leaders, 662-63, 818, 870-72
8. Request that the Candidacy Committee Review Wording of Church Order Article 23, 663-64, 818
9. Withhold Action on Recommendations from the Faith Formation Committee re Children at the Lord’s Supper, 664-68, 810-12
10. Withhold Action on the Recommendations of the Faith Formation Committee, 668-79, 810-12
12. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Testimony, Not a Confession, 682-86, 828
13. Appoint a Study Committee to Review Church Order Articles 67 and 78-81, as Well as the Corresponding Supplements, 687, 915
14. Modify Financial Provisions of Church Order Article 17 for Cases When a Pastor Leaves a Congregation for Personal Reasons, 687-88, 915-16
15. Reject the Recommendation from the Church Order Revision Task Force re Article 54, 688-90, 899, 905, 915
16. Appoint a Task Force to Revise the Church Order Articles Related to the Office of Deacon, 690-92, 829
17. Receive the Report of the Church Order Revision Task Force for Information; Broaden the Mandate of the Task Force, 693-97, 899-903, 906-907, 909, 912-15
18. Remove Declaration F of the 1991 Decision on Creation and Science, 697-700, 872-75
20. Postpone Action on the Translation of the Three Reformed Standards, 760-61, 818-20
21. Postpone Action on the Proposed Changes to the Three Forms of Unity, 761, 818-20
22. Submit Translation of the Three Reformed Standards to the Churches for Review, 761-62, 818-20
23. Instruct the Committee to Propose a Combined RCA/CRC Translation to Follow Accepted Textual Critical Methods with Regard to the Heidelberg Catechism, 762, 818-20
24. Postpone Decision to Adopt New Translation of the Three Reformed Standards until Synod 2011, 763, 818-20
25. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Revisions to the Reformed Confessions, 763-65, 818-20

P
Partners Worldwide, 37, 132, 137
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 397-99, 884
Pensions and Insurance, 384-88, 743-44, 807, 898
  Board matters, 384, 898
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 387-88
  Employees’ retirement plans, 387
  Financial disclosures, 388
  Ministers’ compensation survey, 744, 807
  Ministers’ pension plans, 385-87, 743-44, 807
Personal Appeals. See Appeals.
Portuguese-language ministry, 107
Presbyterian Church in Canada, 420-21. See also Ecumenical Relations.
Presbyterian Church of Korea, 752
Protestant Church in the Netherlands, 418-19
Protests. See Classical matters; Women in office.
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 42, 399-401, 565, 884
Reaffirm commitment to address ethnic diversity issues, 884
Recommended agencies/causes, 718-21, 805-806, 923-25
Re Redeemer University College, 28, 39, 466-67, 817
Reformed Church in America, 104, 159, 163-64, 167-69, 241, 393, 395-96, 420, 752, 827, 862
Reformed Ecumenical Council, 416-17
Restorative justice, 389-90, 404, 406, 475, 478-79, 484-90, 494-96
Retirements, ministerial, 830-31. See also Synodical Deputies, work of.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 38, 42-43, 830
Changes to, 830
Russian-language ministry, 107-108

S
Safe Church Ministry (formerly Abuse Prevention), 401-404, 870, 885.
See also Study Committees, Abuse Victims Task Force.
Renaming of Advocate position, 717, 870
Salary disclosure, 22-23, 721, 806
Sergeant at Arms, 799
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 457, 810, 898
Increase honorarium for submitted sermons, 810
Service committees, 897-98
ServiceLink, 138, 144-45, 404-405
Spanish-language ministries, 108, 159-60
Study committees
Abuse Victims Task Force, 475-509, 862-66
Church Order Revision Task Force, 510-34, 898-915
Committee to Study the Migration of Workers, 535-85, 804, 875-79
Faith Formation Committee, 586-646, 810-12, 898
Form of Subscription Revision Committee II, 647-53, 803-804, 898
Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See The Network.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See The Network.
Synodical
Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Advisory committees, 797-98
Appointments, 891-98
Boards, 892-97
Committees, 897-98
Convening church for Synod 2011, 809, 892. See also Convening churches.
Delegates, 13-17, 793-95. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
Deputies, 23, 713, 808, 892
   Work of, 831-43, 844-60
Executive sessions, 9, 796, 830
Functionaries, 892
Officers, 795, 891
Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
Resources, 32-33
Service of Prayer and Praise, 791-92

T
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 799
Trinity Christian College, 7, 400, 468, 817

U
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 407, 885

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 796-97
Visual impairments, 158
Voice of the Reformed, 156

W
Women delegates. See Classical matters; see also Overtures 1-4.
Women in office (protest), 799. See Overtures 1-4, 19.
World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 416-17
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 11, 416
Worship at synod, 791-92, 793, 799, 808, 844, 879-80, 917
Worship Planning Committee, 799
   For Synods 2011-2013, 28, 809
Worship resources, 159

Y
Yearbook, 32-33
Young adult advisers (formerly youth advisers, youth observers), 27, 38, 42-43, 830
   Dialogue re with ethnic minorities, 830
   Guidelines for, 38, 42-43, 830
Youth advisers. See Young adult advisers.
Youth observers, 27, 795. See also Young adult advisers.
Youth Unlimited, 138, 471, 824
(Page numbers in **boldface type** refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to the agenda and supplementary materials.)

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
COCREF – 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
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MPS</td>
<td>Ministry Plan Scorecard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MY</td>
<td>Ministry Year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIV</td>
<td>New International Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKST</td>
<td>Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NLT</td>
<td>New Living Translation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRC</td>
<td>Netherlands Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRSV</td>
<td>New Revised Standard Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJ</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCCC</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCN</td>
<td>Protestant Church in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor-Church Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCUSA</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in the USA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLC</td>
<td>Placement, Learning, and Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLT</td>
<td>Publishing Leadership Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PMI</td>
<td>Prayer Missions International</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RC</td>
<td>Roman Catholic Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCIA</td>
<td>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REC</td>
<td>Reformed Ecumenical Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RSV</td>
<td>Revised Standard Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAF</td>
<td>Special Assistance Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SC</td>
<td>Sacrosanctum Concilium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCE</td>
<td>Sustaining Congregational Excellence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCORR</td>
<td>Synodical Committee on Race Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMC</td>
<td>Staff Ministry Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMECC</td>
<td>Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMEPP</td>
<td>Specified Multi-Employer Pension Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOMEPP</td>
<td>Specified Ontario Multi-Employer Pension Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPE</td>
<td>Sustaining Pastoral Excellence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STM</td>
<td>Specialized Transitional Minister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TE</td>
<td>Technology and Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLT</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLTI</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TNIV</td>
<td>Today’s New International Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UCC</td>
<td>United Church of Christ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UR</td>
<td>Unitatis Redintegratio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URCSA</td>
<td>Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USCCB</td>
<td>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VBS</td>
<td>Vacation Bible School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARC</td>
<td>World Alliance of Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WCRC</td>
<td>World Communion of Reformed Churches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WLM</td>
<td>World Literature Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WWCS</td>
<td>Worldwide Christian Schools</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YU</td>
<td>Youth Unlimited</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.

Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.

Addresses to synod

- Boot, Rev. Joel R., 784
- Chung, Rev. Moses, 842
- Granberg-Michaelson, Dr. Wesley, and Rev. Thomas DeVries, 840
- Hamm, Dr. Richard, 840
- Nicholas, Ms. Bonnie, 881
- Nyomi, Dr. Setri, 840, 884
- Presentations on collaborative areas of CRC/RCA ministry, 883
- Sinia, Rev. Pieter G., 840
- Vermaire, Rev. Mark D., 784
- Ykubu, Rev. Risae Shamaki, 840

Advisers to synod

- Ethnic advisers, 27, 777
- Faculty advisers, 777
  
  See also Young adult representatives.

Advisory committees, 779-80

Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.

All Nations Heritage Week, 38-39, 315

Antiracism. See Race Relations.

Appeal

1. Rev. N. Punt, 751, 873

Appointments. See also Synodical.

- Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
- To CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Arabic-language ministry, 112, 117

Archives. See Historical Committee.

Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 778-79

Back to God Ministries International, 28, 111-18, 141, 169, 543, 703, 723, 844, 865, 868, 876-77

- Board, 117-18, 876-77
- Cooperative organizations, 117
- Diversity in Leadership Planning request, 703, 723, 868
- Finances, 118
- Mandate, 111
- Ministries, 111-16
- Salary disclosure, 118

Banner, The, 139, 164-66, 306, 678

Belgic Confession (proposed translation), 184-225, 848-54. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed standards; Overtures 4-11.

Belhar Confession, 166, 315, 624, 628, 872. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, Belhar Confession; Overture 12; Communication 2.

Board of Trustees, 21-108, 699-721, 785-87, 812-18, 841, 857-68, 874, 876

- Board members, 22-26, 699-701, 709, 876
- Financial matters. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 36-37
Condensed financial statements, 39, 77-108, 753-69, 815
Investments, 709, 715-20
Ministry share, 33, 35-36, 705, 711, 815, 829, 887-88
Ministry Share Promotion Task Force, 36, 815, 829
Pension matters, 36, 709, 712, 813-14, 816. See also Pensions and
Insurance.
Salary disclosure, 22-23, 708, 712, 816
Polity matters
Accessibility of synod to all members, 703, 709, 714-15, 817-18
Agency presentations, 28, 824, 842, 865
Board nominations, 23-26, 699-700, 709, 783
Church Order Article 14-e, proposed revision, 702, 709, 813
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated
to classis, 23
Constitution and Bylaws of Board of Trustees, proposed revision, 29,
37, 39-49, 785
Convening church of Synod 2015, 705, 711, 816. See also Convening
churches of synod.
Creation Stewardship Task Force, 30, 881
Deacon Task Force, Office of, 29, 881
Director of Denominational Ministries resignation, 701, 861
Diversity efforts report, 26
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group, 30-31, 37, 55-62, 703, 723,
858-61, 866-68, 881. See also Back to God Ministries International
Supplement; Overtures 28-30; Communications 7, 9.
Canadian version, pending adoption, 703
Expanded task force, 867-68
Ethnic advisers, 27. See also Advisers.
Executive Director resignation, 701, 861-66
Resolution of Appreciation for Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 865-66
Interim appointments, 23, 699, 709, 785
Interim Executive Director appointment, 701-702, 721, 784, 786-87
Joint CRC/RCA synod assembly, 27-28, 37, 704, 710-11, 786, 882-84
Judicial Code Committee, 28, 37, 880. See also Judicial Code Committee.
Leadership Exchange, 30, 31-32, 50-54, 857
Leadership review, 701-702, 862
Publications and services, 32-33
Significant Structural Changes Task Force, 31, 37, 62-65, 874
Structure and Cultural Review Task Force, 702, 881
Young adult advisers (renamed young adult representatives), 27, 50-51,
53, 702, 709, 712-13, 777, 816. See also Young adult representatives.
Report of task force, 702, 712-13, 816
Young Adult Summit Proposal, 30, 37, 50-55, 857
Program matters
Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 34-35, 109-323,
723-38
All Nations Heritage Week, 38-39, 315
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry recommendations, 38, 308, 818
Christian Reformed Home Missions, director appointment, 35, 39, 71, 841
Committee for Contact with the Government, mandate review, 35, 39, 73-74, 817
Disability Week observance, 38, 312, 819
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 33-34
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 34, 65-70, 842-43. See also The Network.
Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action, mandate review, 35, 39, 75-76, 817
Safe Church Ministry, director resignation, 35
Interim director, 705, 711, 818, 881
Boards and committees, 875-81

C
Calvin College, 119-22, 724-28, 834-35, 877
  Administrative appointments, 724-25
  Board, 119-21, 725-27, 728, 877
  Faculty, 119, 122, 724-25, 727-28, 834-35
    Promotions, 725, 727-28, 835
    Reappointments, 119, 724, 727, 834-35
    Recognition, 119
    Retirees, 724, 727, 834-35
  Finance, 121-22
  General matters, 119
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 170, 176-77, 181, 335, 541, 543
Calvin Theological Seminary, 123-27, 729, 783, 835, 877-78
  Administration, 125
  Board of trustees, 123-25, 729, 877-78
  Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
  Distance Learning Program, 729
  Faculty reappointments, 125, 127, 835
  Faculty retirement, 125, 127, 835
  Finances, 127, 729
  Graduates, 729
  Offerings for, 127, 783
  President emeritus, 125, 127, 835
  Presidential inauguration, 729
  Program highlights, 125-26
  Students, 126
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 533, 843
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canada
  Christian Stewardship Services, 37
  Committee for Contact with the Government, 35, 39, 73-74, 309-309, 321, 817-18
  CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 21. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Constitution and Bylaws.
  Director of Canadian ministries, 33, 73, 874
  Ecumenical relations, 340-41
Finances, 100
Sea to Sea Across Canada, 36
ServiceLink, 70, 147, 153
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 322-23, 820
Canadian Council of Churches, 340-41
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 150, 154-55, 158
Candidacy Committee, 327-37, 733-35, 836-38, 880
Candidates, 733-35, 837-38
Continuing education for pastors, 332-34, 336, 836
Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy, 335, 733-34
Mandate, 327
Membership, 327, 336, 880
Ministry associate developments, 328-32, 836. See also Ministry associates.
Church Order Article 23 review, 328-30, 336, 836
Retirement, 330, 336, 788, 836
Training, 330-32
Orientation of pastors, 334-35
Survey of student fund practices, 328
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Canons of Dort (proposed translation), 225-50, 848-54. See also Faith Alive
Christian Resources, Reformed standards; Overtures 4-11.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, 305-308, 818
Encourage chaplaincy as a vocation, 38, 308, 818
Prayer for chaplains, 38, 308, 818
Welcome and use of chaplains’ gifts, 38, 308, 818
Welcome at synod, 783
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Study Committees, Faith Formation
Committee; Overtures 24-27.
Chinese-language ministry, 112
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 340, 342
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 36-37
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 28, 35, 39, 128-39, 783, 841-42, 878
Board matters, 137, 878
Campus ministries, 131-32, 857
Church planting and development, 131, 137
Communications, 138-39
Director appointment, 35, 39, 138, 841
Educational mission, 131-32
Evangelizing growth, 135
Finances, 134, 138-39
Leadership development, 136
Mandate, 128
Ministries, 130-36
Mission and vision, 128
New ministry development, 135-36
Offerings for, 139, 783
Partnering and collaboration, 129-30, 135
Personnel, 138
Prayer and small group ministry, 134
Recruitment and training, 136-37
Regional and ethnic teams, 132-34
Renewing communities together, 128-29
Salary disclosure, 138
Stories of lives changed, 135

Christian Reformed World Missions, 28, 140-48, 783, 824, 845, 878
Board matters, 147-48, 878
Collaborative efforts, 141
Finances, 148
Ministries, 140-46
Mission and ministry stories, 142-46
  Africa, 143-44
  Asia, 142
  Europe, 142-43
  Hope Rising, 145-46
  Latin America, 144-45
  Prayer Missions International, 146
Offerings for, 148, 783
Placement, learning, and care, 146-47
Recognition of service, 141-42, 845
Salary information, 148

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 149-59, 783, 846, 878-79
Board matters, 157, 159, 878-79
Finances, 158-59
Human resources management, 156-57
Mandate, mission, 149
Ministries, 150-56
  Community transformation, 150-52
  Disaster Response, 154-56
  HIV and AIDS response, 151-52
  Justice education and advocacy, 152-53
  Service Learning, 153-54
Offerings for, 159, 783
Resource development, 158
Salary disclosure, 158

Church Order
Administrative actions according to
  Article 8: 788-91. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 10: 791-96
  Article 12-c: 796-99
  Article 13-c: 799-800
  Article 14-b: 800-801
  Article 14-c: 801
  Article 14-e: 801-802
  Article 17-a: 802-803
  Article 17-c: 804-806
  Article 17-d: 806
  Article 23-a: 806-11. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-b or -c: 811
Article 23-d: 812
Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement; Overtures 19-27.
Article 14-e: 702, 709, 813
Article 23. See Candidacy Committee.
Article 25: 572, 829-30
Article 56: 572, 829-30
Article 59: 573-74, 688, 829-30
Article 63: 574, 690, 829-30
Article 66: 575, 829-30
Article 79: 575, 829-30
Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order discussion, study, revision; Overtures 19-27.
Article 8, D: 347, 351, 824-25
Article 13-c, Regulation b: 675-76, 872
Article 59-c: 574, 688-89, 829-30
Article 66-a: 575, 829-30
Articles 78-81: 576, 688, 829-30
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, work of. Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 23
Committee for Contact with the Government, 35, 39, 73-74, 309-309, 321, 817-18
Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees.
Communications
1: Classis Central Plains, 693, 869-71
2: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 693-94. See 872.
3: Council of First CRC, Owen Sound, Ontario, 694, 869-71
4: Council of First CRC, Owen Sound, Ontario, 694-95. See 833-34.
5: Council of Washington, D.C., CRC, 747-48, 861-65
6: Classis Hudson, 748, 861-65
7: Council of Community CRC, Oakdale, California, 748-49, 858-61, 866-68
8: Classis Zeeland, 749-50, 861-65
9: Classis Zeeland, 750, 858-61, 866-68
Confessions. See Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed Standards. Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 778
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Contemporary Testimony, 626, 628-30, 678. See also Overtures 13, 15-18; Communications 1-3.
Convening churches of synod, 705, 711, 816, 874
Covenant for Officebearers, Doctrinal. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription Revision Committee II.
CRC Publications (Korea publisher), 171. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Creation and science. See Overture 2.
Creation Stewardship Task Force, 30, 881
D
Delegates to Synod 2011, 13-17, 775-77
Deacon Task Force, Office of, 29, 881
Disability Concerns, Office of, 38, 309-12, 703, 709, 714-15, 817-19
   Accommodations at synod for all participants, 703, 709, 714-15, 817-18
   Disability Week, 38, 819
Disaster Response. See Christian Reformed World Relief Committee.
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group. See Board of Trustees, Polity Matters.
Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription Revision Committee II.
Dordt College, 523-24, 838
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 67, 533-35, 843

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee (formerly Ecumenical Relations Committee), 338-512, 736-38, 821-26, 880
   Belhar Confession, 347-48. See also Overture 12; Communication 2. Bilateral relationships, 342-44
   Christian Reformed Church of Haiti, in dialogue with, 342-43, 349, 736-38, 821-22
   Memorandum of Understanding with, 736-38, 821-22
   Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, ecclesiastical fellowship with, 342, 348, 821
   Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church (RCC), 344-46, 350, 822-23
      “Common Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Baptism,” 346, 350-55, 822
      Common “Certificate of Baptism,” 346, 350, 356, 822
      Ecumenical documents on baptism and Lord’s Supper, 346, 350, 357-510, 822-23
      Request that Faith Alive Christian Resources explore joint preparation of educational materials, 346, 350, 823
   Ecclesiastical fellowship, 348, 511
   Ecumenical relations, 340, 736, 840, 883-84. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
   Expressions of gratitude, 348, 821, 823
   Formal dialogue, 512
   Fraternal delegates, 340, 736, 783, 840. See also Fraternal delegates.
   Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
   Interfaith dialogue, 347
   Membership, 338-39
   Multilateral relationships, 340-42
      “Orderly Exchange of Ministers” amendment request, 347, 351, 824-25
   Reformed Church in America
      Bi-denominational worship event, 344, 882-84. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Joint CRC/RCA synod assembly.
      Calls to candidates in RCA and CRCNA, 347, 351, 824-25
      Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, 344, 349, 825-26
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates. 
From churches, ecumenical organizations
   Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., Dr. Richard Hamm, 736, 840
   Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria, Rev. Risae Shamaki Ykubu, 840
   World Communion of Reformed Churches, Dr. Setri Nyomi, 736, 840
To ecumenical organizations
   Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra and Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 340
   Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 340
   National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Rev. Gerard L. Dykstra, 340

Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
English-language ministry (ReFrame Media), 112-14
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 340-41
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 778

F

Faith Alive Christian Resources, 163-298, 823, 833-34, 848-55, 879-80
   Antiracism, 179
   Banner, The, 164-66. See also Banner, The.
   Belgic Confession (proposed translation), 184-225, 848-54
   Board matters, 173-75, 879-80
   Canons of Dort (proposed translation), 225-50, 848-54
   Core values, 163
   Curriculum and other publications, 166-70
   Finances, 172
   Heidelberg Catechism (proposed translation), 250-98, 848-54
   Hymnal development, 170
   Proposal to not include confessions in new hymnal, 177-78, 182, 833-34
   Joint preparation of educational materials with RCC, et al., 346, 350, 823
   Marketing and customer service, 171-72
   Mission statement, 163
   Periodicals, 164-66
   Personnel matters, 172
   Reformed standards (proposed translation), 179-81, 182-298, 704, 710-11, 848-54. See also Overtures 4-11; Communication 4.
   Publish former translation of confessions as long as feasible, 857
   Resolution for the Common Translation of the Three Reformed Standards, 883
   Relationships with other organizations, 178, 823, 883
   Salary disclosure, 179
   Use of resources by CRC churches, 178-79
   World Literature Ministries, 170-71
   Worship Committee proposal, 176-77, 181, 855
   Worship resources, 170
   Faith Formation. See Study committees.
Financial statements, 77-108, 753-69, 815. See also Ministry share; Recommended agencies/ causes.
Form of Subscription. See Study Committees.
Forms of unity, 778. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed Standards; Overtures 4-11; Communication 4.
Fraternal delegates, 340, 736, 783, 840
   From churches
      Netherlands Reformed Churches, Rev. Pieter G. Sinia, 736, 783, 840
      Reformed Church in America, Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson and Rev. Thomas DeVries, 736, 840
   To churches
      Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, Rev. Bruce G. Adema and Marvin J. Hoffman, 340
      Presbyterian Church in India, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 340
      Reformed Church in America, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 340
      Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Kenneth Young, 340
      Reformed Churches in Argentina, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 340
French-language ministry, 114
Friendship Ministries, 168, 178, 536-37, 855

G
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 533-34, 843
Gratitude, expressions of, 127, 348, 517, 519, 543, 699, 784, 788, 821, 823, 841, 847, 881-82, 884
Greetings. See Ecumenical representatives; Fraternal delegates.

H
Heidelberg Catechism, 167, 170-71, 179-83
   Proposed translation, 250-98, 848-54. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed standards; Overtures 4-11.
Hindi and related languages ministry, 114-15
Historical Committee, 513-18, 825, 880
   Digital versions of Acts of Synod and Agendas for Synod, 517-18, 825
   Recognition of individuals, 514-16
   Recognition of ministries, 516
HIV/AIDS ministries, 151-53
Homosexuality. See Overture 1.
Hospitality Committee, 781
Hymnal development. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.

I
Immigration awareness, 321
Indonesian-language ministry, 115
Infant baptism. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Infant dedication. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 525-26, 838
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Interchurch Relations Committee (renamed). See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 115
Joint CRC/RCA synod assembly. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Judicial Code Committee, 28, 37, 880

K
King’s University College, 527-28, 839
Korean-language ministry, 116-17, 166, 171, 335
Kuyper College, 529, 838

L
Leadership development. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Leadership Exchange, 30-31, 50-54, 857
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lilly Endowment funding, 69
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord’s Supper. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church; Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee; Overtures 24-27.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 33
Mental (intellectual) disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Micah Challenge, 320
Middle East Reformed Fellowship, 112, 117
Ministerial Information Service, 314
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Ministry associates; Synodical deputies, work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 791-96
Approved for specialized service, 796-99
Approved from other denominations, 788-91
Declared again eligible for call, 801-802
Granted extension as eligible for call, 804-805
Loaned to another denomination, 791-800
Released from ministerial service, 802-803
Released from office, 800-801, 805-806
Retirements, 787-88
Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Team, 33
Ministry associates, 788, 806-12. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry share, 32-33, 35-36, 705, 711, 815, 829, 887-88
Ministry Share Promotion Task Force, 36, 815, 829
Minutes-Review Committee, 781

N
National Association of Evangelicals, 340-41
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 34, 65-70, 309, 311, 535, 842-43
ServiceLink, 70, 147, 153
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 67-68, 842-43
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 69, 313, 842-43

O
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2012, 874
Our World Belongs to God. See Contemporary Testimony.
Overtures
1. Appoint a Study Committee to Review the Biblical Teachings Regarding Homosexual Orientation and Practice, 633, 826-28
3. Permit Professors, Pastors, and Teachers to Write, Preach, and Teach That in Scripture the Word Jerusalem Means Jerusalem and the Word Israel Means Israel, 635-51, 856
4. Reject the Proposed Changes to the Reformed Confessions, 651-54, 848-54
5. Reject Proposed New Translation of the Three Reformed Standards, 654-55, 848-54
6. Reject Revisions to the Three Reformed Standards, 655-56, 848-54
7. Do Not Adopt Translations; Appoint Larger Committee to Update the Confessions, 656, 848-54
8. Postpone Action on Adoption of the Proposed Changes to Three Forms of Unity, 657, 848-54
9. Do Not Adopt Changes to Forms of Unity, 657-58, 848-54
10. Do Not Adopt Proposed Revision of the Three Reformed Standards, 658-61, 848-54
11. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Revisions to the Three Forms of Unity, 661-63, 848-54
12. Request a Balanced Discussion of the Belhar Confession, 663, 826
13. Give Confession Status to Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, 664-65, 872
15. Reject the Proposed Form of Subscription, 666-70, 869-71
16. Remove Mention of the Contemporary Testimony in the “Covenant for Officebearers,” 671, 869-71
17. Reject the Proposed “Covenant for Officebearers” as It Presently Stands, 671-74, 869-71
18. Do Not Adopt “Covenant for Officebearers,” 674-75, 869-71
19. Delete Church Order Supplement, Article 13-c, Regulation b, 675-76, 872
20. Amend Church Order Article 47, 676-78, 872-73
21. Amend Church Order Supplement, Article 17, 679-81, 873
22. Add a Supplement to Church Order Article 40-a, 681-85, 873
23. Amend Church Order Supplement, Article 17-a, 686-87, 873
24. Alter Wording for Church Order Articles Proposed by the Faith Formation Committee, 688, 830
25. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Church Order Supplement, Article 59-c within the Faith Formation Committee Report, 688-89, 830-31
26. Withhold Action on Church Order Changes by Faith Formation Committee, 689-90, 829-30
27. Provide Churches with Another Year to Consider Church Order Changes Proposed by the Faith Formation Committee, 690-92, 829-30
28. Receive Diversity in Leadership Planning Group Report for Information and Appoint a Broader Task Force, 741, 858-61, 866-68
29. Reject the Report of the Diversity in Leadership Planning Group and Form a New Committee, 742-44, 858-61, 866-68
30. Do Not Endorse the Diversity in Leadership Planning Group Report and Its Recommendations Presented by the Board of Trustees; Appoint a New Study Committee, 744-45, 858-61, 866-68

P
Partners Worldwide, 538, 844
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 312-15, 336, 819
Pensions and Insurance, 36, 299-304, 813-14, 880-81
  Board matters, 299, 880-81
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 304
  Employees’ retirement plans, 303
  Financial disclosures, 304
  Ministers’ pension plans, 299-304, 813-14, 816
Personal Appeals. See Appeals.
Portuguese-language ministry, 115
Public Declaration of Agreement. See Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 38-39, 315-16, 819-20
See also Board of Trustees, Polity Matters, Diversity in Leadership Planning Group.
Recommended agencies/causes, 705-708, 711-12, 815-16, 889-91
Redeemer University College, 53-54, 530-31, 839
Reformed Church in America, 74, 112-13, 130-31, 133, 166, 169-170, 172-73, 175, 178, 310-12, 321, 331, 335, 344, 349, 825-26, 882-84
  Joint session with CRC synod, 882-84
  Collaborative areas of ministry with CRC, 883
Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, 344, 349, 825-26
See also Board of Trustees, Polity Matters, Joint CRC/RCA synod assembly; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Faith Alive Christian Resources, Reformed Standards.


Restorative justice, 318-19, 321

Retirements, ministerial, 787-88. See also Synodical Deputies, work of.

Rules for Synodical Procedure, 32, 51

Russian-language ministry, 115-16

**S**

Safe Church Ministry, 35, 316-19, 705, 711, 818, 820, 881
  Director resignation, 35
  Interim director, 705, 711, 818, 881

Salary disclosure, 22-23, 708, 712, 816

Sergeant at Arms, 781

Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 519-20, 856, 881

Service committees, 880-81

ServiceLink, 70, 147, 153

Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 35, 39, 75-76, 152, 319-22, 817, 820

Spanish-language ministries, 116, 138, 145, 170-71, 310, 536

Specialized Ministries, 34, 305-323, 703, 709, 714-15, 817-20

Study committees
  Faith Formation Committee, 541-621, 829-32, 855, 857, 881. See also
  Overtures 24-27.
  Form of Subscription Revision Committee II, 622-30, 869-72, 881. See also
  Overtures 14-18; Communications 1, 3.

Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See The Network.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See The Network.

Synodical
  Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
  Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
  Advisory committees, 779-80
  Appointments, 874-81
  Boards, 875-80
  Committees, 880-81
  Convening churches. See Convening churches.
  Delegates, 13-17, 775-77. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
  Deputies, 23, 33, 37, 327, 329-30, 336, 699, 785, 788-812, 874-75
    Work of, 788-812
  Executive sessions, 9
  Functionaries, 874
  Officers, 777, 874
  Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
  Resources, 32-33
  Service of Prayer and Praise, 773-74
T
Task forces, 881
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 781
Trinity Christian College, 532, 839

U
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 322-23, 820

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 778-79
Visual impairments, 168
Voice of the Reformed, 166

W
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 340-41
Worship at synod, 775, 781, 785, 833, 856, 870, 884
Worship Planning Committee, 781
Worship resources. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Y
Yearbook, 32
Young adult representatives (formerly young adult advisers, youth observers), 27, 50-51, 53, 702, 709, 712-13, 777, 816
Report of task force, 702, 709, 712-13, 816
Young Adult Summit proposal, 30, 37, 50-55, 857
Youth Unlimited, 147, 535, 543, 843
(Page numbers in **boldface type** refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to the agenda and supplementary materials.)

Acronyms and abbreviations in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2012*

- 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
YU – Youth Unlimited

Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.
Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.

Addresses to synod
Betha, Rev. Motlalentwa Godfrey, 756
Boot, Rev. Joel R., 725
Byker, Dr. Galen, 769
De Vries, Rev. Thomas, 757
du Plooy, Prof. Dries, 756
Krygsman, Dr. Hubert, 719
LaForme, Chief Bryan, 719
Rabali, Prof. T.C., 756
Ransom, Ms. Lori, 741
Selles, Dr. Kurt, 753
St. Yves, Pastor Romelus, 756
Van Ginkel, Ms. Aileen, 756
van Rensburg, Rev. Cornelis Janse, 756
Yoshida, Rev. Takashi, 756
Advisers to synod
   Ethnic advisers, 26, 721
   Faculty advisers, 721
   See also Young adult representatives.
Advisory committees, 723-24
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
All Nations Heritage Week, 198
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeals
   1. Mr. A.J. Veltkamp, 599, 768
   2. Mr. T.M. Gray and Rev. Z. Vandenberg, 697, 768
Appointments. See also Synodical.
   Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   To CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees.
Arabic-language ministry, 79-80, 85
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 11-12, 722-23

B
Back to God Ministries International, 34, 79-87, 152, 284, 606, 611, 631-33, 745-46, 753, 812
   Board, 86-87, 812
   Cooperative organizations, 85
   Director appointment, 606, 611, 631-33, 745, 753
   Finances, 118
   Mandate, 79
   Ministries, 79-85
   Salary disclosure, 118
Banner, The, 115, 147-49, 154-55, 158, 189, 260, 466, 481-82, 511, 565, 582, 588
Baptism. See Study Committees, Faith Formation.
Belgic Confession. See Forms of Unity.
Belhar Confession, 149, 456, 466, 651-53, 656, 765-67, 769. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, Belhar Confession; Overtures 4, 15-49, 54, 61; Communications 1-3.
   Board members, 22-26, 36, 603-604, 811-12
Financial matters. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
   Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 35
   Condensed financial statements, 38, 45-76, 701-14, 732
   Investments, 610-11, 633-38
   Ministry share, 35, 607, 612, 732, 821-22
   Pension matters, 733. See also Pensions and Insurance; Overture 8.
   Salary disclosure, 23, 610, 612, 733
Polity matters
   Advisers to synod, role of, 605. See also Advisers to synod.
   Agency presentations, 27, 740-41, 760, 774
   Board nominations, 24-26, 603-604, 611, 728
   Calvin College nominee for president, endorsement of, 31, 734, 750
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 24

Constitution and Bylaws
  Bylaw II, B, 13 of Board of Trustees, proposed revision, 28-29, 37, 730
  Model Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw for Churches within Canada, 613-31, 730

Convening church of Synod 2013, 27, 36, 729, 810. See also Convening churches of synod.

CRWRC name change, 606, 612, 745, 752-53

Diversity efforts report, 26, 758

Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II, 30-31, 816.

Ethnic advisers, 26. See also Advisers.

Executive Director search committee and process, 605, 639, 678, 800

Faith Alive Christian Resources request re editor-in-chief appointment, 606, 611, 770

Interim appointments, 23, 603, 611, 729

Judicial Code Committee, 28, 36, 728, 816. See also Judicial Code Committee.

Leadership Exchange, 31, 42

Publications and services, 31-32

Synod 2013 meeting dates, 27, 36, 729. See also Convening churches of synod.

Synod 2014, proposal to meet simultaneously with RCA General Synod, 27-28, 36, 605, 730

Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 29-30, 605, 611, 639, 650, 665-88, 799-801. See also Overture 63.

World Missions board request re at-large delegate, 606, 611-12, 814

Young adult representatives, 26-27, 604, 721. See also Young adult representatives.

Young Adult Summit, 31, 42, 605, 725

Program matters
  Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 33, 77-205, 641-56
  Back to God Ministries International director appointment, 34, 606, 611, 631, 745, 753
  Chaplaincy and Care Ministry recommendations, 37, 191, 753-54
  CRWRC request re single nominees, 34, 37, 745
  Disability Concerns recommendations, 38, 195, 754-55
  Guidelines for Handling Allegations of Sexual Misconduct, 607
  Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 33, 607, 678, 799
  Ministries Leadership Council mandate, 38-40
  Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 33, 40-44, 607, 807. See also The Network.
  Pastor-Church Relations, et al., re finding ways to deal with tensions developing in a congregation, 755
  Safe Church Ministry director ratification, 34

Boards and committees, 811-17
Calvin College, 88-99, 641-45, 733-35, 750, 764, 769, 812
   Administrative appointments, 88, 91, 642, 645, 735
   Board, 89-91, 642-45, 735
   Communication to Advisory Committee 3: Education, 645, 735
   Faculty, 88-89, 91, 641-42, 734-35
      Promotions, 644, 734
      Reappointments, 91, 642, 645, 735
      Recognition, 88-89, 641
      Retirements, 641, 644, 734
   Finance, 91
   General matters, 88
   President emeritus, 641, 769
   Presidential appointment, 88, 91-99, 734, 750
   Recommendations re Covenant for Officebearers, 644-45, 764
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 152, 158, 160, 412, 415-16, 418
Calvin Theological Seminary, 100-104, 646-49, 727, 735-36, 751, 760, 813
   Administration, 101
   Board of trustees, 100-101, 104, 646, 813
   Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
   Distance Learning Program, 646
   Faculty and staff appointments, 646, 736, 751
   Finance, 104
   Graduates, 646
   Offerings for, 104, 727
   Presentation at synod, 27, 760
   Program highlights, 102-103
   Retirement, 104, 736
   Students, 103
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 42, 278, 747
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Council of Churches, 226-29
Canadian Ministries
   Christian Stewardship Services, 35
   Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue),
      191-92, 754
   CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 21-22, 604, 672, 681, 685. See also Board of
   Trustees, Polity matters, Constitution and Bylaws.
   Director of, 32, 740, 756, 809
   Ecumenical relations, 229. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
   Committee.
   Finances, 68
   Presentation at synod, 27, 740-41
   ServiceLink. See ServiceLink.
   Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 205, 757
Candidacy Committee, 209-17, 659-61, 741-43, 759-60, 815
   Candidates, 659-61, 742-43, 759-60
      reflection on supply of candidates, 210-11
   Church Order Article 8 discussion, 214-15
   Church Order Article 23, suggested changes, 212-14, 216-17, 741-42
Index

Mandate, 209
Membership, 209, 216, 815
Ministry associate developments, 211-14, 217, 741-42. See also Ministry associates.
  Change of title (to commissioned pastor), 213-14, 217, 741-42
  Workshop and report, 212, 217-25
  Training and orientation, 209-10, 212, 217-25
  Translations of confessions and Church Order, 215-16
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, 37, 188-91, 214, 753-54
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee.
Chinese-language ministry, 80
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 228, 230
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 35
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 142-44, 816
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 105-19, 727, 748, 813
  Board matters, 113-15, 813
  Campus ministry, 108
  Church multiplication initiative, 107, 116-19
  Church planting and development, 107
  Collaborative efforts, 110-11
  Communications, 114-15
  Educational mission, 108
  Evangelizing growth, 111-12
  Finances, 114
  Leadership clusters, 110
  Mandate, 105
  Ministries, 107-11
  Mission, core values, strategic goals, 105-07
  New ministry development, 112
  Offerings for, 115, 727
  Personnel, 114
  Recruitment and training, 112-13
  Regional and ethnic teams, 109
  Salary disclosure, 114
  Stories to share, 111
Christian Reformed World Missions, 120-29, 606, 611, 650, 728, 746, 801, 813-14
  Board matters, 127-29, 606, 611, 650, 813-14
  Collaborative efforts, 121
  Communication re Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 650, 801
  Finance, 129
  Ministries, 120-26
Mission and ministry stories, 120-26
  Asia, 122-24
  Africa, 121-23, 126
  Europe, 124-25
  Latin America, 123, 125-26
Offerings for, 129, 728
Placement, learning, and care, 126-27
Recognition of service, 121
Salary information, 129
Affirmation of Belhar Confession, 651-53, 656, 765
Board matters, 136-41, 655-56, 745, 814-15
Fifty-year anniversary celebration, 130, 141, 752, 774
Finance, 140-41
Human resources management, 136
Mandate, mission, 130-31
Ministries, 131-36
  Community transformation, 131-32
  Disaster Response, 134-36
  HIV and AIDS response, 131
  Justice education and advocacy, 132
  Service Learning, 133
Name change, 606, 612, 653-56, 745, 752-53
Offerings for, 141, 728
Presentation at synod, 27, 774
Resource development, 141
Salary disclosure, 140
Church Order
Administrative actions according to
  Article 8: 775-77. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 10: 778-82
  Article 12-c: 782-85
  Article 13-c: 785
  Article 14-b: 785-86
  Article 14-c: 786-87
  Article 14-e: 787
  Article 17-a: 787-90
  Article 17-c: 790-91
  Article 23-a: 792-97. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 23-d: 797-98
  Articles 82-83: 798
Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement;
  Overtures 50-54.
  Article 5: 458, 762
  Article 23: 213-14, 217, 741-42
  Article 40-c: 579, 768
  Article 59-b: 420-23, 771-72
  Article 83: 458, 461, 764
Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order discussion, study, revision.
   Article 5: 233-34, 255-56, 458-61, 762-64
   Article 23-a: 212-14, 216-17, 233-34, 255-56, 741
   Article 32-d (sections B, D): 233-34, 255-56, 605, 611, 730
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.
   Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 24
Commissioned pastor. See Candidacy Committee.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
   Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees.
Communications
   1: Classis Iakota, 595, 765
   2: Classis Northcentral Iowa, 596, 765
   3: Council of Ebenezer CRC, Berwyn, Illinois, 596-97, 765
Confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Confidentiality of executive sessions, 11, 722
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Convening churches of synod, 27, 36, 719, 729, 810
Covenant for Officebearers, Doctrinal. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription Revision Committee II.
CRC Publications (Korea publisher), 153. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Creation Stewardship Task Force. See Study Committees, Creation Stewardship Task Force; Overtures 55-60.

D
Delegates to Synod 2012, 13-17, 719-21
Disability Concerns, Office of, 38, 192-95, 281, 754-55
Disaster Response. See Christian Reformed World Relief Committee.
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group. See Board of Trustees, Polity Matters.
Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers. See Study Committees, Form of Subscription Revision Committee II.
Dordt College, 269, 743, 747
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 42, 278-80, 747

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 226-57, 721, 728-29, 751, 756-57, 765-67, 769, 816
   Belhar Confession, 226, 232-56, 765-67. See also Overtures 4, 15-49, 54, 61; Communications 1-3.
   Bilateral relationships, 230
   Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church, 230-31
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 233, 256-57
Ecumenical relations, 228-29, 756. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Expressions of gratitude, 233, 766, 769
Formal dialogue, 257
Fraternal delegates, 228, 721, 728-29, 751, 756. See also Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 231-32
Membership, 226-28, 233, 816
Multilateral relationships, 229-30
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
From an ecumenical organization
   Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Ms. Aileen Van Ginkel, 756
To ecumenical organizations
   Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra and Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 228
   Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Joel Boot and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 228
   Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Rev. Bruce G. Adema, 229
   National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Rev. Joel Boot, 228
   World Communion of Reformed Churches, Rev. William T. Koopmans (adviser) and Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of executive committee), 229
   Global Christian Forum, Rev. Joel Boot (CRCNA representative) and Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of NAF of GCF), 229
   Sojourners, Rev. Peter Borgdorff (board member), 229
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
English-language ministry (ReFrame Media), 80-82
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 229, 756
Executive sessions of synod, 11, 722, 736-40

F
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 145-81, 606, 611, 769-70, 814
   Antiracism, 159
   Banner, The, 147-48. See also Banner, The.
   Board matters, 155-57, 160, 814
   Core values, 145
   Curricula and other publications, 149-53
   Editor-in-chief appointment request, 606, 611, 770
   Financial matters, 146-47, 154-55, 159-60
   Hymnal development and approval request, 152-53, 160-81, 769-70
   Marketing and customer service, 154
   Ministry, 147-55
   Mission and strategies, 145-47
   Partnerships and relationships with other organizations, 157-59
   Periodicals, 147-49
   Personnel, 154
Salary disclosure, 159
Use of resources by CRC churches, 159
World Literature Ministries, 153-54
Worship resources, 152-53
Faith Formation. See Study committees.
Financial statements, 45-76, 701-14, 732. See also Ministry share; Recommended agencies/causes.
Form of Subscription. See Study Committees.
Forms of unity, 722, 725, 765, 767. See also Overtures 4, 9-49, 54; Communications 1-3.
Fraternal delegates, 228, 721, 728-29, 751, 756
From churches
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Rev. Cornelis Janse van Rensburg, 721, 756
Église Chrétienne Réformée d’Haiti (CRC of Haiti), Pastor Romelus St. Yves, 721, 756
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Thomas De Vries, 757
Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Takashi Yoshida and Rev. Yasuyoshi Kawasugi, 751, 756
Reformed Churches in South Africa – Potchefstroom Synod, Professor Dries du Plooy and Rev. Risimati Hobyane, 729, 756
Reformed Churches in South Africa - Soutpansberg Synod, Dr. M.A. Mutavhatsindi and Professor T.C. Rabali, 728, 756
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Rev. Motlalentwa Godfrey Betha, 721, 756
To churches, organizations
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 228
Protestant Church in the Netherlands, Dr. Henry De Moor, 228
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Bruce Adema and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 228
Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. George Young, 228
World Communion of Reformed Churches (CANAAC), Dr. William T. Koopmans and Ms. Rebecca Warren, 228
French-language ministry, 82
Friendship Ministries, 151, 281-82, 771

G
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 42, 278-79, 747
Greetings. See Ecumenical representatives; Fraternal delegates.

H
Heidelberg Catechism. See Forms of Unity.
Hindi and related languages ministry, 82-83
Historical Committee, 258-65, 730-31
Digital versions of Acts of Synod and Agendas for Synod, 264
Recognition of individuals, 260-62
Recognition of ministries, 262-63
HIV-AIDS ministries, 123, 131
Hospitality Committee, 726
Hymnal development. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.

I
Immigration awareness, 198, 204-205, 284
Indonesian-language ministry, 83
Infant baptism. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Infant dedication. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 270-71, 744
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Interchurch Relations Committee (renamed). See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Japanese-language ministry, 83
Judicial Code Committee, 28, 36, 736-40, 816

K
King’s University College, 272-73, 744
Kuyper College, 274, 744

L
Leadership Exchange, 31, 42
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lilly Endowment funding, 43, 70
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord’s Supper. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church; Study Committees, Faith Formation Committee.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 32
Mental (intellectual) disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Micah Challenge, 203
Middle East Reformed Fellowship, 80
Ministerial Information Service, 197
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Ministry associates; Synodical deputies, work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 778-82
Approved for specialized service, 782-85
Approved from other denominations, 775-77
Declared again eligible for call, 787
Deposed, 798
Granted extension as eligible for call, 790-91
Loaned to another denomination, 785
Released from ministerial service, 787-90
Released from office, 785-87
Retirements, 773
Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance. See also Overture 8.
Ministries Leadership Council, 32-33, 38-39, 672, 678, 799
Ministry associates, 792-98. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry share, 35, 607, 612, 732, 821-22
Minutes Review Committee, 726

N
National Association of Evangelicals, 228-30
Network, The: Connecting Churches for Ministry, 33, 40-44, 607, 807
ServiceLink, 43-44. See also ServiceLink.
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 42
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 43, 196

O
Office of Deacon Task Force, 807-808, 816
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2013, 809-10
Our World Belongs to God. See Contemporary Testimony.
Overtures
1. Approve the Transfer of the Cerritos WooRi CRC, Artesia, California, from Classis Greater Los Angeles to Classis Pacific Hanmi, 465, 731
2. Approve the Transfer of the Cerritos WooRi CRC, Artesia, California, from Classis Greater Los Angeles to Classis Pacific Hanmi, 465-66, 731
3. Commission a Study of Church as Institution and Organism, 466-69, 802
4. Call the Denomination to Increased Effort toward Inclusivity, 469-77, 757-58
5. Take an Active Stance Against Pornography, 477-78, 758-59
6. Instruct the Board of Trustees and Agencies of the CRCNA to Refrain from Addressing and Making Pronouncements on Issues That Lie Outside of the Mission of the Church as Institution, 479-81, 759
7. Do Not Require Delegates to Submit a Motion in Writing before Synod Considers It, 481-84, 801
8. Initiate an Independent Review of the CRCNA Ministers’ Pension Program, 484, 748-49
9. Recommit the Proposed Covenant for Officebearers to a Newly Composed Committee, 484-86, 761-64
10. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Covenant for Officebearers, 486-87, 761-64
11. Uphold Synod 2011’s Recommendation by Amending the Proposed Covenant for Officebearers, 487-88, 761-64
12. Mandate the Form of Subscription Revision Committee II to Amend the Covenant for Officebearers, 488-89, 761-64
13. Amend the Proposed Covenant for Officebearers, 489, 761-64
14. Adopt the Covenant for Officebearers; Amend Guideline 1 in the Covenant for Officebearers, 489-90, 761-64
15. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Equal to the Three Forms of Unity, 490-94, 765-67
16. Adopt the Belhar Confession; Appoint a Synodical Task Force, 494-95, 765-67
17. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession, 495-98, 765-67
18. Receive the Belhar Confession as a Statement of Faith on Par with the Contemporary Testimony, 499-500, 765-67
19. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Testimony, Not a Confession, 500-502, 765-67
20. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Doctrinal Standard; Adopt the Belhar Confession as an Official Testimony, 502, 765-67
21. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Standard of Unity; Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Statement of Faith, 502-503, 765-67
22. Receive the Belhar Confession under a New Category of Ecumenical Affirmations, 503-507, 765-67
23. Endorse the Belhar Confession as a Testimony, Not as a Fourth Confession, 508-509, 765-67
24. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Contemporary Testimony of the CRC, 510-11, 765-67
25. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Testimony, 511-12, 765-67
26. Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Descriptive Testimony, 512, 765-67
27. Do Not Adopt the Belhar as a第四 Confession; Adopt It as a Statement with the Same Status as the Contemporary Testimony, 513-19, 765-67
28. Affirm the Belhar Confession as a Declaration or Testimony, 519-20, 765-67
29. Delay Decision on the Adoption of the Belhar Confession, 520-30, 765-67
30. Recommit the Belhar Confession to the Churches, Agencies, and Institutions for Further Study and Reflection; Form a Study Committee to Engage a Biblical and Theological Study of Liberation Theology, 530-31, 765-67
31. Do Not Make a Decision re the Belhar Confession in 2012; Rather, Appoint a Study Committee, 532-33, 765-67
32. Express Appreciation to the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, 534, 765-67
33. Affirm the Belhar Confession as a Valuable Tool; Thank the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa for Their Gift; Decline Synod 2009’s Recommendation to Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession, 534-36, 765-67
34. Affirm the Belhar Confession as a Gift to the Church Universal Without Incorporation into the Standards of Unity, 536, 765-67
35. Recognize the Belhar Confession as Contributing Significantly to What It Means to Be the Holy Catholic Church Today, 537-42, 765-67
36. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as the Fourth Form of Unity; Amend Existing CRC Documents to Better Reflect the Themes of Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice; and Express Support of the Principles of the Belhar Confession, 542-44, 765-67
37. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession of the Christian Reformed Church, 544-49, 765-67
38. Do not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Form of Unity, 549-51, 765-67
39. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession of the CRC, 551-54, 765-67
40. Do Not Accept the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Reformed Confession, 554, 765-67
41. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as Part of the Standards of Unity of the CRC (as a Fourth Confession), 555-59, 765-67
42. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confessional Standard or as a Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 559-63, 765-67
43. Do Not Adopt the Belhar as a Confession of the CRC, 563-64, 765-67
44. Do Not Adopt the Belhar as a Fourth Confession of the CRCNA, 564-68, 765-67
45. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Form of Unity, 569, 765-67
46. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as the Fourth Confessional Standard, 569-70, 765-67
47. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as the Fourth Form of Unity, 571-72, 765-67
48. Do Not Accept the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Confession, 572-75, 765-67
49. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a Fourth Standard of Faith, 575, 765-67
50. Address the Process of Shared Supervision in Church Order Article 13-b, 575-76, 749
51. Amend Church Order Article 17, 576-78, 749
52. Revise Church Order Article 40-c, 579, 768
53. Revise the Church Order to Allow for the Formation of Union Classes with the Reformed Church in America, 579-80, 750
54. Amend Church Order Article 47, 580-83, 750
55. Adopt the Creation Stewardship Task Force Report, 583-84, 802-806
56. Broaden Membership and Focus of the Creation Stewardship Task Force; Give Guidance on the Appropriateness of an Ecclesiastical Assembly Making a Definitive Statement on a Scientific Issue, 584-88, 802-806
57. Provide More Time and Guidance to Study and Discuss Issues Raised by the Creation Stewardship Task Force, 588-89, 802-806
58. Do Not Adopt the Report and Recommendations of the Creation Stewardship Task Force, 589-92, 802-806
59. Reject the Creation Stewardship Task Force Report, 592-93, 802-806
60. Do Not Accept Statement E, 1 in the Recommendations Section of the Creation Stewardship Task Force Report, 593-94, 802-806
61. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as Our Confession, 691-93, 765-67
62. Adopt the First Sentence of the Covenant for Officebearers as Proposed to Synod 2011, 693-94, 761-64
63. Do Not Accept the Report from the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture as Written, 694-95, 799-801

P
Partners Worldwide, 283, 746-47
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 195-98, 755
Pensions and Insurance, 182-87, 733. See also Overture 8.
  Board matters, 182-83, 816
  Consolidated Group Insurance, 186-87
  Employees’ retirement plans, 186
  Financial disclosures, 187
  Ministers’ pension plans, 183-86, 733
Personal Appeals. See Appeals.
Pornography. See Overture 5.
Portuguese-language ministry, 83-84
Public Declaration of Agreement, 233. See also Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 30, 198-99, 204, 755. See also Overture 4.
Recommended agencies/causes, 607-10, 612, 732-33, 823-25
Redeemer University College, 9, 31, 275-76, 280, 605, 719, 722, 744, 747, 817
Reformed Church in America, 27, 36, 605, 729-30, 757. See also Overture 53.
  Collaborative areas of ministry with CRC, 107, 110, 116, 149, 152-53, 155, 158, 191-93, 198, 204, 210, 228, 235, 257, 434, 654, 729-30, 742, 753, 755, 769, 814
Reformed confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Restorative justice, 204
Retirements, ministerial. See Ministers. See also Synodical Deputies, work of.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 24, 32
Russian-language ministry, 84

S
Safe Church Ministry, 34, 199-202, 755
  Director appointment, 34
Salary disclosure, 23, 610, 612, 733
Sergeant at Arms, 726
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 266, 731, 816
Service committees, 731, 816
ServiceLink, 43-44, 127
Spanish-language ministries, 84-85, 112, 115, 153, 158, 192, 200, 216, 281-83, 451
Specialized Ministries, 28, 33, 39, 188-205, 753-57
Structure and culture, task force. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Study committees
  Creation Stewardship Task Force, 287-411, 802-807. See also Overtures 55-60.
  Faith Formation Committee, 42, 412-47, 771-72, 774-75
  Form of Subscription Revision Committee II, 448-61, 644, 761-64.
  See also Overtures 9-14, 62.
Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See The Network.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See The Network.

Synodical
  Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
  Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
  Advisory committees, 723-24
  Appointments, 809-17
  Boards, 811-15
  Committees, 815-16
  Convening churches. See Convening churches.
  Delegates, 13-17, 719-21. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
  Deputies, 23, 28, 32, 36, 213, 217, 603, 611, 729, 741, 775-99, 810. See also Overture 51.
  Work of, 775-99
  Executive sessions, 11, 722, 736-40
  Functionaries, 810
  Officers, 721, 809
  Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
  Resources, 31-32
  Service of Prayer and Praise, 717-18

T
  Task forces, 816-17. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study Committees.
  Testimonial Banquet Committee, 726
  Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 83, 121-22, 124, 284, 745
  Trinity Christian College, 277, 744-45

U
  Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 205, 757

V
  Video recording of synod, 11-12, 722-23
  Visual impairments, 151
  Voice of the Reformed, 149

W
  World Communion of Reformed Churches, 228-29, 610, 612, 733
  World Renew. See Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Name change.
Worship at synod, 719, 725, 728-29, 751, 767-68, 804, 818
Worship Planning Committee, 726
Worship resources. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Y

Yearbook, 30
Young adult representatives, 26-27, 604, 721
Young Adult Summit, 31, 42, 605, 725
Youth Unlimited, 42, 126, 279-80, 747
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
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DO</td>
<td>Denominational Office</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DORR</td>
<td>Dance of Racial Reconciliation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DR</td>
<td>Dominican Republic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRC</td>
<td>Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRS</td>
<td>Disaster Response Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSS</td>
<td>Director of Synodical Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DYM</td>
<td>Dynamic Youth Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECC</td>
<td>Evangelical Covenant Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECO</td>
<td>Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFC</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFD</td>
<td>Ecumenical Faith Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIRCA</td>
<td>Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPC</td>
<td>Evangelical Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPMC</td>
<td>Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESV</td>
<td>English Standard Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ETP</td>
<td>Evangelist Training Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEN</td>
<td>From Every Nation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCF</td>
<td>Global Christian Forum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GDUF</td>
<td>God’s Diverse and Unified Family</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR</td>
<td>Human Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICS</td>
<td>Institute for Christian Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IDT</td>
<td>Implementation Design Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IGCPR</td>
<td>Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRM</td>
<td>International Relief Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KEZ</td>
<td>Kingdom Enterprise Zone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LDN</td>
<td>Leadership Development Network</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LMDJ</td>
<td>Loving Mercy and Doing Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MDG</td>
<td>Millennium Development Goal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MERF</td>
<td>Middle East Reformed Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLC</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLT</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MWS</td>
<td>Master of Worldview Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NECT</td>
<td>Northeast Community Transformation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NPO</td>
<td>Nonprofit Organization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRD</td>
<td>Nkhoma Synod of the Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJ</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARA</td>
<td>Programs Assisting Refugee Acculturation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor-Church Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCUSA</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in the USA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLC</td>
<td>Placement, Learning, and Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCORR</td>
<td>Synodical Committee on Race Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMCC</td>
<td>Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMT</td>
<td>Staff Ministry Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STARS</td>
<td>Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TFRSC</td>
<td>Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLT</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.
Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.

Acts of Synod, 35
Addresses to synod
   Boot, Rev. Joel R., 568-69
   Le Roy, Dr. Michael K., 562
   Medenblik, Rev. Julius T., 572-73
Advisers to synod.
   Ethnic advisers, 27, 541, 620
   Faculty advisers, 541
   Report on role of. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   See also Young adult representatives.
Advisory committees, 543-44
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.

Agenda for Synod, 35
All Nations Heritage Week, 198
Antiracism. See Race Relations.

Appeal
   1. Mr. J. and Mrs. K. Weber, 433, 609
Appointments. See also Synodical.
   Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   To CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees.
Arabic-language ministry, 109-10, 116
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 542

Back to God Ministries International, 109-18, 139, 165, 260, 579, 635
   Board, 116-17, 635
   Cooperative organizations, 115-16
   Finances, 117-18
   Mandate, 109
   Ministries, 109-16
   Salary disclosure, 117
Banner, The, 37, 153, 156-58, 164-65, 167, 188, 213-14, 216, 232, 417, 422, 442,
   542, 545, 558, 644
Baptism. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Belhar Confession, 64, 219, 223-24, 226-28, 272, 277-78. See also Overtures 18,
   21, 24.
Board of Trustees, 21-106, 155-56, 164-65, 437-85, 512-13, 515, 547-50, 564-68, 570-72, 574-78, 610-14, 628-32, 635. See also Study committees, Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II and Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture; Overtures 3-7, 10, 15-17, 21-22, 24.

Board members, 22-26, 39-40, 437-38, 635

Financial matters. See also Recommended agencies/causes.

Benefits matters, 446. See also Overtures 16-17.

Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 39

Condensed financial statements, 46, 76-106, 521-34, 564

Investments, 445, 480-84

Ministry share, 38-39, 442, 447, 564, 649-50

Pension matters, 565-66. See also Pensions and Insurance;

Overtures 16-17.

Salary disclosure, 23, 445, 448, 565

Polity matters

Advisers to synod, role of, 28, 40-42, 46-64, 577-78. See also Advisers to synod.

Agency presentations, 28, 562, 567-68, 612

Board nominations, 25-26, 39-40, 437-38, 446, 547

Canadian ministries director and review, 31, 439-40, 446, 448-72, 610, 633. See also Overtures 5-6.

Church Order Article 12-b recommendation, 45, 614

Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 24-25

Confidentiality of documents presented at synod, 28-29, 42-43, 548-49

Convening church of Synod 2014: 28, 42, 548, 633. See also Convening churches of synod.

Convening church of Synod 2017: 440-41, 447, 576-77. See also

Convening churches of synod.

Denominational covenant, renewal of, 34, 67-75, 441, 614

Denominational survey (2012), 441, 447, 549, 568

Diversity efforts reports, 26-27

Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II, comments and clarification, 32, 438-39, 446, 632. See also Study committees; Overture 7, Communication 2.

Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, 32, 66-67, 640

Early involvement when tensions develop in congregations, 34, 67-75, 614

Ethnic advisers, 27, 541, 620. See also Advisers to synod; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.

Executive Director search and leadership transition, 23-24, 440, 446, 485, 575-76, 611. See also Study committees, Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II and Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.

Guidelines for Former Pastors and Congregations, 34

Heidelberg Catechism, 450th anniversary, 33, 43-44, 570-71. See also

Overture 10.

Interim appointments, 24, 39, 548

Joint Venture Agreements, 440


Process review task force, 31
Leadership development, 33, 74
Leadership Exchange assessment, 33
Maranatha CRC, Belleville, Ontario, and pastor, 31, 65-67
Publications and services, 34-35
Public Declaration of Agreement proposal, 28, 42, 64-65, 574-75.
See also Overtures 21-22, 24.
Rules for Synodical Procedure changes, 28-30, 42-43, 548-49
Synod meeting locations, 440, 446-47, 576. See also Convening churches of synod.
Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 32, 37, 348-93, 440, 446, 567, 575, 577-78, 610-112, 626, 640. See also Study committees.

Program matters
Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 38, 107-204, 487-500
Disability Concerns recommendations, 44-45, 613-14
Implementation Design Team, 441-42, 447, 473-79, 550
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 36
Boards and committees, 634-40

C
Administrative appointments, 121, 488-89, 491-92, 554-56
Board, 119-21, 489-90, 492, 547, 636, 644
Faculty, 119-22, 487-89, 491-92, 554-56
  Promotions, 488, 490-91, 554-55
  Reappointments, 119, 122, 488, 491, 554-56
  Recognition, 119-20, 490, 554-55
  Retirements, 487, 490, 555
Finance, 121, 490, 522, 556
General matters, 119, 487
Presentation at synod, 28, 562
Presidential inauguration, 119
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 116, 155, 161, 165, 296, 318, 322, 324-25
Calvin Theological Seminary, 123-26, 493-97, 523, 547, 563, 582, 636, 644
  Administration, 123-24
  Board of trustees, 123, 126, 493-94, 547, 636
  Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
  Distance Master of Divinity degree, 124
  Distinguished Alumni, 493
  Faculty and staff appointments, 124, 493-97, 563, 582
  Finance, 80-81, 523
  Graduates, 493
  Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal, 125
  Offerings for, 126, 547
  Program highlights, 124-26
Retirement, 124
Students, 126
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 254, 551
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Council of Churches, 203, 221-22
Christian Stewardship Services, 26, 39, 174
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 177, 189-90, 614-15
Director of, 31, 35, 220, 352-53, 358, 360, 439-40, 446, 448-72, 610, 633
Ecumenical relations, 222. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Finances, 99
ServiceLink. See ServiceLink.
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 204, 615
Candidacy Committee, 207-18, 503-507, 556-60, 572-73, 618, 639
Candidates, 503-504, 506-507, 558-59, 572-73
reflection on supply of candidates, 209
Church Order Article 8 discussion and proposed statement, 213-17, 558
Church Order Article 17-a discussion, 212-13, 216, 558
Church Order Article 23-a, proposed revision, 211-12, 215-16, 556-58
Church Order Supplement, Article 45-b, discussion, 212
proposed addition to, 505, 507, 559-60
Commissioned pastor developments and recommendations, 210-12, 217-18, 505, 507, 556-60
Mandate, 207
Membership, 207, 215, 639
Nonresident EPMC program, 208-209, 506, 618
Overture 14, response to, 506-507, 618
Pastoral search process concern, 213-17
Training and orientation, 209-10
Webpage updates, 210
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Canons of Dort. See Forms of Unity.
Capital punishment. See Overture 8.
Catechism. See Heidelberg Catechism.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, 186-89, 222, 357, 614-15
Children at the Lord’s Supper. See Study committees, Faith Formation Committee.
Chinese-language ministry, 110, 115, 163,
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 221-22
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 39
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 150-52, 565, 639
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 127-37, 547, 579-80, 632, 637
  Board matters, 135-37, 547, 637
  Campus ministry, 131-32, 135
  Church multiplication initiative and Kingdom Enterprise Zones, 134
  Church planting and renewal, 130, 134-35
  Collaborative efforts, 134-35
  Discipleship, 131
  Ethnic ministry council, 131
    realignment proposed in light of Diversity in Leadership Planning
    Group II, 439, 632
  Finances, 132-33, 137
  Global Coffee Break, 134
  Leadership development, 135
  Mandate, 127
  Ministries, 130-35
  Mission and focus, 128-30
  Offerings for, 137, 547
  Prayer Summit, 135
  Recruitment and training, 135
  Regional ministry teams, 132
  Salary disclosure, 137

  125th Anniversary celebration, 138, 148, 567-68, 580
  Board matters, 146-48, 547, 637
  Collaborative efforts, 139
  Concern re Office of Deacon Task Force report, 498-99, 620, 626
  Enthusiasm for Overture 15: 499. See also Overture 15.
  Finance, 148
  Ministries, 138-45
  Mission and ministry stories, 140-45
    Asia, 142-44
    Africa, 141-42, 144-45
    Europe, 140-41
    Latin America, 140, 142-44
  Offerings for, 148, 547
  Placement, learning, and care, 145-46
  Presentation at synod, 28, 567-68
  Recognition of service, 139-40
  Salary information, 148

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (renamed). See World Renew.
Church Order and Its Supplements, 35
Church Order deliberation and use at synod
  Administrative actions according to
    Article 8: 558, 584-86. See also Candidacy Committee.
    Article 10: 586-91
    Article 12-c: 592-93
    Article 13-c: 593-94
    Article 14-b: 594-96, 627
    Article 14-c: 596
Article 14-d: 596-97
Article 14-e: 597
Article 17-a: 558, 597-600. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 17-c: 600-601, 627-28
Article 17-d: 601, 627-28
Article 23-a: 601-607. See also Church Order Discussion, study, revision.
Article 23-b or -c: 607-608
Article 23-d: 608
Articles 82-83: 608-609
Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement;
Overtures 19-20; Study committees, Diakonia Remixed.
Article 12-b: 45, 195, 197, 614
Article 23-a: 210-12, 215-18, 556-58
Article 40: 284-85, 292, 621, 623
Article 45: 287, 292, 622, 624
Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order discussion, study, revision.
Article 23-a: 211-12, 216, 557-58
Article 30-c: 29, 31, 43, 549
Article 40-a and -c: 285-86, 621-22, 623-24
Article 45-b: 212, 505, 507, 559-60
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, work of.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to
classis, 24
Commissioned pastors, 601-607. See also Candidacy Committee.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study
committees; Synodical committees.
Communications
1: Classis Minnkota, 429, 618-19
2: Classis Hamilton, 430, 628, 632
3: Classis Yellowstone, 430, 620, 626
4: Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, 431, 498, 620, 626
5: Classis Alberta North, 431, 498, 620, 626
6: Classis Toronto, 517, 620, 626
Confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 542
Contemporary Testimony, 64, 270, 277-78, 416, 426-27
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Convening churches of synod, 28, 42, 440-41, 447, 548, 633, 576-77. See also
Board of Trustees, Polity Matters, Synod meeting locations.
Covenant for Officebearers. See Overtures 18, 22.
CRC Publications (Korean publisher), 163. See also Faith Alive Christian
Resources.
Creation stewardship, 203, 445, 447-48, 565
Culture, Task Force Reviewing Structure and. See Board of Trustees, Polity
Matters; Study committees.
D
Deacon task force. See Study committees.
Declaration of Agreement. See Public Declaration of Agreement. See also
Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Delegates to Synod 2013: 13-17, 539-41
Denominational covenant, renewing the. See Board of Trustees,
Polity matters.
Denominational survey (2012), 441, 447, 549, 568
Disability Concerns, Office of, 44-45, 190-94, 612-14
Disaster Response. See World Renew.
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II. See Board of Trustees,
Polity Matters; Study committees.
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Dordt College, 243-44, 560-61
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 254-56, 551-52

E
Eastern mystical practices. See Overture 11.
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 219-30, 541, 547, 570, 573-75,
639, 641-42
Belhar Confession, 223-24
Bilateral relationships, 223
Dialogue re study of religious persecution and liberty, 641-42. See also
Overture 9.
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church, 223
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 224-25, 228-29
Ecumenical Faith Declaration, criteria of, 223-28, 573. See also
Overtures 18, 21, 24.
Ecumenical relations, 220-21, 541, 547, 570, 575. See also Ecumenical
representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Expressions of gratitude, 225, 573
Formal dialogue, 230
Fraternal delegates, 220-21, 541, 547, 570, 575. See also Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 223
Membership, 219-20, 225, 639
Multilateral relationships, 221-23
Reformed Church in America collaborative relationship, 224-25, 573.
See also Reformed Church in America.
Ecumenical Faith Declaration, criteria of, 223-28, 573. See also Overtures 18,
21, 24.
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
To ecumenical organizations
Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra, 221
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Joel Boot
and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 221
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Dr. William T. Koopmans, 221
National Association of Evangelicals, Rev. Joel Boot, 221

ACTS OF SYNOD 2013  Index  665
World Communion of Reformed Churches, Rev. William T. Koopmans 
(advisor to executive committee) and Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of 
executive committee), 221
Global Christian Forum, Rev. Joel Boot (CRCNA representative) and 
Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of North America Foundation of GCF), 
221
Sojourners, Rev. Peter Borgdorff (board member), 221

Elder and deacon study, 640
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
English-language ministry (ReFrame Media), 110-12
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers to synod. See also Board of Trustees, 
Polity Matters.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 203, 221-22, 415-16
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 542, 549, 582, 609

F
Faculty advisers. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, 
role of.
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 36-38, 44, 153-67, 349, 441-42, 447, 473-75, 
478, 550-51, 553, 564, 581
Antiracism, 167
Banner, The, 156-57, 442. See also Banner, The.
Board matters, 164-65, 167, 550
   Dissolution of board, 155-56, 165, 550
Changes and challenges, 36-38, 349, 441-42, 447, 550, 553, 564, 581. See also 
   Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Core values, 153
Curricula and other publications, 158-63
Faith formation ministry, 154-56
Financial matters, 36-37, 153-54, 163-64, 167, 442
Hymnals, 161-62, 550-51
Marketing and customer service, 163-64
Ministry, 156-64
Mission and strategies, 153-56
Partnerships and relationships with other organizations, 165-66
Periodicals, 156-58
Personnel, 164
Realignment of critical functions, 441-42, 447, 550, 553. See also Board of 
   Trustees, Program matters.
Salary disclosure, 167
Use of resources by CRC churches, 166-67
World Literature Ministries, 162-63, 477
Worship resources, 161-62, 550-51, 570
Faith Formation. See Board of Trustees, Program matters; Faith Alive 
   Christian Resources, Faith formation ministry; Study committees, 
   Faith Formation Committee and Task Force Reviewing Structure 
   and Culture.
Financial statements, 76-106, 521-34, 564. See also Ministry share; 
   Recommended agencies / causes.

Five Streams proposal. See Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.

Form of Subscription. See Covenant for Officebearers.

Forms of unity, 28, 42, 64-65, 542. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Public Declaration of Agreement proposal; Overtures 21-22, 24.

Fraternal delegates, 220-21, 541, 547, 570, 575
From churches, organizations
  Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Gerrit Dawson, 570, 575
  Netherlands Reformed Churches, Rev. Pieter G. Sinia, 541, 575
  Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Stephen Kendal, 547, 575
  Reformed Church in America, Rev. Thomas DeVries, 575
  World Communion of Reformed Churches, Dr. Stephen Lytch, 575
To churches, organizations
  Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 220
  Korean Presbyterian Church (Hapdong), Rev. Joel Boot and Dr. Jay Shim, 221
  Reformed Church in America, Rev. Joel Boot, 220
  Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Lawrence Spalink, 220
  World Communion of Reformed Churches (CANAAC – regional meeting; and WCRC executive committee), Dr. William T. Koopmans, 221

French-language ministry, 112
Friendship Ministries, 160, 257-58, 552

G
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 255, 551-52
Greetings. See Ecumenical representatives; Fraternal delegates.

H
Heidelberg Catechism, 450th anniversary, 33, 43-44, 570-71. See also Overture 10, Forms of Unity.
Hindi and related languages ministry, 112-13
Historical Committee, 231-38, 569, 639
  Recognition of individuals, 233-36
  Recognition of ministries, 236
HIV-AIDS ministries, 176-77
Homosexuality. See Overtures 12-13.
Hospitality Committee, 545
Hymnals. See Faith Alive Christian Resources; see also Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal.
Immigration awareness, 197, 203-204, 222, 355-56
Implementation Design Team. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Indonesian-language ministry, 113
Infant baptism. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Infant dedication. See Study committees, Faith Formation.
Institute for Christian Studies, 245-46, 561
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Interchurch Relations. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

Japanese-language ministry, 113-14, 143-44, 165
Justice efforts, 27, 31, 139, 174-75, 177-78, 184, 189-90, 197-204, 221-22, 245, 580-81, 641-42

KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 203, 222
King’s University College, The, 245, 247-48, 561
Korean-language ministry, 115, 157-58, 163, 190-91, 210
Kuyper College, 249-50, 561

Leadership development, 33, 74, 579
Leadership Exchange, 33, 63, 68, 73
Leadership Planning Group II, Diversity in. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study committees.
Licensing to exhort. See Candidacy Committee.
Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal, 550-51, 570. See also Faith Alive Christian Resources, Hymnals.
Lilly funding, 100, 231
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Lord’s Supper. See Study committees, Faith Formation Committee.

Manual for Synodical Deputies, 35
Maranatha CRC, Belleville, Ontario, and pastor, 31, 65-67
Mental (intellectual) disabilities. See Friendship Ministries.
Ministerial Information Service, 196
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 586-91
Approved for specialized service, 592-93
Approved from other denominations, 584-86
Declared again eligible for call, 597
Deposed, 608-609, 627
Granted extension as eligible for call, 600-601
Loaned to another denomination, 593-94
Released from ministerial service, 597-600
Released from office, 594-97, 601, 627-28
Retirements, 583-84

Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance. See also Overtures 16-17.
Ministries Leadership Council, 35
Ministry associates (renamed); see Commissioned pastors. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry share, 35, 39, 442, 447, 564, 649-50
Minutes Review Committee, 545

N
National Association of Evangelicals, 221-22

O
Office of Deacon Task Force. See Study committees, Diakonia Remixed:
Office of Deacon Task Force.
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2014: 633
Offices of elder and deacon study, 640
Our World Belongs to God. See Contemporary Testimony.

Overtures
1. Permit the Transfer of Urim CRC of Lake Forest, California, to Classis Pacific Hanmi, 397, 578
2. Approve the Transfer of Urim CRC in Lake Forest, California, from Classis California South to Classis Pacific Hanmi, 397, 578
3. Create a New Classis in Michigan, 398-400, 618-19
4. Direct the Board of Trustees to Facilitate the Establishment of a New Classis in Michigan and to Permit the Transfer of Second CRC from Classis Kalamazoo to the New Classis, 400-406, 618-19
5. Encourage Members of the CRCNA-Canada Corporation to Meet Separately from the Full Board of Trustees of the CRCNA, 406-408, 578
6. Appoint a Task Force to Reflect on the Statements of the Canadian Catalytic Conversation, 408-11, 578
7. Do Not Accede to Recommendations F, H, and I of the Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II Report, 411-12, 628, 632
8. Appoint a Study Committee to Formulate a CRC Position on Capital Punishment, 413-15, 564
9. Appoint a Study Committee to Equip Our Church in Regard to the Related Issues of Religious Persecution and Religious Liberty, 415-16, 641-42
10. Plan an Official Anniversary Acknowledgment or Celebration in Honor of the 450th Anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism, 416, 571
11. Appoint a Task Force to Study Eastern Mystical Practices and Their Spiritual Impact on the Church, 417-18, 571-72, 627
12. Appoint a Study Committee to Expand on the 1973 Report and Conclusions on Homosexuality, 418-20, 615-17, 640-41
13. Provide Pastoral Advice on the Issue of Gay Marriage, 420, 615-17, 640-41
14. Modify the Two-Year EPMC Program for Ordained Pastors Who Have Already Served in Parish Ministry, 420-21, 618
15. Mandate Denominational Agencies and the Board of Trustees to Develop Concrete Strategies to Carry Out the Great Commission, 422-23, 567
17. Revisit Funding Formula for the CRCNA Ministers’ Pension Program, 425, 566
18. Recognize the Witness of “Ecumenical Faith Declarations” in the Covenant for Officebearers, 426-27, 573-74
19. Do Not Adopt Proposed Changes to Church Order Articles 25-c, 34, 40, 45, and 73-77; and Retain the Language of the Current Form for Ordination, 427-28, 620, 626
20. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Changes to Church Order Articles 25-c and 73, Nor the Form for Ordination of Elders and Deacons in the Diakonia Remixed: Office of Deacon Task Force Report, 511-12, 620, 626
21. Remove Reference to the Belhar Confession from the Proposed Public Declaration of Agreement, 512-13, 574-75
22. Use the Covenant for Officebearers in Place of the Public Declaration of Agreement for Synodical Delegates, 513, 574-75
23. Modify a Sentence in the Charge to the Deacons in the Diakonia Remixed: Office of Deacon Task Force Report, 513-14, 620, 626
24. Do Not Adopt the Proposed Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 514-15, 574-75

P
Partners Worldwide, 259, 581
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 34, 38, 45, 67-75, 194-97, 614-15
   Denominational covenant, renewal of, 34, 67-75, 614
   Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 38, 194
   Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 38
Pensions and Insurance, 168-73, 547, 565-66. See also Overtures 16-17.
   Board matters, 168-69, 173, 547
   Consolidated Group Insurance, 172
   Employees’ retirement plans, 171-72
   Financial disclosures, 172
   Ministers’ pension plans, 169-71, 173, 565-66
   Reformed Benefits Association, 446
Persecution, religious. See Overture 9.
Personal Appeals. See Appeals.
Portuguese-language ministry, 114
Profession of faith. See Study committees, Faith Formation Committee. Public Declaration of Agreement, 542. See also Forms of Unity.
Proposal to change, 28, 42, 64-65, 574-75. See also Overtures 21-22, 24.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 197-98, 614-15
Recommended agencies/ causes, 442-45, 447-48, 564-65, 651-53
Redeemer University College, 251-52, 561
Reformed Benefits Association. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters, Benefits matters.
Reformed Church in America, 28, 220, 224-25, 229, 575, 629.
  Collaborative areas of ministry with CRC, 28, 33, 109, 134, 158, 161-62, 164-66, 190-91, 197, 203, 213, 220, 224-25, 253, 328, 333, 446, 553, 575, 629
  Partnership agreement with World Renew, 575
Reformed confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Religious persecution and liberty. See Overture 9.
Restorative justice, 31, 200, 203. See also Justice efforts; Overture 8.
Retirements, ministerial. See Ministers.
Role of advisers to synod. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Russian-language ministry, 114

S
Safe Church Ministry, 38, 199-201, 614-15
Salary disclosure, 23, 445, 448, 565
Same-sex marriage. See Overtures 12-13.
Sergeant at Arms, 545
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 239, 560
Service committees, 639
ServiceLink, 145
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 177, 190, 197-98, 201-204, 615
Spanish-language ministries, 115
Specialized Ministries, 28, 38, 44, 186-204, 441, 550, 612, 614-15. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters, Faith Formation Initiative and Implementation Design Team.
  Presentation at synod, 28, 612
Structure and Culture, Task Force Reviewing. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study committees.
Study committees
  Diakonia Remixed: Office of Deacon Task Force, 263-98, 620-26, 642-43. See also Christian Reformed World Missions, concern re; Overtures 19-20, 23; Communications 3-6.
  Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II, 299-317, 628-32. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Overture 7; Communication 2.
  Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 32, 37, 348-93, 440, 446, 567, 575, 577-78, 610-12, 626, 640
  To report to future synods, 640
Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.

Synodical
Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Advisory committees, 543-44
Appointments, 545, 633-43
Boards, 634-38
Committees, 639-40
Convening churches. See Convening churches of synod.
Delegates, 13-17, 539-41. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical
representatives and observers.
Deputies, 24, 35, 39, 212-13, 216, 633-34
Work of, 584-609, 627-28
Executive sessions, 9, 542, 549, 582, 609
Functionaries, 633
Meeting locations. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Synod meeting
locations.
Officers, 541, 633
Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
Resources, 34-35
Service of Prayer and Praise, 537-38

T
Task forces, 640. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study committees.
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 545
Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 139, 141, 260, 562
Trinity Christian College, 253, 440-41, 447, 562, 576-77

U
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 204, 615

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 542-43
Visual impairments, 160
Voice of the Reformed, 158

W
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 221-22, 563, 575
World Literature Ministries, 162-65, 477
World Renew (formerly Christian Reformed World Relief Committee),
174-85, 500, 547, 575, 580-81
Board matters, 182-85, 500, 547
Finance, 184
Human resources management, 182
Ministries, 175-82
  Church-based community transformation, 177
  Disaster Response, 179-82
  HIV and AIDS response, 176-77
  International community development, 175-76
  Justice education and advocacy, 177-78
  Service Learning, 178-79
Mission and partnership, 174-75
Name change, 174
Offerings for, 39, 185, 547
Partnership agreement with RCA, 575
Resource development, 184
Salary disclosure, 184
Worship at synod, 537-38, 539, 545, 548, 570, 582-83, 617-18, 644-45
Worship Planning Committee, 545
Worship resources. See Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Y
Yearbook, 34-35
Young adult representatives, 27-28, 40-41, 48-53, 62-64, 541, 545. See also
  Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Youth Unlimited, 145, 256, 552
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  
CGG – 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
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Full Form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DSS</td>
<td>Director of Synodical Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DYM</td>
<td>Dynamic Youth Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECO</td>
<td>Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFC</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFD</td>
<td>Ecumenical Faith Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFICOR</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIRC</td>
<td>Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELCA</td>
<td>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPC</td>
<td>Evangelical Presbyterian Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPCE</td>
<td>Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFD</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EUC</td>
<td>Ecumenical Faith Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFT</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GDUF</td>
<td>God’s Diverse and Unified Family</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEMS</td>
<td>Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GKN</td>
<td>Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRACE</td>
<td>Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR</td>
<td>Human Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICCRD</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICS</td>
<td>Institute for Christian Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IGCPR</td>
<td>Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IPRM</td>
<td>Presbyterian Reformed Church of Mexico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRM</td>
<td>International Relief Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JCC</td>
<td>Judicial Code Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMMC</td>
<td>Joint-Ministries Management Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KCVS</td>
<td>King’s Centre for Visualization in Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KEZ</td>
<td>Kingdom Enterprise Zone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIM</td>
<td>Korean Institute for Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LDN</td>
<td>Leadership Development Network</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LEAP</td>
<td>Linked Engagement Action Programs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LEAP</td>
<td>Livelihoods for Earthquake-Affected People</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MERF</td>
<td>Middle East Reformed Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLC</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLT</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIV</td>
<td>New International Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OPCW</td>
<td>Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJ</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCN</td>
<td>Protestant Church in the Netherlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor-Church Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCUSA</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church in the USA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLC</td>
<td>Placement, Learning, and Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PPC</td>
<td>Planning and Priorities Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSC</td>
<td>Professional Status Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RBA</td>
<td>Reformed Benefits Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Japan</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.

Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.

Acts of Synod, 33

Addresses to synod

Chung, Rev. Moses, 574
Boot, Rev. Joel R., 556
Escar dó, Gustavo García, 563
Holmes, Rev. Sheila E., 570
Kromminga, Rev. David, 576
Medenblik, Rev. Julius T., 562
Noppers, Rev. Reinier, 584
Reformed Collaborative, presentation of the, 504-505
Roorda, Dr. Darren C., 540
Ryu, Rev. Roger, 568
Selles, Dr. Kurt, 565

Advisers to synod. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of; Young adult representatives.

Deacon advisers, 28, 496, 576
Ethnic advisers, 28, 501, 537-39, 576
Faculty advisers, 496, 499
Advisory committees, 497-99

Affiliation with denominations in ecclesiastical fellowship. See Overture 17.

Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Agenda for Synod, 33
All Nations Heritage Week, 233-34
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal: Mr. and Mrs. Weber, 572
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
   Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees.
Arabic-language ministry, 122, 127, 286
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 497

B
Back to God Ministries International, 29, 121-30, 500-501, 505, 548, 565, 579-80
75th-anniversary celebration, 121
Board, 128-29, 502, 579-80
Cooperative organizations, 127
Finances, 129-30. See also Financial Statements.
Ministries, 121-27
Offerings for, 130, 500-501
Presentation at synod, 565
Salary disclosure, 129
   See also Overtures 8-13; Communications 1-3.
Belgic Confession. See Forms of Unity.
Belhar Confession, 155, 157. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
“Better Together” Initiative. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Binationality discussion. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Binationality discussion and report.
Board governance. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
   Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture;
   Overtures 8-14; Communications 1-3.
Board membership, 22, 38, 429-30, 502, 579
Financial matters. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
   Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 37
   Condensed financial statements, 41, 88-118, 473-88, 552
   Investments, 436, 442-46
   Ministry share, 33, 37, 432, 437, 552
   Salary disclosure, 23-24, 38, 436, 438, 551-52
Polity matters
   Advisers to synod, role of, 28-29, 38-41, 52-71, 536-40. See also Advisers to synod; Young adult representatives.
   Agency presentations, 29, 565, 574
Banner editor and editorial council, 31, 41, 84-85, 572-74. See also
   Overtures 8-13; Communications 1-3.
   Binationality discussion and report, 432, 440-42
Board governance, training in, 564
Board nominations, 25-27, 429-30, 437, 502, 579
Canadian ministries director search, nomination, appointment, ratification, 30-31, 429, 431, 437, 540-41, 577
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25, 501
Classis Minnkota, transfers to, 29
CRCNA-Canada Corporation mandate, 30
Deacon advisers, 28, 496. See also Advisers to synod; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of; Study committees.
Diversity efforts reports, 27, 45-52
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group implementation of directives, 45-52
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, 31, 41, 540
Ethnic advisers, 28, 501, 537-40, 576. See also Advisers to synod; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Executive Director search, nomination, leadership transition plan, appointment, 24, 38, 42-45, 431, 505-506, 556. See also Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Interim appointments, 24, 38, 505
Joint resolution with RCA, 431, 437, 501-504. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, Reformed Church in America.
Joint sessions of Synod 2014: 431, 437, 493, 501-505
Judicial Code Committee, 29-30, 41, 508, 572, 583
Judicial Code review, 30, 41, 72-84, 569-70
Leadership development, 32
Leadership Exchange dissolution, 32
Nominating committee, development of, 563
Publications and services, 32-33
Rules for Synodical Procedure, proposed changes, 41, 71-72, 75, 537-40
changes re advisers to synod, 537-40
Science and theology resources list relating especially to creation, fall, original sin, atonement, 567
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, change of membership, 432, 437, 502, 583
Study committees, appointment of, 29, 41, 71-72, 540
Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 31, 46, 563-64. See also Study committees.
Young adult representatives, 28, 496, 576. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Program matters
Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 36, 119-241, 447-61
Collaborative Work Groups, 35-36, 432
Faith Alive Christian Resources, changes, 34-35, 432, 573
Faith formation, 34-36, 432. See also Study Committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Disability Concerns recommendations, 36-37, 41, 85-87, 557-59
revised mandate, 36-37, 41, 557
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 33-34
Boards and committees, 578-84
Calvin College, 131-76, 447-49, 539, 542-43, 580. See also Overtures 14, 18.
  Administrative appointment, 448-49, 542
  Articles of Incorporation, 448-49, 543
  Board of trustees, 132-36, 448-49, 502, 580
  Confessional Commitments and Academic Freedom at Calvin College, 132-33, 136-76, 542
  Creation, sin, and other doctrinal teachings, resources on. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Science and theology resources; Overture 18.
  Faculty, 136, 447-49, 542-43
    Promotions, 136, 447, 449, 542
    Reappointments, 136, 447, 449, 542
    Recognition, 447, 449, 542-43
    Retirements, 447, 449, 542-43
  Finances, 131-32, 135-36, 449. See also Financial Statements.
  President’s report, 131-32
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 127
Calvin Theological Seminary, 177-81, 450-55, 501, 537, 539, 543-44, 562, 567, 571, 580-81
  Administration, 177-78
  Board of trustees, 177,181, 450, 502, 580-81
  Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
  Creation, sin, and other doctrinal teachings, resources on. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Science and theology resources; Overture 18.
  Distinguished Alumni, 450
  Faculty and staff appointments, 178, 179-80, 450-55, 544, 571
  Finance, 181. See also Financial Statements.
  Graduates, 450
  Offerings for, 181, 501
  Position openings, 450
  Program highlights, 178-80
  Retirement, 178, 181, 543
  Students, 180-81
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 312, 560-61
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Council of Churches, 239, 255, 257-58, 286, 435, 438, 471, 552
Canadian Ministries, 30-31, 33, 257-58, 429, 431, 437, 540-41, 557, 560, 577. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Binationality discussion and report.
  Christian Stewardship Services, 37
  Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 227-28, 241, 557
  Director, 30-31, 33, 257-58, 429, 431, 437, 540-41, 577
  appointment, ratification, 431, 541
  Ecumenical relations, 257-58. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
  Finances, 111. See also Financial Statements.
  ServiceLink. See ServiceLink.
  Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 240-41, 560
Candidacy Committee, 245-54, 386, 465-68, 506, 544-46, 583
  Call process, guidance regarding, 248, 250, 252, 544
Candidates, 465-66, 468, 506, 545-46
Church Order Article 8, special cases regarding, 467-68, 546
Commissioned pastors, 248-50, 254. See also Synodical Deputies, Work of.
Continuing education for pastors, 250, 252, 544
Mandate, 245
Manual for Synodical Deputies, proposed change regarding candidates on loan, 250-53, 544-45
Membership, 245, 252, 502, 583
Nonresident EPMC program, 246
Ordination trends and statistics, 249-50, 254
Student fund survey, 246-48
Training and orientation, 248-49
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Canons of Dort. See Forms of Unity.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 224-27, 253, 575
Chinese-language ministry, 122, 249
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 257, 259, 262, 286, 469
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 37
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 205-206, 502, 583
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 29, 35-36, 182-92, 248, 501, 574-75, 581
Board matters, 190-91, 502, 581
Campus ministries, 186-87
Church multiplication initiative and Kingdom Enterprise Zones, 184, 189, 505
Church planting and renewal, 183-84
Collaborative efforts, 188-89
Discipleship, 186
Engaging with clusters, classes, communities, 188
Ethnic ministry council, 184-85
Finances, 191-92. See also Financial Statements.
Global Coffee Break, 189
Leadership development, 186
Mandate, 182, 190
Ministries, 182-90
Offerings for, 192, 501
Presentation at synod, 574
Regional leadership, 184-85
Salary disclosure, 191
Strengthening congregations, 184
Board matters, 202-204, 502, 581
Collaborative efforts, 194
Discussion regarding Overtures 15-16: 456-60, 550-51
Finance, 204. See also Financial Statements.
Ministries, 193-201
Mission and ministry stories, 195-201
  Asia, 196-201
  Africa, 196, 200
  Europe, 199-200
  Latin America, 195, 197-98
Offerings for, 204, 501
Placement, learning, and care, 201-202
Recognition of service, 194
Salary information, 204

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (renamed). See World Renew.

Church Order and Its Supplements, 32. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.

Church Order deliberation and use at synod. See also Church Order Supplement; Overture 17.

Administrative actions according to
  Article 8: 510-12. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 10: 512-18
  Article 12-c: 518-21
  Article 13-c: 521-22
  Article 14-b: 522-23
  Article 14-c: 523-24
  Article 14-d: 524
  Article 14-e: 524
  Article 17-a: 524-26
  Article 17-c: 527-29
  Article 17-d: 529
  Article 23-a: 529-35
  Article 23-d: 535-36
  Articles 82-83: 536
  Article 84: 536

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Overture 17.
  Article 8, D, 7: 267-68, 564-65
  Article 30-c: 41, 72-84, 569-70

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, Work of.
  Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25, 501

Collaborative Work Groups. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Commissioned pastors, 529-35. See also Candidacy Committee.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees; Synodical committees.

Communications
  1: Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, 421-22, 572-74
  2: Classis Eastern Canada, 422-23, 572-74
  3: Council of Living Hope CRC, Sarnia, Ontario, 423-25, 572-74

Confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Confidentiality of executive sessions, 9, 497
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Convening churches of synod, 7, 577
Covenant for Officebearers, 133, 139, 157, 170, 270. See also Overture 13.
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Creation care, 239-40, 560
Creation, sin, and other doctrinal teachings, resources on. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Science and theology resources; Overture 18.
Culture, Task Force Reviewing Structure and. See Study committees.

D
Deacon advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Deacon, Office of. See Study committees.
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Delegates to Synod 2014: 13-17, 494-95
Disability Concerns, Office of, 36-37, 41, 85-87, 228-31, 281, 505, 557-59
Disaster Response. See World Renew.
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group II. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Diversity efforts reports.
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Donations, management of. See Overture 14.
Dordt College, 301-302, 546, 577
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 312-14, 560-61

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 255-86, 469-71, 500, 502-505, 564-66, 576, 583
Belhar Confession, 255, 261, 269-74, 469-71, 565
Bilateral relationships, 259-260, 267-69
Christian-Muslim dialogue, 471
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, proposed ecclesiastical fellowship with, 259-60, 471, 566
Dialogue with Roman Catholic Church, 260-61
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 259-60, 262-67, 276-77, 470-71, 565-66
Ecumenical Faith Declaration, criteria of, 261-62, 269-75, 469-70, 565
Ecumenical organizations, membership in, 576
Ecumenical relations, 257, 267, 276-77, 469-71. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt, proposed ecclesiastical fellowship with, 260, 471, 566
Expressions of gratitude, 267, 564
Formal dialogue, 277
Fraternal delegates, 257, 469, 496, 502, 563, 584. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 261
Membership, 255-56, 267, 502, 583
Multilateral relationships, 258-59
Reformed Church in America. See also Reformed Church in America.
Joint resolution with, 262-67, 500, 502-504
Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers with, 267-68, 564-65
Reformed Collaborative, The, 278-86, 504-505
Protestant Church in the Netherlands
Memorandum of Understanding with, 260, 267-69, 471, 565
Proposed ecclesiastical fellowship with, 470-71, 565
Ecumenical Faith Declaration.  See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Ecumenical representatives and observers.  See also Fraternal delegates.
From an ecumenical organization
Christian Churches Together, Rev. Carlos Malavé, 469
To ecumenical organizations
Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Peter Slofstra, 257
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Rev. Joel Boot and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 257
Commission for Christian Unity, Dr. James Payton, 257
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Dr. William T. Koopmans, 257
Global Christian Forum, Rev. Joel Boot (CRCNA representative) and Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of North America Foundation of GCF), 257
National Association of Evangelicals, Rev. Joel Boot, 257
Sojourners, Rev. Peter Borgdorff (board member), 257
World Communion of Reformed Churches, Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of executive committee) and Dr. William T. Koopmans (adviser), 257

Elder and deacon study.  See Study committees.
Employee benefit programs.  See Pensions and Insurance.
English-language ministry (ReFrame Media), 122-24
Ethnic advisers, 28, 501, 537-39, 576.  See also Advisers to synod;
  Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 239, 257-58, 286
Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt.  See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Executive director.  See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 497, 508, 571

F
Faculty advisers.  See Advisers to synod.  See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Faith formation, 34-36, 309, 432.  See also Financial statements;
  Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Financial statements, 88-118, 473-88, 552.  See also Board of Trustees, Financial matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Recommended agencies/causes.
Five Streams ministry priorities.  See Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Form of Subscription, 133, 139, 148.  See also Covenant for Officebearers.
Forms of Unity, 145, 169, 469-70.  See also Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
Fraternal delegates, 257, 469, 496, 502, 563, 584
From churches, organizations
  Christian Reformed Churches in Australia, Rev. Reinier Noppers, 469, 496, 584
  Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, Rev. Laura A. Smit, 469, 496
  Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 469
  Presbyterian Church (USA), 469
  Reformed Churches in Argentina, Mr. Gustavo García Escardó, 469, 496, 563
  United Church of Christ in the United States, 469
  World Communion of Reformed Churches, Rev. Chris Ferguson, 502
To churches, organizations
  Korean Presbyterian Church (Hapdong), Rev. Joel Boot and Dr. Jay Shim, 257
  Reformed Church in America, Rev. Joel Boot, 257
  Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Jeong Gho, 257
  World Communion of Reformed Churches (CANAAC – regional meeting), Ms. Rebecca Warren and Dr. William T. Koopmans, 257
French-language ministry, 124
Friendship Ministries, 230, 315-16, 561

G
Gay marriage. See Study committees.
Global Christian Forum, 257, 259, 286
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 312-13, 561

H
Heidelberg Catechism. See Forms of Unity.
Hindi and related languages ministry, 125, 127
Historical Committee, 287-95, 502, 555, 583
  Recognition of individuals, 288-92
  Recognition of ministries, 292-94
HIV-AIDS ministries, 209-10
Homosexuality. See Study committees.
Hospitality Committee, 500

I
Immigration awareness, 215, 234, 239-40, 259, 274, 560
Indonesian-language ministry, 125, 127, 286
Institute for Christian Studies, 303-304, 546-47
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interchurch Relations. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Japanese-language ministry, 125, 196
Joint resolution with RCA, 262-67, 431, 437, 500, 502-504. See also Reformed Church in America.

Judicial Code Committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Judicial Code review. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

K
KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 239, 258
King’s University College, The, 305-306, 547
Korean-language ministry, 127, 185, 196, 229, 245, 248-49, 568
Kuyper College, 307-308, 547

L
Leadership development, 32, 67, 186-87, 207-208, 225, 280-82
Leadership Exchange. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Leadership Planning Group II, Diversity in. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Diversity efforts reports.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 33
proposed change to, 250-53, 544-45
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Ministerial Information Service. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 512-18
Approved for specialized service, 518-21
Approved from other denominations, 510-12
Declared not eligible for call, 524, 536
Deposed, 536
Granted extension as eligible for call, 527-28
Loaned to another denomination, 521-22
Released from ministerial service, 524-26
Released from office, 522-24, 528-29
Retirements, 508-509
Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 33
Ministry associates (renamed); see Commissioned pastors. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry share, 33, 37, 432, 437, 552. See also Financial statements.
Minutes Review Committee, 500
Missionary support. See Overtures 15-16; Christian Reformed World Missions, Discussion regarding Overtures 15-16.

N
National Association of Evangelicals, 257, 259
Nominating committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.

O
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2015: 577
Offices of elder and deacon study. See Study committees.

Overtures
1. Permit the Transfer of East Bay Korean CRC of El Cerrito, California, to Classis Central California, 383, 507
2. Permit the Transfer of East Bay Korean Church of El Cerrito, California, to Classis Central California, 383, 507
3. Permit the Transfer of Three Congregations from Classis Pacific Hanmi to Classis Central California, 384, 507
4. Permit the Transfer of Three Congregations to Classis Central California from Classis Pacific Hanmi, 384, 507
5. Permit the Transfer of Terra Ceia CRC, Terra Ceia, North Carolina, from Classis Hackensack to Classis Southeast U.S., 384, 507-508
6. Approve the Transfer of Terra Ceia CRC, Terra Ceia, North Carolina, from Classis Hackensack to Classis Southeast U.S., 385, 507-508
7. Permit Classis Pacific Hanmi to Divide to Form Two Classes, 385-37, 567-68
8. Mandate The Banner to Include in Every Issue a Segment That Clearly Teaches the Truths of Our Confessions, 387-88, 572-74
9. Review the Membership of the Banner Editorial Council and Review the Editorial Policy of The Banner, 388-90, 572-74
10. Remove the Current Editor of The Banner, Retract Two Articles, and Publish Articles That Faithfully Reflect the Bible and the CRC’s Doctrinal Standards, 390-95, 572-74
11. Remove and Replace the Editor-in-chief of The Banner, 396-97, 572-74
12. Repudiate the Unbiblical and Contra-Confessional Content of Articles Published in The Banner, and Replace the Current Editor and Editorial Council of The Banner, 398-400, 572-74
13. Direct the BOT to Create an Editorial Policy for The Banner That Requires Adherence to the Covenant for Officebearers, 400-402, 572-74
14. Appoint a Study Committee to Provide Guidelines for Fiscal Management of Donations by CRC Agencies and Institutions, 402-403, 553-54
15. Re-examine Missionary Support Policies, Specifically the Policy That Requires Missionaries to Raise 90 Percent of Their Support, 403-404, 551
16. Establish a Review Committee to Study Two Aspects of Christian Reformed World Missions, 404-405, 551
17. Amend CRC Church Order Article 38 to Include Provisions for Congregations to Affiliate with Denominations in Ecclesiastical Fellowship, 405-408, 568-69
18. Establish a Study Committee to Look into Recent Theologies That Teach That the Genesis Accounts of the Creation and Fall of Humankind Are Not Historical Events and That Adam and Eve Are Literary Rather Than Historical Characters, 408-20, 566-67

P
Partners Worldwide, 317-18, 549
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 231-33, 252, 544, 575
   “Better Together” Initiative, 232, 575
   Ministerial Information Service, 232-33, 575
   Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 233
   Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 233
Pensions and Insurance, 219-33, 553, 583
   Board matters, 219, 583
   Consolidated Group Insurance, 222
   Employees’ retirement plans, 221-22
   Financial disclosures, 223. See also Financial Statements.
   Ministers’ pension plans, 219-21, 223, 553
   Reformed Benefits Association, 222
Persecution, religious. See Study committees.
Portuguese-language ministry, 126
Protestant Church in the Netherlands. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 496. See also Forms of Unity.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 27, 233-35, 559
Recommended agencies/causes, 433-38, 552-53, 591-93
Redeemer University College, 309-10, 547
Reformed Benefits Association. See Pensions and Insurance.
Reformed Church in America, 10, 257, 262-68, 270, 277-86, 431, 437, 469, 493, 496, 500, 503-505, 559
   Collaborative areas of ministry with CRC, 32, 36-37, 47, 85-87, 122-23, 125, 183, 184, 186, 189-90, 204, 222, 226, 228-31, 233-34, 250-51, 262-68, 278-86, 319, 469, 503-505, 559
   Joint resolution with CRCNA, 262-67, 431, 437, 500, 503-504
Reformed confessions. See Forms of Unity.
Religious persecution and liberty. See Study committees.
Resolution with RCA. See Joint Resolution with RCA.
Restorative justice, 30, 72, 75-76, 239, 570. See also Justice efforts.
Retirements, ministerial. See Ministers.
Role of advisers to synod. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 32, 501, 537-38
   proposed changes to, 41, 71-72, 75, 540
Russian-language ministry, 126
Safe Church Ministry, 72-78, 81-82, 235-37, 559-60
Salary disclosure, 23-24, 38, 436, 438, 551-52
Same-sex marriage. See Study committees.
Science and theology resources. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Overture 18.
Sergeant at Arms, 500
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 296-97, 432, 437, 502, 554, 576, 583
Service committees, 583
ServiceLink, 202
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 228, 234, 236, 238-40, 560
Spanish-language ministries, 126-27, 229, 234, 249, 297, 315, 554
Specialized Ministries, 35-36, 48, 224-41, 432, 557-60, 575
Structure and Culture, Task Force Reviewing. See Study committees.
Study committees
   Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 31, 46, 351-80, 541, 562-64, 583-84
   Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon, 323-50, 555, 584
   To report to future synods, 583-84
Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Synodical
   Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
   Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
   Advisory committees, 497-99
   Appointments, 500, 577-84
   Boards, 578-82
   Committees, 583-84
   Convening churches, 7, 577
   Delegates, 13-17, 494-95. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
   Deputies, 24, 33, 38, 251-53, 577-78
   Work of, 510-36
   Executive sessions, 9, 497, 508, 571
   Functionaries, 577
   Officers, 496, 577
   Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
   Resources, 32-33
   Service of Praise, 491-92

T
Task forces, 583-84. See also Study committees.
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 500
Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 194, 196, 319-20, 457, 549-50
Trinity Christian College, 42, 311, 548
U
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 240-41, 560

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 497

W
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 257-58, 286, 469, 502
World Literature Ministries, 127
World Renew (formerly Christian Reformed World Relief Committee), 24, 37, 207-18, 461, 493, 501, 505, 548-49, 552, 561, 581-82
Board matters, 216-18, 461, 502, 581-82
Finance, 217-18. See also Financial Statements.
Human resources management, 216
Ministries, 208-16
  Church-based community transformation, 210-11
  Disaster Response, 212-16, 549
  HIV and AIDS response, 209-10
  International community development, 208-209
  Justice education and advocacy, 211-12
  Refugee resettlement, 214-15
  Service Learning, 212
Mission and partnership, 207-208
Offerings for, 37, 218, 501
Resource development, 218
Salary disclosure, 217-18
Worship at synod, 493, 499, 504, 556, 571, 585
Worship leadership and resources, 35, 229, 280, 282, 285-86, 432, 492, 500, 554, 557, 585
Worship Planning Committee, 500

Y
Yearbook, 32
Young adult representatives, 28, 496, 576. See also Board of Trustees,
  Polity matters, Advisers to synod, role of.
Youth Unlimited, 313-14, 561
Abbreviations and acronyms in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2015*

**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  
**CJLM** – 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  
**DFFM** – 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  
**DMM** – 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
IGCPR – 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
PFRC – 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
WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches
WR – World Renew
WRF – World Reformed Fellowship
WTC – Widening the Circle
YU – Youth Unlimited
A
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.
Abuse Prevention. See Safe Church Ministry; Overture 8.
Acts of Synod, 34

Addresses to synod
  Boot, Rev. Joel R., 675
  Bremer-Bennett, Ms. Carol, 675
  Cooper, Rev. Perline, 646
  De Moor, Rev. Robert, 690
  Greenway, Rev. R. Scott, 587
  Le Roy, Dr. Michael K., 590
  Medenblik, Rev. Julius T., 643, 656
  Niemandt, Dr. Nelus, 645
  Plaisier, Dr. Arie Jan, 645
  Roorda, Rev. Darren, 636
  Ryskamp, Mr. Andrew, 675
  Timmermans, Dr. Steven R., 588
  Vander Wal, Rev. Lisa, 646
  Watson, Mr. Colin P., Sr., 645

Advisers to synod. See also Overture 1, Young Adult Representatives.
  Deacon advisers, 29, 581, 586, 689-90
  Ethnic advisers, 29, 581, 586, 638, 689-90
  Faculty advisers, 581, 690
  Women advisers, 673

Advisory committees, 583-85
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Agenda for Synod, 34
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 223
“All One Body.” See Overture 5.
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal, Ad hoc committee regarding, 411, 594-96
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
  Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
  To CRC ministries. See Board of Trustees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 583

B
Back to God Ministries International, 249-57, 519, 649, 678-80, 684
  Board matters, 256-57, 587, 684
  Concerns regarding recommendations of the Task Force Reviewing
    Structure and Culture, 519, 678-80
  Finances, 257. See also Financial statements.
  Five Streams, integration with, 249-56
  Mission, 249
  Partnerships, 254
  Salary disclosure, 257
Banner, The, 24, 39, 46-54, 101, 425-26, 463, 472, 476-78, 499, 550-54, 582, 637, 641, 677-78, 690. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Belhar Confession. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
“Better Together” Initiative, 185, 368. See also Pastor-Church Relations.
Binationality discussion and developments, 27, 462-63, 466, 475, 479, 485, 504,
636, 653, 668, 679. See also Overture 9; Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Blanket Exercise. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Board governance. See Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Board of Trustees, 21-166, 459-92, 581, 583-85, 586-89, 594-96, 623, 625, 627,
632, 634-37, 639-41, 645-47, 649-58, 675, 677-79, 680-684, 687-90,
695-99. See also Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture; Overture 15.
Board membership, 22, 39, 459-61, 587, 684
Finance matters, 38, 41, 468-71, 476. See also Recommended agencies/causes.
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 38
CRCNA-Canada Foundation bylaws, 38, 41, 112-35, 632
Condensed financial statements, 41, 136-56, 559-73, 635
Energy conservation award, 471
Investments, 471, 487-92
Ministry share, 35, 38, 468, 476, 634-35, 695-99
Salary disclosure, 22-23, 471, 476, 632
Task Force on Financial Sustainability, 38, 635
Polity matters
Agency presentations, 30, 636, 656, 675
Banner, The
Advisory council mandate, 24, 39, 53-54, 641
Editor, 24, 39, 46-54, 463, 472, 476-78, 637, 641, 690
Interim appointment, 24, 39, 46-47, 637
Position description, 463, 472, 476-78, 641
Retirement, 24, 39, 637, 690
Search committee, 24, 39, 48, 641, 677-78
Mandate, 24, 39, 48-53, 641
Binationality discussion and developments, 27, 462-63, 466, 475, 479,
485, 653, 679
Blanket Exercise, 463, 472, 640
Board development and training, 28
Board nominating practice review, 27
Board nominations, 25-27, 459-60, 472, 587, 684
Church Order, proposed changes, 30, 40, 106-107, 656-58. See also
Church Order, Discussion, study, revision; Overture 8.
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated
to classis, 25, 586
Constitution of Board of Trustees, proposed change, 27, 39-40, 655
Convening church of Synod 2016: 30, 40, 627, 682
CRCNA-Canada Corporation bylaws, 27, 39, 55-81, 655
Deacon advisers, 29, 581, 586, 689-90. See also Study committees, Task
Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon.
Director of ministries and administration appointment, 23, 39, 41-45,
645-46, 677-78
Diversity efforts reports, 28-29, 81-104
Diversity in Leadership Planning Group implementation of directives, 28, 81-104
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, 33, 463, 472, 640, 689
Ethnic advisers, 29, 581, 689-90. See also Overture 1.
Executive director, ordination as commissioned pastor, 23, 39, 623, 625, 627. See also Overture 6.
Executive sessions of synod, proposed revised guidelines for, 30, 40, 104-106, 627
Interim appointments, 24, 39, 683, 687
Judicial Code Committee, 30-33, 40, 587, 688
Ad hoc committee review of appeal and 2014 report, 411, 594-96
Judicial Code, proposed changes, 30, 40, 107-11, 627
Korean Classes Mentoring Committee report, 463, 472, 478-83, 655
Leadership development, 462, 485
National and binational gatherings, 27, 462-63
Nominating committee and practice review, 27
Publications and services, 33-34
RCA/CRC joint resolution implementation, 29-30, 588, 647
RCA/CRC leadership proposal, 462
Retirement of Rev. Joel R. Boot, 462, 472, 655, 675
Rules for Synodical Procedure
Instruction to clarify, 681
Proposed changes re executive session, 104-106, 627
See also Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Task forces, synodical; clarify role of, 681
Yearbook review, 463
Young adult representatives
To BOT, 460-61, 472, 656
To synod, 29, 581, 583-85, 689-90
Program matters
Agency, institution, and specialized ministry reports, 36, 167-268, 493-531
Canadian charities, updated bylaws, 36, 40, 655
Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions conversation, proposal for unification, 37, 464-67, 472-75, 507-17, 650-54
Collaborative Work Groups, 36
Faith Formation Ministries
Presentation, 37, 40, 589, 594
Mandate, 467-68, 476, 589
Disability Concerns recommendations, 37, 40-41, 639-40
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church, 35-36
Ministry Plan Development and Implementation Group, 463, 472, 484-85, 588, 655
World Renew director (U.S.) retirement, new appointment, 463-64, 472, 486-87, 649, 675
Boards and committees, 683-89
Calvin College, 169-73, 493-96, 581, 587, 589-90, 685
  Board of trustees, 170-72, 493-96, 587, 685
  Faculty, 173, 493, 496, 590
    Appointments/reappointments, 173, 590
    Finance, 172-73, 496. See also Financial statements.
  Five Streams, integration with, 169-70
  Mission, 169
  Science and theology, resources on relationship of, 172-73
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 267-68, 531
Calvin Theological Seminary, 258-65, 520-31, 581, 586-87, 631, 638, 643, 656, 663, 685
  Administration, 259
  Board of trustees, 258-59, 520, 587, 685
  Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
  Distinguished alumni, 520
  Faculty, 259-60, 263, 265, 520-21, 631, 638
    Appointments/reappointments, 260, 263, 520-21, 631, 638
    Retirement, 260, 265, 631
  Finance, 265. See also Financial statements.
  Five Streams overview, 260-62
  Graduates, 520
  Offerings for, 265, 586
  Position openings, 521
  Presentation at synod, 656
  Program highlights, 262-64
  Science and theology, resources on relationship of, 264
  Students, 264-65
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 326, 630
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Council of Churches, 285, 287-88, 299
Binationality discussion and developments, 27, 462-63, 466, 475, 479, 485, 504, 636, 653-54, 668, 679. See also Overture 9; Study committees,
  Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Blanket Exercise, 463, 472, 640
Canadian charities, updated bylaws, 36, 40, 655
Christian Stewardship Services, 38
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 217-18, 223-24, 226, 229, 238, 670-71
CRCNA-Canada Corporation bylaws, 27, 39, 55-81, 655
CRCNA-Canada Foundation bylaws, 38, 41, 112-35, 632
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 325, 503, 513, 654
Director, 35, 48, 54, 59, 636, 677-78, 682
Ecumenical relations, 287-88. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Fiances, 159. See also Financial statements.
KAIROS, participation in, 288
Presentation at synod, 636
ServiceLink. See ServiceLink.
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 35, 98-99
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 229, 672
   See also Overture 7.
Candidates, 535-37, 541-42, 591-93, 642-43
   Two-year relationship process proposal, 272-75, 277, 590-91
   Motion re provision for candidates when synod meets outside of
      Grand Rapids, 663
   RCA candidates serving a first call in the CRC, 540-42, 592-93
Church Order Article 8, special case regarding, 537, 592
Commissioned pastors, clarification re Church Order Article 23, 641.
   See also Overture 7.
Continuing education for pastors, 275
EPMC program developments, 272, 537-40, 542, 592
Mandate, 271
Membership, 271-72, 277, 587, 688
Pastor-Church Relations, ministry “fit” project with, 275-76
Training and orientation, 276
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended
   agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact
   with the Government.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 177-80, 641-42
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 38
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 181-82, 633, 688
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 195-208, 464-67, 472-75, 499-501, 507-17,
   586-87, 650-54, 678-80, 686. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.
   Board matters, 207-208, 587, 686
   Collaborative efforts, 198, 201-205
   Concerns about report of Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture,
      499-501, 678-80
   Connecting with churches, 197-206
   Developing disciples, leaders, and campus ministries, 201-203
   Engaging with clusters, classes, communities, 203-206
   Five Streams, integration with, 195-96
   Finances, 207-208. See also Financial statements.
   Mission, 195-97
   Ministries, 197-206
   Offerings for, 208, 586
   Regional leadership, 199-200
   Salary disclosure, 207
   Starting and strengthening missional churches, 196-201
      See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Board matters, 213-15, 587, 686
Concerns about report of Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 502-506, 678-80
Connecting with churches, 212-13
Finances, 215. See also Financial statements.
Five Streams, integration with, 209-12
Ministries, 209-13
Offerings for, 215, 586
Salary disclosure, 215
Unification with Home Missions proposal, 464-67, 472-75, 507-17, 650-54. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar. See Ecumenical representatives and observers.

Church Order and Its Supplements, 34. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.

Church Order deliberation and use at synod
Administrative actions according to
Article 8: 598-601. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 10: 601-606
Article 12-c: 607-609
Article 13-c: 609
Article 14-b: 609-10
Article 14-c: 610-11
Article 14-d: 611
Article 17-a: 611-13
Article 17-c: 613-15
Article 17-d: 615-16
Article 23: 626
Article 23-a: 616-25
Article 23-b or -c: 625-26
Article 23-d: 626

Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement; Overtures 4, 7-9, 12; Study committees, Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon.
Article 1-a: 388-89, 658-59
Articles 4-a and -b: 389, 659
Article 11: 389, 659
Article 12-a: 389-90, 659-60
Article 23: 640-41
Article 25-a: 390, 660
Article 25-b: 390-91, 661
Article 25-c: 391, 661
Article 30-c: 107-111, 627
Article 34: 391-92, 661-62
Article 35-a: 392, 663-64
Article 35-b: 392, 664
Article 38-h: 648-49
Article 40-a: 106, 656-57
Article 42-b: 393, 664-65
Article 45: 107, 658
Article 62: 393, 665
Article 64-a: 394, 665
Articles 73-77: 394-97, 666-68
Articles 82-84: 644-45

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision.
Article 30-c: 107-11, 627
Article 38-h: 648-49
Article 40-a and –c: 106-107, 657
Article 76-a: 395-96, 667-68
Article 77-a: 395, 397, 667-68
Articles 82-84: 644-45

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, Work of.
	Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25, 586

Collaborative Work Groups. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Commissioned pastors, 616-28. See also Candidacy Committee; Overtures 6-7.

Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees; Synodical committees.

Communications
1: Classis Hamilton, 455, 673
2: Classis Heartland, 456, 670
3: Classis Grand Rapids East, 555-56, 674, 677. See also Overture 5.

Communities First Association, 323-24, 654
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions.
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Convening churches of synod, 7, 30, 40, 579, 627, 682
Creation care, 225, 227, 230, 238, 267, 671
Creation, sin, and other doctrinal teachings, resources on. See Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, Science and theology, resources on relationship of.

Culture, Task Force Reviewing Structure and. See Study committees.

D
Deacon advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Deacon, Office of. See Study committees; Overtures 9-12.
Deacons, charge to. See Overture 10.
Deacons, delegation to synod. See Overtures 11-12.
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Delegates to Synod 2015: 13-17, 579-81
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 325, 503, 513, 654
Director of Ministries and Administration. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Disability Concerns, Office of, 37, 40-41, 219-22, 639-40, 671
Disaster Response. See World Renew.
Diversity efforts. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Dordt College, 7, 313, 579, 582, 628, 690
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. See Fraternal delegates.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 326-39, 630-31

E
Anniversaries of the Reformation and Canons of Dort, 297
Belhar Confession, 291, 543-46, 636, 647
Bilateral relationships, 289-90, 297, 299, 636
Christian-Muslim dialogue, 290
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 292-97, 298-99, 544-45
Ecumenical Faith Declaration discussion, 291-92, 543, 545, 636
Ecumenical relations, 287-88, 298-99, 544, 581, 647, 690. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Expressions of gratitude, 286, 297, 545-46, 636, 647
Formal dialogue, 289-90, 299
Fraternal delegates, 287, 581, 690. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Hospitality Committee. See Hospitality Committee.
Interfaith dialogue, 290-91, 647-48
Interfaith mandate, 648
Membership, 286, 297, 545-46, 587, 688
Multilateral relationships, 288-89, 299
Reformed Church in America, 287, 291-97, 647. See also Reformed Church in America.
Cooperative efforts with, 292-97, 647
Protestant Church in the Netherlands, 289, 544-45. See also Overtures 13-14.
United Reformed Church in the Congo, proposed dialogue with, 289-90, 297, 636
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 288, 290
Sudanese Reformed Churches, proposed dialogue with, 290, 297, 636
World Reformed Fellowship, proposed affiliation with, 544, 546, 647
Ecumenical Faith Declaration. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
From the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, Rev. Perline Cooper, 581, 639, 646, 674, 690
To ecumenical organizations
Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. William T. Koopmans and Rev. Anthony Elenbaas, 287
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. Steven Timmermans and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 287
Commission for Christian Unity (RCA), Dr. James Payton, 287
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Dr. Darren Roorda, 287
Global Christian Forum, Dr. Steven Timmermans (CRCNA representative) and Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of North America Foundation of GCF), 287
National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 287
National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., Dr. Matthew Lundberg, 287
Sojourners, Dr. Peter Borgdorff (board member), 287
United States Roman Catholic–Reformed Dialogue, Dr. John Choi, Dr. Ronald Feenstra, and Dr. Susan Rozeboom (CRCNA representatives), 288
World Communion of Reformed Churches, Dr. Peter Borgdorff (member of executive committee) and Dr. William T. Koopmans (adviser), 287

Elder and deacon study. See Study committees; Overtures 9-12.
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 287-288, 299
Executive director. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; see also Overture 6.
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 582-83, 594-96, 627. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Rules for Synodical Procedure.

F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 174-75, 184, 193, 223, 294, 403, 468, 503
Faith Formation Ministries, 37, 40, 174-76, 467-68, 476, 543, 546, 589, 594, 628, 647. See also Faith Formation stream.
Presentation at synod, 594
Faith Formation Stream, 169-76, 493-96. See also Five Streams ministry priorities.
Financial statements, 136-66, 559-73, 635. See also Board of Trustees, Financial matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Recommended agencies/causes.
Five Streams ministry priorities, 167-268, 493-531, 680. See also Study committees, Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture.
Faith Formation Stream, 169-76, 493-96
Servant Leadership Stream, 177-93, 497
Global Missions Stream, 195-215, 499-517
Loving Mercy and Doing Justice Stream, 217-47
Gospel Proclamation and Worship Stream, 249-68, 519-31
Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
Form for Ordination of Elders and Deacons. See Study Committees, Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon.
Fraternal delegates. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers.
From churches, organizations
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Dr. Nelus Niemandt, 585, 645, 690
Protestant Church in the Netherlands, Dr. Arie Jan Plaisier, 581, 645, 674, 690
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Lisa Vander Wal, 581, 646, 690
To churches, organizations
Reformed Church in South Africa (GKSA), Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 287
Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Lawrence Spalink, 287
Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. William T. Koopmans and Rev.
Anthony Elenbaas, 287
Friendship Ministries, 330, 672

G
Gay marriage. See Study committees.
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 228, 327-38, 630
Global Christian Forum, 287, 289, 299
Global Missions Stream, 195-215, 499-517. See also Five Streams ministry
priorities.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship Stream, 249-68, 519-31. See also Five
Streams ministry priorities.
“Guide for Conducting Church Visiting,” 400, 669

H
Historical Committee, 300-308, 587, 596-97, 688
Joint meeting with RCA’s Historical Commission, 308
Members and staff, 300, 308, 587, 688
Publications, 301
Recognition of individuals, 301-306
Recognition of ministries, 301-307
Homosexuality. See Study committees.
Hospitality Committee, 586, 690

I
Immigration awareness, 225-26, 228, 289
Institute for Christian Studies, 314-15, 629
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interfaith dialogue and mandate, 647-48. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith
Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian
Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Judicial Code, proposed changes. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Justice efforts, 28, 81-104, 110-11, 170, 178, 192, 196, 204, 211, 254-55, 261, 267,
288, 314, 325, 343-50, 391, 398-99, 463, 503, 629, 638, 640, 671. See also
Loving Mercy and Doing Justice Stream.
K
KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 288
King’s University, The, 316-17, 629
Korean Classes Mentoring Committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Kuyper College, 318, 629

L
Leadership development, 36, 81-104, 170, 195-96, 198-202, 209-10, 214, 220-21,
607. See also Servant Leadership Stream.
Leadership Planning Group, Diversity in. See Board of Trustees, Polity
matters, Diversity efforts reports.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
Loving Mercy and Doing Justice Stream, 217-47. See also Five Streams
ministry priorities.

M
Madagascar, Church of Jesus Christ in. See Ecumenical representatives and
observers.
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 34
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Mercy. See Loving Mercy and Doing Justice Stream.
Ministerial Information Service. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Ministers. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned
pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 601-606
Approved for specialized service, 607-609
Approved from other denominations, 598-601
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 613-15
Loaned to another denomination, 609
Released from ministerial service, 611-13
Released from office, 609-11, 615-16
Retirements, 597-98
Ministers’ Pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 35, 467, 476, 589
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees,
Program matters.
Ministry share, 35, 38, 468, 476, 588, 634-35, 695-96. See also Financial
statements.
Ministry Support Services, 467, 476, 543, 546, 593, 647
Minutes Review Committee, 586, 690
Missions. See Global Missions Stream.
Multiaffiliated churches. See Overture 4.
Officers and functionaries for Synod 2016: 682
Offices of elder and deacon study. See Study committees.

Overtures
1. Reinstate the Practice of Appointing Women Advisers to Synod and Review the Formula Adopted by Synod 2014 for Ethnic Advisers, 415-18, 673
2. Approve the Transfer of Chelwood CRC from Classis Rocky Mountain to Classis Red Mesa, 418-19, 597
3. Permit Transfer of Membership of Chelwood CRC from Classis Rocky Mountain to Classis Red Mesa, 419, 597
4. Add a New Subsection to Church Order Article 38 Regarding Multiaffiliated Churches, 420-23, 648-49
5. Instruct and Admonish Consistories Concerning Actions of “All One Body,” 423-30, 674, 676-77, 689
6. Encourage All CRC Classes and Congregations to Recognize the Ordination of the Executive Director as a Commissioned Pastor, 430-34, 627-28
7. Provide Clarification Regarding Church Order Article 23: 434-36, 640-41
8. Amend Church Order Supplement, Article 84 to Include Address of Sexual Abuse, 436-40, 644-45
9. Adopt Proposed Church Order Changes by the Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon, with Revisions, 440-42, 659, 670
10. Adopt a Modified Version of the Charge to Deacons, 442-43, 669, 670
11. Delay Decision on Allowing the Seating of Deacons at Classical and Synodical Meetings, 443-44, 670
12. Do Not Adopt Church Order Changes Requiring the Delegation of Deacons to Classes and Synod, 444-47, 670
13. Classify the Ecumenical Relationship with the Protestant Church in the Netherlands as That of a Church in Dialogue, 447-48, 587
14. Return the Protestant Church in the Netherlands to the Ecumenical Relationship of a Church in Dialogue, 448-53, 587
15. Postpone Adoption of Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture Recommendations, 549-53, 681
16. Table the Recommendations of the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture Until 2016, 553-54, 681

P
Partners Worldwide, 331-32, 654
Pastor-Church Relations, Office of, 183-86, 275-76, 368, 595, 642
“Better Together” Initiative, 185-86, 368, 642
Ministerial Information Service, 184, 642
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 184, 642
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 185, 642
Pensions and Insurance, 187-91, 497, 587, 633, 688
Board matters, 187, 497, 587, 633, 688
Consolidated Group Insurance, 190
Employees’ retirement plans, 189-90
Financial disclosures, 191. See also Financial statements.
Ministers’ pension plans, 187-89, 191, 633
Reformed Benefits Association, 190
Persecution, religious. See Study committees.
Protestant Church in the Netherlands. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Fraternal delegates; Overtures 13-14.
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 582

R
Race Relations, Office of, 28, 223-24, 503, 671
Recommended agencies/ causes, 468-71, 476, 632, 697-99
Recordings of synod, 9-10, 583
Redeemer University College, 319-20, 629-30
Reformed Benefits Association. See Pensions and Insurance.
Reformed Church in America, 29-30, 179, 190, 198, 204-205, 217, 219-20, 223, 234, 239, 252, 287, 292-97, 299, 308, 401, 420-23, 603, 646-47. See also Fraternal delegates.
Religious persecution and liberty. See Study committees.
Restorative justice, 110-11, 226, 228, 671. See also Justice efforts.
Retirements, ministerial. See Ministers.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 34, 397, 669, 677. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

S
Safe Church Ministry, 111, 192-93, 644, 670. See also Overture 8.
Salary disclosure. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters.
Same-sex marriage. See Study committees.
Science and theology resources. See Calvin College; Calvin Theological Seminary.
Sergeant at Arms, 586, 690
Sermons for Reading Services Committee, 309-10, 593
Proposal to dissolve, 310, 593
Servant Leadership Stream, 177-93, 497. See also Five Streams ministry priorities.
Service committees, 688
ServiceLink, 363
Sexual abuse, address of. See Overture 8. See also Safe Church Ministry.
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 217-18, 223-29, 239, 463, 503, 640, 671. See also Justice efforts.
South Africa, Dutch Reformed Church in. See Fraternal delegates.
Specialized Ministries, 36, 377, 503, 641-42, 670-72
Structure and Culture, Task Force Reviewing. See Study committees.
Study committees
Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 337-42, 637, 673, 689. See also Overture 5; Communications 1, 3.
Committee to Study Religious Persecution and Liberty, 339, 341, 343-50, 672-73, 688
Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, 351-79, 678-80. See also Back to God Ministries International, Concerns; Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Christian Reformed Home Missions, Concerns; Christian Reformed World Missions, Concerns; Overtures 15-16.

Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon, 351-79, 678-80.
See also Overtures 9-12; Communication 2.

To report to future synods, 688-89

Sudanese Reformed Churches. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.

Synodical

Addresses. See Addresses to synod.

Advisers. See Advisers to synod.

Advisory committees, 583-85

Appointments, 586, 682-89

Boards, 683-87

Committees, 688-89

Convening churches, 7, 30, 40, 579, 627, 682

Delegates, 13-17, 579-81. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.

Deputies, 24, 34, 39, 432-33, 435-36, 682-83

Work of, 598-626

Executive sessions, 9, 582-83, 594-96, 627. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Rules for Synodical Procedure.

Functionaries, 682

Officers, 582, 682

Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.

Resources, 33-34

Service of Prayer, Word, and Sacrament, 577-78

T

Task forces, 689. See also Study committees; Overture 15.

Testimonial Banquet Committee, 586

Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 224, 241, 252, 333-34, 503, 654

Trinity Christian College, 321-22, 630

U

Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 229, 672

United Reformed Church in the Congo. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

V

Video recording of synod, 9-10, 583
W
Women advisers. See Overture 1; see also Advisers to synod.
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 287-88, 299
World Literature Ministries, 254
World Reformed Fellowship. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
World Renew, 24, 30, 38, 230-47, 463-64, 472, 486-87, 586-87, 649, 654, 675, 680, 686-87
Board matters, 244-46, 587, 686-87
Community development, 235-36, 240-41, 243-44, 247
Connecting with churches, 242-44
Director (U.S.) retirement, new appointment, 463-64, 472, 486-87, 649, 675
Disaster response, 233-34, 236-37, 241-43
Finance, 246. See also Financial statements.
Five Streams, integration with, 231-41
HIV and AIDS response, 235, 242
Human resources management, 246-47
Justice efforts, 238-40
Mandate, mission, ministry, 230
Presentation at synod, 675
Refugee support, 237-38
Offerings for, 247, 586
Resource development, 247
Salary disclosure, 246
Volunteer programs and participation, 232-34, 242-43
Worship at synod, 577-78, 579, 585, 588-89, 638-39, 662, 681, 691
Worship Ministries, presentation at synod, 467, 543, 546, 594, 628, 647, 690.
See also Gospel Proclamation and Worship Stream.
Worship Planning Committee, 586, 690

Y
Yearbook, 33-34
Review, 463
Young adult representatives, 29, 581, 583-85, 689-90. See also Advisers to synod; Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Youth Unlimited, 328-29, 630-31
Abbreviations and acronyms in the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2016

ABCD – Asset-Based Community Development
AME – African Methodist Episcopal
BIA – Bureau of Indian Affairs
BOT – Board of Trustees
BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International
CAMC – Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee
CBC – Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CCC – Canadian Council of Churches
CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
CCRCC – Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada
CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CDI – Collaborative for Diversity and Inclusion
CDP – Centre for Public Dialogue
CFA – Communities First Association
CFGGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization
CMD – Canadian Ministries Director
CMI – Church Multiplication Initiative
CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team
COD – Council of Delegates
COP 21 – Conference of Parties 21 (held in Paris, Nov.-Dec. 2015)
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)
CSR – Center for Social Research (at Calvin College)
CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary
DC – Disability Concerns
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
DOCD – Doctrine of Christian Discovery
DOD – Doctrine of Discovery
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DOMA</td>
<td>Defense of Marriage Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DORR</td>
<td>Dance of Racial Reconciliation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRC</td>
<td>Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRS</td>
<td>Disaster Response Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSS</td>
<td>Director of Synodical Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECO</td>
<td>Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFC</td>
<td>Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFD</td>
<td>Ecumenical Faith Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIRC</td>
<td>Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPMC</td>
<td>Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FF</td>
<td>Faith Formation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FFM</td>
<td>Faith Formation Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRB</td>
<td>Foods Resource Bank</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTE</td>
<td>Full-time employee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCF</td>
<td>Global Christian Forum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEMS</td>
<td>Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GKN</td>
<td>Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR</td>
<td>Human Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICS</td>
<td>Institute for Christian Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IGCR</td>
<td>Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JIMA</td>
<td>Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMC</td>
<td>Joint Ministry Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIM</td>
<td>Korean Institute for Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LGBTQ</td>
<td>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MERF</td>
<td>Middle East Reformed Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLC</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSS</td>
<td>Ministry Support Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAE</td>
<td>National Association of Evangelicals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIV</td>
<td>New International Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKJV</td>
<td>New King James Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKST</td>
<td>Church of Christ among the Tiv (Nongo U Kristu U Ken Sudan Hen Tiv)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRSV</td>
<td>New Revised Standard Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORR</td>
<td>Office of Race Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSA</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor-Church Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RBA</td>
<td>Reformed Benefits Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCCN</td>
<td>Reformed Church of Christ for Nations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCJ</td>
<td>Reformed Church in Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCE</td>
<td>Sustaining Congregational Excellence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMCC</td>
<td>Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPE</td>
<td>Sustaining Pastoral Excellence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSA</td>
<td>Same-sex attracted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STM</td>
<td>Specialized Transitional Minister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TFRSC</td>
<td>Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLT</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLTI</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRC</td>
<td>Truth and Reconciliation Commission (of Canada)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UAM</td>
<td>Truth and Reconciliation Commission (of Canada)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UAM</td>
<td>Urban Aboriginal Ministries</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
URCC – Universal Reformed Christian Church
WCRC – World Communion of Reformed Churches
WTC – Widening the Circle
YALT – Young Adult Leadership Task Force

A
Aboriginal Ministries. See Urban Aboriginal Ministries.
Aboriginal peoples, concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.
Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Church Order Articles 82-84 review.

Acts of Synod, 34
Addresses to synod
Ahima, Rev. Caleb, 859
Ate, Rev. Ayohol, 859-60
De Boer, Ms. Karen, 912
Fathy, Rev. Rafat, 859
Le Roy, Dr. Michael K., 861
Logan, Dr. Sam, 859
Manasseh, Rev. Musa Adamu, 860
Rollwage, Rev. Douglas, 859
Timmermans, Dr. Steven R., 842
Vandergrift, Ms. Katherine M., 841-42
Vander Wal, Rev. Dr. Lisa, 845
Ad hoc committees considering international church planting. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Church planting.
Advisers to synod. See also Overtures 2-3; Young adult representatives.
   Ethnic advisers, 30, 820, 854, 940
   Faculty advisers, 820, 855, 928, 940
   Women advisers, 30, 820, 940. See also Overture 2.
Advisory committees, 822-23
Affiliation of congregations and pastors. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.

Agenda for Synod, 34
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 209-10
Anniversary of Protestant Reformation. See Overture 12.
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal, 669, 928
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
   Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 11-12, 821-22

B
Back to God Ministries International, 177-85, 743-45, 825, 836-37. See also Overtures 9-10.
Board matters, 184-85, 743-45, 825, 837
Communication regarding Overture 9: 677, 743-45, 837
Communication regarding Overture 10: 744-45, 860-61
Finances, 184-85. See also Financial statements.
Ministries, 177-84
Mission, 177
Our Calling, 177-84
Salary disclosure, 184
Editor-in-chief search, appointment, 26, 676, 685-86, 717-22, 834-35, 867
Belhar Confession, 252, 856, 904-14. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Overture 13.
Proposal to recategorize as a contemporary testimony, 906, 913-14
Better Together initiative, 31, 44, 63-65, 833, 835. See also Pastor-Church Relations.
Binationality discussion and developments, 29, 36, 59, 73, 557-58, 677, 687-88, 690-91, 746, 749-50, 757-58, 841, 926
Blanket Exercise, 204, 209, 214-15, 217, 253, 313, 499, 539, 579, 587, 659. See also Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.
Board of Trustees, 23-146, 673-739, 820-21, 825-35, 837-42, 845, 856-67, 897-903, 912, 914, 922-23, 926, 928, 932, 934, 939-41
Board membership, 24, 27-29, 42, 673-74, 683, 825, 828, 934
Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 40-41
Condensed financial statements, 48, 120-46, 795-807, 860
Investments, 683, 734-38
Ministry share, 34, 40, 679, 686, 723-33, 744-45, 842, 857-61, 945-49.
See also Overture 10.
Pension assessment, 682-83, 687, 857, 861-62
Salary disclosure, 24-25, 682, 687, 857
See also Overture 10.
Unified budget, 679, 686, 860
Polity matters
Affiliation of congregations and pastors, revised process, 33, 44, 65-70, 845. See also Church planting outside of the U.S. and Canada.
Agency presentations, 31, 861, 912
Banner editor-in-chief search, appointment, 26, 676, 685-86, 717-22, 834-35, 867
Better Together initiative, 31, 44, 63-65, 833, 835. See also Pastor-Church Relations.
Binationality discussion and developments, 29, 36, 59, 73, 557-58, 677, 687-88, 690-91, 746, 749-50, 757-58, 841, 926
Binational gathering, 677
Board nominations, 27-29, 42, 673-74, 683, 825, 828, 934
Church Order
Article 17 releases, responding to, 31, 44, 63-65, 833. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.
Articles 82-84 review, 675-76, 683-85, 699-717, 863-66
Church planting outside of the U.S. and Canada, 33, 44-46, 70-75, 837-39
Ad hoc committee to consider new category of affiliation, 838-39
Ad hoc committee to investigate collaborations in Korea, 839
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 26
Collaborative for Diversity and Inclusion, 43, 61-62, 829
Convening church of Synod 2017: 739, 932
Council of Delegates Transition Committee, 26-27, 674-75, 683, 687-98, 829
Governance discussion, 675, 683, 829
Diversity efforts reports, 29-30, 42-43, 58-63, 828-29
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, 32-33, 44, 922-23
Ethnic advisers, 30, 820, 940
Interim appointments, 26, 42, 863
Judicial Code Committee, 31-32, 44, 825, 938
Minister of the Word calling process review, 676-77
National and binational gatherings, 29, 677
Publications and services, 33-34
RCA General Synod 2018, concurrent with CRC Synod 2018: 739, 830
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 25-26, 32-34, 41, 53-55, 827-28
Amendment to, 25, 41, 53-55, 827-28. See also Overture 15.
Study committees and task forces, synodical, guidelines for, 25-26, 41-42, 53-57, 828
Synod 2018, concurrent with RCA General Synod 2018: 739, 830
Task forces and study committees, synodical, guidelines for, 25-26, 41-42, 53-57, 828
Women advisers, 30, 820, 940. See also Overture 2.
Young adult representatives, 30-31, 820, 941

Program matters
Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 37, 147-254, 741-82
Back to God Ministries International communication re Overture 9: 677, 743-45, 837
New Mission Agency organizational design, 677-78, 686, 746-61, 840
Disability Concerns recommendations, 39-40, 47-48, 832-33
Korean Publications and Korean Coffee Break, 678
Liturgical Forms Committee report, 38, 46-47, 75-119, 898-903
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church (Our Journey 2020), 35-37, 46, 829, 914, 928. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates Transition Committee.
Pastor-Church Relations name change, 38, 47, 833-34
Timothy Leadership Training Institute, incorporation into CRCNA, 841
World Literature Ministries programming, 678
Youth ministry pilot project, 677

Boards and committees, 933-39
C

Calvin College, 149-54, 741-42, 766, 768-74, 811-14, 815, 830, 845-46, 848, 861, 935, 939, 941
Board matters, 150-52, 154, 741, 825, 935
Church Order Supplement, Article 18, recommendation, 741-42, 846, 848
Faculty appointments/reappointments, 154, 846
Finances, 152, 741. See also Financial statements.
Graduate programs initiative, 153
Our Calling, 149-50
Presentation at synod, 861
Science and theology, resources on relationship of, 152-53, 768-74, 848
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 75, 165, 181, 252-53, 296, 315, 700, 931
Calvin Theological Seminary, 239-51, 765-82, 846-48, 850, 854-55, 859, 898, 926, 931-32, 936, 939. See also Overtures 6-7; Study committees and task forces.
Administration, 240
Articles of Incorporation, minor revisions, 766-67, 774-82, 848
Board matters, 239-40, 247, 765-67, 825, 936
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Church Order Supplement, Article 18, recommendation, 766-67, 848
Connecting with churches, 243
Distinguished alumni, 765
Faculty, 240-41, 247-51, 765-67, 847, 855
Appointments/reappointments, 241, 765-66, 847, 855
Retirements, 241, 765, 767, 847
Finances, 247. See also Financial statements.
Graduates, 765
Our Calling, 241-43
Program highlights, 243-46
Science and theology, resources on relationship of, 766, 768-74, 848
Students, 246
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 351, 835
Campus ministry. See Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Council of Churches, 319-20, 324
Binationality discussion and developments, 29, 36, 59, 73, 557-58, 677, 687-88, 690-91, 746, 749-50, 757-58, 841, 926
Christian Stewardship Services, 41
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 203-204, 862, 924
CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 23-24, 674
CRCNA-Canada Foundation, 40
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 201, 207, 229, 350, 840
Director, 24, 34-35, 729, 932
Ecumenical relations, 317-20, 324, 327. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Finances. See Financial statements.
National and binational gatherings, 59, 677
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 35
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 214, 217-18, 521-23, 923, 925
Candidacy Committee, 33, 65-70, 257-316, 785-87, 845, 848-52, 854, 897-98, 931, 938. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Affiliation of congregations and pastors, revised process, 33, 44, 65-70, 261, 845

Candidates, 785-87, 851-51, 897-98

- Two-year candidacy process, 258-59
- Church Order Article 23 clarification, 259, 261-75, 848-49
- Commissioned pastors, 259-75, 287-93, 298-99
- Continuing education for pastors, 259, 262, 275-316, 849-51
- Continuing Education Committee approved, 850

- EPMC program development, 258
- Mandate, 257
- Membership, 257-58, 261, 825, 938
- Ministry assessment project, 260. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.
- Ordination processes, 260-61
- Training and orientation, 260-61

Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.

Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/ causes.

Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 157-61, 266, 268, 311, 930
- 75th anniversary in 2017, 930
- Director retirement, 930

Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., 319-20

Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 40-41

Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 162-63, 861, 938

Christian Reformed Home Missions, 37-38, 70, 186-98, 746-61, 825, 839-40, 936. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.

- Board matters, 197-98, 748-50, 825, 936
- Collaborative efforts, 195-96
- Connecting with churches, 187-97
- Developing disciples, leaders, and campus ministries, 192-95
- Engaging with clusters, classes, communities, 195-97
- Finances, 198. See also Financial statements.
- Ministry assessment project, 196. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.
- Offerings for, 198, 825
- Our Calling, 186-87
- Salary disclosure, 198
- Starting and strengthening missional churches, 188-92
- Unifying with World Missions (as New Mission Agency), 197, 746-61, 840. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Christian Reformed World Missions, 37-38, 70, 199-202, 746-61, 825, 840, 936. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.

- Board matters, 201-202, 748-50, 825, 936
- Connecting with churches, 199-201
- Finances, 202. See also Financial statements.
Ministry assessment project, 201. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.

Offerings for, 202, 825

Our Calling, 199

Salary disclosure, 202

Unifying with Home Missions (as New Mission Agency), 746-61, 840. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Church Order and Its Supplements, 34. See also Church Order Supplement.

Church Order deliberation and use at synod

Administrative actions according to

   Article 8: 869-72. See also Candidacy Committee.
   Article 10: 872-77
   Article 12-c: 877-80
   Article 13-c: 880-81
   Article 14-b: 881-83
   Article 14-c: 883
   Article 14-e: 884
   Article 17-a: 884-86. See also Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.
   Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 886-87
   Article 17-c (release): 887-88
   Article 23: 896. See also Candidacy Committee.
   Article 23-a: 888-95
   Article 23-b or –c: 895
   Article 23-d: 895-96
   Articles 82-83: 896

Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement; Overtures 18-20.

   Article 23: 848-49. See Candidacy Committee.
   Articles 82-84: 863-66. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision.

   Article 14-e: 685, 866. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
   Article 18: 846, 848. See also Calvin College; Calvin Theological Seminary.
   Article 69-c: 918. See also Overtures 21, 31, 38.
   Articles 82-84: 865-66. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Church planting outside of the U.S. and Canada. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.

Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, Work of.

   Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 26
   Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 825

Collaborative for Diversity and Inclusion. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Commissioned pastors, 888-96. See also Candidacy Committee.

Church Order Article 23 clarification. See Candidacy Committee.

Retirements, 869

Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.

Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.
Communications
1: Classis B.C. North-West, 659, 922-23
2: Classis Hudson, 659-62, 922-23
3: Classis Arizona, 662-63, 914-21, 926-27
4: Classis Grand Rapids East, 663-68, 914-21, 926-27

Communities First Association, 233, 348-49, 840
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.
Congregational Services, 31, 37, 729, 835, 912, 924-25, 930-31
Presentation at synod, 31, 912
Consolidated Group Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Contemporary testimony. See Belhar Confession, Proposal to recategorize.
Continuing education for pastors. See Candidacy Committee.
Convening churches of synod, 9, 739, 815, 932, 939
Council of Delegates. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Creation, teachings on. See Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary,
Science and theology, resources on relationship of.
Curriculum, Sunday school. See Faith Formation Ministries.

D
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Delegates to Synod 2016: 15-19, 815-19
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 201, 207, 229, 350, 840
Disability Concerns, Office of, 39-40, 47-48, 205-207, 832-33, 925
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Discipline of officebearers. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Church
Order Articles 82-84 review.
Diversity efforts. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters;
Study committees and task forces.
Dordt College, 337-38, 768, 852
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 351-53, 835-36

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 45, 71, 74, 317-27, 844-45, 904-14, 938
Belhar Confession, 322, 324-25. See also Overture 13.
Bilateral relationships, 320-23
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, 321-22
Ecclesiastical fellowship, 326-27
Ecumenical Faith Declaration discussion, 324-25, 845, 904-14. See also
Overture 13.
Report to Synod 2017 about confusion with this category, 913
Ecumenical relations, 318-20, 326-27, 844. See also Ecumenical
representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Formal dialogue, 321, 327
Fraternal delegates, 318, 844. See also Ecumenical representatives and
observers; Fraternal delegates.
Interfaith activities, 324, 844
Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, 323
Membership, 317-18, 326, 825, 844, 938
Multilateral relationships, 319-20
Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia, proposed dialogue with, 321, 326, 844
Reformed Church in America, 323, 327. See also Reformed Church in America.
Cooperative efforts with, 323
Reformed Church in Japan, 322-23
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 323
Ecumenical Faith Declaration. See Belhar Confession; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Overture 13.
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates.
From churches and organizations
Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Douglas Rollwage, 859, 941
World Reformed Fellowship (USA), Dr. Sam Logan, 859, 941
To ecumenical organizations
Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. Darren Roorda and Rev. Anthony Elenbaas, 319
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. Steven Timmermans and Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., 319
Commission for Christian Unity (RCA), Dr. James Payton, 319
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Dr. Darren Roorda, 319
Global Christian Forum, Dr. Steven Timmermans, 319
KAIROS board, Rev. Tim Wood, 319
National Association of Evangelicals, Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., 319
National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., Dr. Matthew Lundberg, 319
Sojourners, Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., 319
United States Roman Catholic–Reformed Dialogue, Dr. Peter Choi, Dr. Ronald Feenstra, and Dr. Susan Rozeboom (CRCNA representatives), 319
World Communion of Reformed Churches’ Caribbean and North American Area Council, Rev. Shannon Jammal-Hollemans, 319
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ethiopia, Presbyterian Church in. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 319-20
Executive sessions of synod, 11, 821, 927-28

F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 34, 75, 156, 165, 209, 316, 931
Faith Formation, 37, 149-56, 741-42. See also Faith Formation Ministries; Our Calling.
Faith Formation Ministries, 155-56, 252, 325, 912, 930-31
Curriculum development study, 156, 931
Financial statements, 120-46, 795-807, 860. See also Board of Trustees, Financial matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Recommended agencies/causes.
Financial Sustainability, Task Force on. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters.
First Nations concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.
Forms, Liturgical. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
Fraternal delegates. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers.
  From churches
  Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria, Rev. Caleb Ahima, 824, 859, 941
  Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt, Rev. Rafat Fathy, 820-21, 859, 941
  Reformed Church of Christ for Nations (Nigeria), Rev. Musa Adamu Manasseh and Rev. Ira-Rimam Mathias Iratsi, 820, 860, 941
  Reformed Church in America, Rev. Dr. Lisa Vander Wal, 821, 845, 941
  Universal Reformed Christian Church of Nigeria, Rev. Peter Azuana and Rev. Ayohol Ate, 820, 859-60, 941
  To churches
  Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in Suid Afrika (Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa), Rev. Michael Ribbens, 318
  Reformed Church in America, Dr. Shirley Roels, 318
  Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Lawrence Spalink, 318
Friendship Ministries, 205, 354, 926

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Canadian ministries.
Gay marriage. See Study committees; Overtures 9, 15-38.
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 352-53, 836
Global Christian Forum, 319-20
Global Mission, 37, 177-202, 743-61. See also Our Calling.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 37, 239-54, 765-82. See also Our Calling.
Governance in the CRC. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Synod Review Task Force. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates Transition Committee.
Guidelines for synodical task forces and study committees. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

H
Historical Committee, 328-34, 830-31, 938
  Archiving requested, 333-34, 830-31
  Members and staff, 328, 334, 825, 938
  Publications, 330
  Recognition of individuals, 330-33
  Recognition of ministries, 333
Homosexuality. See Study committees; Overtures 3, 9, 11, 15-38.
Hospitality Committee, 824, 940
I
Indigenous peoples, concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.
Institute for Christian Studies, 339-40, 853
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Financial matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Justice efforts, 313-14, 320, 339-40, 348, 350, 828-29, 832-33, 853, 862-63, 909-14, 922-23. See also Our Calling; Study committees and task forces.
Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy (JIMA) group, 43, 61-63, 211, 214, 228, 829

K
KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 319-20
King’s University, The, 341-42, 853
Korea, collaborations in church planting. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Church planting outside of the U.S. and Canada.
Korean Publications and Korean Coffee Break. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Kuyper College, 343, 853

L
Lament, prayer at synod concerning racism, 909-11
Leadership development, 30, 36-37, 150, 179-81, 186, 188, 191-93, 199, 201, 206, 208, 209, 215-16, 224, 230, 242, 275-316, 323, 350, 356-57, 677, 753, 763. See also Our Calling, Servant Leadership.
Leadership Planning Group, Diversity in. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Diversity efforts reports.
Liturgical Forms Committee report. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 34
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Mercy and Justice, 37, 203-37, 763-64. See also Justice efforts; Our Calling.
Ministerial Information Service. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates;
Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 872-77
Approved for specialized service, 877-79
Approved from other denominations, 869-72
Calling process review. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Continuing education. See Candidacy Committee.
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 886-87
Loaned to another denomination, 880-81
Released from ministry in a congregation, 884-86
Released from office, 881-83, 887-88
Retirements, 868-69
Returned to office, 884

Vocational assessment. See Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.

Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.

Ministries Leadership Council, 35, 678

Ministry assessment. See Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.

Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.

Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.

Ministry share, 34, 40, 679, 686, 723-33, 744-45, 842, 857-61, 945-49. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters, Task force; Financial statements; Overture 10.

Ministry Support Services, 76, 253, 325, 354, 899

Ministry themes. See Our Calling.

Minutes Review Committee, 824, 940

Missions. See Christian Reformed Home Missions; Christian Reformed World Missions; Our Calling.

N

National and binational gatherings. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

National Association of Evangelicals, 320

Native American concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.

Navajo nation, concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force; Overture 14.


O

Officers and functionaries for Synod 2017: 932

Our Calling (ministry themes), 37, 149-254, 741-82, 829, 912, 914, 928
  Faith Formation, 149-56, 741-42
  Servant Leadership, 157-75
  Global Mission, 177-202, 743-61
  Mercy and Justice, 203-37, 763-64
  Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 239-54, 765-82

Our Journey 2020. See Board of Trustees, Program matters, Ministry plan.

Overtures
  1. Move the Distribution Date of Synodical Study Committee Reports to Churches from November 1 to September 15: 547, 831
  2. Maintain Women Advisers to Synod, 548, 843
  3. Adopt the Practice of Appointing Same-sex Oriented Advisers to Synod, 548-54, 921, 929
4. Approve Transfer of East Bay Korean Presbyterian CRC from Classis Hanmi to Classis Central California, 554, 842
5. Approve Transfer of East Bay Korean Presbyterian CRC to Classis Central California from Classis Hanmi, 554, 842
6. Provide Financial Support for CRC Students Attending Calvin Theological Seminary and Revise Church Order Article 43: 555-59, 854
7. Form a Task Force to Address Classis-Based Funding of Seminary Students, 559-60, 854
8. Reaffirm the CRC’s Commitment to Love All People, 560-61, 924
9. Instruct Back to God Ministries International to Remove Articles That Advocate Same-sex Marriage from the Think Christian Website, 562-64, 677, 743-45, 837
11. Add Harvest USA to the List of CRCNA-Recommended Agencies, 573-74, 862, 929-30
12. Prepare a 500th-Anniversary Celebration of the Start of the Protestant Reformation, 574-75, 843-44
13. Adopt the Belhar Confession as the Fourth Confession of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 575-79, 904-14
15. Appoint a Committee to Study Gender Dysphoria and Pastoral Care of Those Affected by This Issue, 587-88, 914-21, 926-27
17. Declare that the Canadian and United States Governments Have Acted Outside Their Spheres of Legitimate Authority by Redefining Marriage to Include Same-sex Relationships, 589-93, 914-21, 926-27
18. Amend Church Order Article 69-c, 593-94, 914-21, 926-27
19. Revise Church Order Articles 69-a and –c, 594-95, 914-21, 926-27
20. Amend Church Order Article 69-c, 595-99, 914-21, 926-27
21. Adopt a Supplement to Church Order Article 69-c, 599-600, 914-21, 926-27
22. Receive the Minority Report from the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage as More Applicable to the Biblical Teachings of the CRC, 600-601, 914-21, 926-27
23. Endorse the Minority Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 601, 914-21, 926-27
25. Reject the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage and Recommit the Committee to Its Mandate, 604-605, 914-21, 926-27
26. Recommit the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage to the Study Committee, 605-607, 914-21, 926-27
27. Recommit the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 607-609, 914-21, 926-27
28. Affirm the Enduring Position of the Bible and the CRCNA on the Issue of Same-sex Relationships, 609-12, 914-21, 926-27
29. Reject the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage and Reaffirm the CRC’s Understanding re Homosexuality and Definition of Marriage, 612-17, 914-21, 926-27
30. Do Not Adopt the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage Reports; Appoint a New Study Committee, 618-20, 914-21, 926-27
31. Receive the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage for Information, But Do Not Adopt It; Reaffirm the CRC’s Current Biblical Definition of Marriage; Adopt Supplement to Church Order Article 69-c; Constitute a New Study Committee, 620-30, 914-21, 926-27
32. Do Not Adopt the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 630-32, 914-21, 926-27
33. Do Not Adopt the Report of the Study Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 632-47, 914-21, 926-27
34. Do Not Adopt the Recommendations of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 647-50, 914-21, 926-27
35. Reject the Report by the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 650-53, 914-21, 926-27
36. Do Not Accept or Recommend to the Churches the Report (Majority and Minority) of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 653-56, 914-21, 926-27
37. Do Not Adopt the Report of the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 656-58, 914-21, 926-27
38. Add a Church Order Supplement, Article 69-c, 791-92, 914-21, 926-27

P
Partners Worldwide, 355, 841
Pastor-Church Relations (renamed Pastor Church Resources), Office of, 38, 47, 63-65, 164-70, 675, 699-700, 833-35, 850
Better Together Initiative, 166-68, 833, 835. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Continuing Education Committee, 850
Ministerial Information Service, 166, 168
Name change, 38, 47, 833-34
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 165, 833, 835
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 165-66, 168, 833, 835
Vocational assessment, 166
Board matters, 171, 825, 939
Consolidated Group Insurance, 174-75
Employees’ retirement plans, 174
Financial disclosures, 175. See also Financial statements.
Ministers’ pension plans, 171-74, 682-83, 687, 857, 862
Reformed Benefits Association, 174-75
Persecution, religious. See Study committees.
Prayer of lament at synod concerning racism, 909-11
Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Protestant Reformation, 500th anniversary. See Overture 12.
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 820

R
Race Relations, Office of, 43, 59, 61-63, 209-10, 214, 217, 228, 312-13, 828-29, 925
Racism, prayer of lament at synod concerning, 909-11
Recommended agencies/ causes, 679-82, 686-87, 857, 947-49. See also Overture 11.
Recordings of synod, 11-12, 821-22
Redeemer University College, 344-45, 853, 857
Reformation, 500th anniversary. See Overture 12.
Reformed Benefits Association. See Pensions and Insurance.
Reformed Church in America, 159, 175, 196, 203, 205-206, 209, 223, 261, 293, 296, 318, 323, 327, 705-706, 739, 768-70, 821, 830, 832, 845, 850-51. See also Fraternal delegates.
General Synod 2018, concurrent with CRC Synod 2018: 739, 830
Video conference dialogue, 845
Refugee awareness, 182, 203-204, 213-14, 216, 228-29, 231, 471-72, 474, 862-63
Rehoboth Christian School. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of Discovery Task Force.
Religious persecution and liberty. See Study committees.
Restorative justice, 214-15, 348. See also Justice efforts.
Retirements of ministers and pastors. See Ministers; Commissioned pastors.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 25, 27. See also Board of Trustees,
Polity matters.

S
Safe Church Ministry, 211-12, 925. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Church Order Articles 82-84 review.
Salary disclosure. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters.
Same-sex issues. See Study committees; Overtures 3, 9, 11, 15-38.
Science and theology resources. See Calvin College; Calvin Theological Seminary.
Sergeant at Arms, 824, 940
Servant Leadership, 37, 157-75. See also Our Calling.
Service committees, 938-39
Sexual abuse, address of. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Church Order Articles 82-84 review.
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 213-16, 862-63, 925. See also Justice efforts.
Specialized Ministries. See Congregational Services.
Study committees and task forces
Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage, 361-443, 914-21, 926-27. See also Overtures 15-38; Communications 3-4.
Committee to Study Religious Persecution and Liberty, 444-74, 862-63
Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, 32-33, 475-543, 922-23. See also Overture 14; Communications 1-2.
Guidelines for. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Synod Review Task Force, 826-27, 831, 939. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Task Force on Funding for Calvin Theological Seminary Students, 931-32, 939. See also Overtures 6-7.
To report to future synods, 939
Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor-Church Relations.
Synodical
Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Advisory committees, 822-23
Appointments, 824, 932-39
Boards, 933-38
Committees, 824, 938-39
Convening churches, 9, 739, 815, 932, 939
Delegates, 15-19, 815-19. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
Deputies, 26, 34, 42, 264-65, 267, 270, 273-74, 863, 869-96, 928, 932-33
Work of, 869-96, 928
Executive sessions, 11, 821, 927-28
Functionaries, 932
Officers, 820, 932
Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.
Resources, 33-34
Service of Prayer and Praise, 811-14

T
Task forces. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Study committees and task forces.
Guidelines for. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 824, 940
Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 179-80, 230, 321, 356-57, 841
Incorporation into the CRCNA, 841
Trinity Christian College, 346-47, 854, 932

U
Urban Aboriginal Ministries, 214, 217-18, 521-23, 923, 925

V
Video recording of synod, 11-12, 821-22
Vocational assessment (for ministers). See Pastor-Church Relations, Vocational assessment.
Women advisers. See Advisers to synod. See also Overture 2.
World Communion of Reformed Churches, 319, 323, 844
World Literature Ministries programming. See Board of Trustees,
   Program matters.
World Reformed Fellowship, 320, 859
World Renew, 26, 40, 211, 213, 215, 219-37, 744, 763-64, 825, 837, 862-63, 937-38
   Board matters, 26, 234-35, 237, 763-64, 825, 937-38
   Community development, 224-26
   Connecting with churches, 231-33
   Disaster response, 222-23, 226-28
   Finance, 235-36. See also Financial statements.
   HIV and AIDS response, 224, 231
   Human resources management, 236
   Justice efforts, 224-26, 228-30
   Mandate, mission, 219-20
   Offerings for, 40, 237, 825
   Our Calling, 220-31
   Refugee support, 228-29, 231
   Resource development, 236
   Salary disclosure, 235
   Volunteer programs and participation, 219, 221-23, 225, 227-28, 231
Worship at synod, 811-14, 815, 824, 826, 856, 867-68, 919, 941-42
Worship Ministries, 38, 46, 75-119, 252-54, 325, 843, 898-903, 931, 940
   Liturgical Forms Committee report, 38, 46, 75-119, 898-903
Worship Planning Committee, 824, 940

Y
Yearbook, 33-34
Young adult representatives, 30-31, 820, 941. See also Advisers to synod.
Youth ministry pilot project. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Youth Unlimited, 353, 677, 836

Z
Zuni nation, concerns. See Study committees and task forces, Doctrine of
   Discovery Task Force; Overture 14.
Abbreviations and acronyms in the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2017

ABCD – Asset-Based Community Development
BOT – Board of Trustees
BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International
CAMC – Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee
CC – Calvin College
CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
CCRCC – Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada
CCT-USA – Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CDN – Canadian
CEO – Chief Executive Officer
CFA – Communities First Association
CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization
CMD – Canadian Ministries Director
CMEP – Churches for Middle East Peace
CMI – Church Multiplication Initiative
CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team
CMT – Canadian Ministries Team
COD– Council of Delegates
COP 21 – Conference of Parties 21 (held in Paris, Nov.-Dec. 2015)
CPD – Centre for Public Dialogue
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)
CSI – Christian Schools International
CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary
DC – Disability Concerns
DFO – Director of Finance and Operations
DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration
DMC– Diaconal Ministries Canada
DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation
DRC – Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
DRS – Disaster Response Services
DSS – Director of Synodical Services
ED – Executive Director
Aboriginal Ministries, 259-60, 273, 636. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview. Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.

Acts of Synod, 32
Addresses to synod. See also Presentations at synod.

Dreesmann, Rev. Nate, 686
Fik, Rev. Kayla, 670
Han, Rev. David, 687
Hobyane, Rev. Dr. Risimati, 686
King, Dr. Zachary, 701-702
Sinia, Rev. Peter, 685
Timmermans, Dr. Steven R., 618
Van Spronsen, Mr. Chris, 618

Advisers to synod. See also Young adult representatives.

Ethnic advisers, 25-26, 612, 618, 686, 700, 707
Faculty advisers, 612-12
Women advisers, 26, 612, 615-16, 618-19, 631, 698, 700

Advisory committees, 614-15

Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Affiliation, new category of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Agenda for Synod, 32

All Nations Heritage celebrations, 268
Anniversary (500th) of Protestant Reformation, 307, 639
Antiracism. See Race Relations.

Appeal, 449, 677-78

Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.

Interim. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.

Archives. See Historical Committee.

Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 613-14

B

Back to God Ministries International, 235-42, 460-62, 469, 494-503, 519-29, 546, 554, 617-19, 622, 698, 703. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.

Board matters, 242, 460-62, 469, 494-503, 622

Restated bylaws and other legal matters, 494-503, 519-29, 621-22

Finances, 242. See also Financial statements.

Ministries, 235-42

Mission, 235

Offerings for, 242, 617

Our Calling, 235-42

Presentation at synod, 26, 618-19

ReFrame Media resources, 242, 703

Salary disclosure, 242

Banner, The, 39-40, 55, 61, 67-68, 113-18, 546, 613, 625-26, 660, 709. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; Board of Trustees, Program matters; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Belhar Confession, 136. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Overtures 13-19.

Proposal to recategorize as a contemporary testimony, 335-36, 339, 360-64, 700, 707-708

Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.

Binational gathering (Inspire 2017), 30, 202

Binationality discussion, summary, 21, 27, 125-27


Board membership, 22, 453, 468, 617

Appreciation for, 453, 468, 621

Transition to Council of Delegates membership, 28, 453-61, 468, 617


Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 41-42

Condensed financial statements, 182-206, 591-602, 628

Fundraising guidelines, 78-80

Investments, 80-85, 467, 555-59


Pension assessment, 467, 473, 629

Salary disclosure, 23, 467, 473, 629

Unified budget, 464, 472, 628

Polity matters

Agency presentations, 26, 616-19, 637, 700-701

Binational gathering (Inspire 2017), 30, 202

Board nominations. See (below) Council of Delegates transition, Membership nominations.

Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25. See also Communication 2.

Classis Renewal Group, 31

Convening church of Synod 2018: 23, 42, 620, 690


Bylaws and other legal matters, 28, 461-63, 468-70, 473-535, 621-22

Church Order changes proposed, 28, 42, 133-34, 641

Executive committee transition plan, 29, 42, 134-35, 460-61, 620

Interim executive committee, 460-61, 620


See also Overture 20.

Membership nominations, 28, 454-60, 468, 617. See also Overture 20.

Rules for Synodical Procedure changes, 28, 42, 130-33, 641-42.

See also Overtures 4, 18.

Day of Justice proposal, 30, 43, 135-37, 631-32

Diversity efforts reports, 25

Denominational survey, 31

Ethnic advisers, 25-26, 612, 618, 686, 700, 707

Interim appointments, 24, 42, 620

Judicial Code Committee, 29-30, 43, 695

National gatherings, 30
Publications and services, 31-32
RCA-CRC collaboration, direction of, 23-24, 670, 683
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 28, 31-32, 42, 130-33, 641-42
   Proposed changes to, 28, 42, 130-33, 641-42. See also Overtures 4, 18.
Women advisers, 26, 612, 615-16, 618-19, 631, 698, 700
Young adult representatives, 26, 453, 612, 614-15, 670, 686, 698

Program matters
Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 35, 207-308, 561-68
Bird, The, 39-40, 626
Chaplains and Care Ministry director appointment, 36, 616, 637, 639
   Appreciation for retiring director, 462, 626
Digital Library, 40
Disability Concerns recommendations, 37-38, 43-44, 632-33
Middle East priorities and strategies, 464, 472, 552-55, 635
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church (Our Journey 2020), 33-34, 464, 472, 553-54, 618, 697, 705
Ministry prioritization and evaluation, 35-36, 43, 137-79, 620
Ministry Support Services, 39
New mission agency transition, 36, 43, 180-81, 462-63, 469, 530-35, 701-703. See also Resonate Global Mission.
   Appreciation for CRHM and CRWM directors, 462-63, 469, 702
New director appointment and ratification, 36, 43, 180-81, 701
New name proposal and implementation, 463, 469-70, 530-35, 702-703
Network, The, 40
Our Calling (five ministry priorities), 34-35
Pastor Church Resources staff realignment, 37
Race Relations and Social Justice offices integration, 36-37, 636
   Director appointment, 37, 636
ServiceLink, revised mandate, 40-41
   Appreciation for retiring program manager, 462, 626
Social Justice and Race Relations office integration, 36-37, 636
   Appreciation for retiring Social Justice coordinator, 462, 626
Timothy Leadership Training Institute integration, 38-39
Worship Ministries vision, mission, mandate, 464, 472, 550-52, 639

Boards and committees, 690-96

C
   See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Academic initiatives, 212-13
Board matters, 24, 210-11, 213, 561-63, 617, 641-42, 691-93
Faculty promotions/reappointments, 213, 561, 671-72
Finances, 211-13, 561. See also Financial statements.
Long-term vision, 563
Our Calling, 209-10
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 173, 210, 240, 304, 306-308, 551
Calvin Theological Seminary, 295-303, 567-68, 575, 612, 641-42, 672, 674, 687, 691, 693. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview; Study Committees, Task Force on Funding for Calvin Theological Seminary Students.
Administration, 296, 568
Board matters, 295-96, 302, 567-68, 617, 641-42, 691, 693
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 299
Distinguished alumni, 567
Faculty, 296-97, 567-68, 672
Retirements, 297, 302, 672
Finances, 303. See also Financial statements.
Graduates, 567
Our Calling, 297-99
Program highlights, 299-301
Students, 301-302
Funding for. See Study committees and task forces.
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 390, 627
Campus ministries. See Resonate Global Mission, Christian Reformed Home Missions.
Canadian Ministries, 21-22, 27, 32, 471, 635-36, 690, 696, 704. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition: Bylaws, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Aboriginal Ministries, 259-60, 273, 635. See also CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Binational gathering (Inspire 2017), 30, 202
Binationality discussion, summary, 21, 27, 125-27
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 261-62, 272, 289, 541, 554, 635-38. See also CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview; Overture 9.
CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 21-22. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition.
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 147, 252, 388-89, 704
Director, 22, 27, 32, 329, 690. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition.
Ecumenical relations, 329, 333-34. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Finances. See Financial statements.
National and binational gatherings, 30
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 32
Candidacy Committee, 226, 228, 296, 311-28, 571-75, 672-74, 677, 685, 688-90, 695. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview; Study committees, Task Force on Funding for Calvin Theological Seminary Students.
Candidates, 315, 571-73, 575, 672-73
Two-year candidacy process, 312
Church Order Article 8, administration of, 314, 573-75, 673-74
MEPMC coursework implementation, 574-75, 674
Church Order Article 23 initiatives, 312-13, 316-28, 685, 688-90
Revisions requested, 685, 688-90
Commissioned pastors, 314-28, 685, 688-90. See also Overture 8.
Continuing education for pastors, 313-14
Continuing Education Committee team appointed, 313-14
EPMC program development, 312
Mandate, 311
Membership, 311, 315, 695
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 26, 36, 217-20, 296, 314, 462, 616-17, 626, 637, 639. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
75th anniversary, 217, 616
Director retirement, 217, 462, 616, 626
New director, 36, 217, 616, 637, 639
Presentation at synod, 26, 616-17, 637
Christian Reformed Church Foundation. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters.
Christian Reformed Church in Sierra Leone. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 221-23, 464, 630, 695. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook.
Church Order and Its Supplements, 31-32. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.
Church Order deliberation and use at synod
Administrative actions according to
Article 8: 644-46. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 10: 646, 678-83
Article 12-c: 646-49
Article 13-c: 649-51
Article 14-b: 651-53
Article 14-c: 653
Article 14-d: 653-54
Article 14-e: 654
Article 17-a: 654-57
Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 657-59
Article 17-c (release): **659-60**
Article 17-d: **660**
Article 23: **669. See also** Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a: **660-68**
Article 23-b or -c: **668**
Article 23-d: **668-69**
Articles 82-83: **669**
Article 84: **669**

Discussion, study, revision. *See also* Church Order Supplement;
Overtures 6-8.
Article 23: 316-17, 319, 323, 326, 328, **689. See also** Candidacy Committee.
Article 24-c and –d: **685. See also** Overture 8.
Article 33-b: 134, **641. See also** Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Council of Delegates transition.
Article 46-b: 134, **641. See also** Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Council of Delegates transition.
Article 77: 134, **641. See also** Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Council of Delegates transition.

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision.
Article 13-b: **624. See also** Overture 6.
Article 23: 316, 319, 327, **685. See also** Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a: 317, 325, 328, **689. See also** Candidacy Committee.
Article 30-a and -c: 133-34, **641. See also** Board of Trustees,
Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition.
Article 45: 134, **641. See also** Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Council of Delegates transition.

Church planting collaborations in Korea. *See* Ecumenical and Interfaith
Relations Committee.

Church renewal and planting. *See* Overture 11.
Classical examinations. *See* Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. *See also* Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to
classis, 25. *See also* Communication 2.
Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, **617.
See also** Communication 2.
Delegates’ reporting to classes. *See* Overture 3.
Transfer of a church to another classis. *See* Overtures 1-2.
Commissioned pastors, **660-69. See also** Candidacy Committee; Overture 8.
Church Order Article 23 initiatives. *See* Candidacy Committee.
Retirements, **643. See also** Overture 8.

Committee for Contact with the Government. *See* Canadian Ministries.
*See also* Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates
transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and
Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Commitees. *See* Advisory committees; Service committees; Study
committees and task forces; Synodical committees.
Communications
1. Classis Toronto, 447, 625
2. Classis Minnkota, 447-48, 625
Communication in Response to Overture 9: 583-87, 638
Communities First Association, 291, 386-87, 703
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.
Congregational Services, 35, 626-27, 635-37, 639. See also Board of Trustees,
Contemporary testimony. See Belhar Confession, Proposal to recategorize;
Overtures 13-19.
Category of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Continuing education for pastors. See Candidacy Committee.
Convening churches of synod, 7, 23, 42, 620, 690, 709
Council of Delegates transition. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters;
Overture 20.
Creation care. See Overture 10.
CRC membership, decline in. See Overture 11.
CRC Ministry, History, and Funding, 137-66, 620
Curriculum, Sunday school. See Faith Formation Ministries.

D
Day of Justice. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Decline in membership. See Overture 11.
Delegates to Synod 2017: 13-17, 607-11
Delegates’ reporting to classes. See Overture 3.
Denominational survey. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 147, 252, 388-89, 704
Digital Library, 40, 576
Disability Concerns, Office of, 37-38, 43-44, 263-66, 632-33, 636. See also Board
of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance
Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation
Overview.
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Diversity efforts. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Doctrine of Discovery report, response to, 30, 136, 149, 585
Do Justice blog. See Overture 9.
Dordt College, 375-76, 674
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 390-92, 627

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 91, 95, 100, 131, 329-64,
552-55, 576-78, 670, 684, 686,695, 699-700, 707-708. See also
Overtures 13-19.
Affiliation, new category of, 336-37, 339, 684
Belhar Confession, consideration as a contemporary testimony, 335-36,
338-39, 360-64, 707. See also Overtures 13-19.
Footnoted comments to be included, 708
Bilateral relationships, 331-33
Christian Reformed Church in Sierra Leone, 331, 338-51, 684
Contemporary testimony category, proposal to establish, 335, 338-39, 360-62, 699
Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, 332
Discontinued, 707-708
Ecumenical conversations and representations, 332-34, 686. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates; Panel discussions.
Fraternal delegates, 333, 576, 670, 686. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers; Fraternal delegates.
Interfaith activities, 334-35
Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, 334, 351-58
Korea, report on collaborations in church planting, 336-37, 576-78, 684
Membership, 329-31, 684, 695
Multilateral relationships, 333-34
Our World Belongs to God, placed in new category of contemporary testimony, 339, 699-700
Reformed Church in America, 332-33, 360. See also Reformed Church in America.
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 334
World Communion of Reformed Churches General Council meeting, 576
Ecumenical Faith Declaration discussion. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Overtures 13-19.
Ecumenical representatives and observers. See also Fraternal delegates; Panel discussions.
From churches and organizations
Christian Reformed Church in Burundi, Rev. Jean-Bosco Nsaimana, 612, 686
Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Africa, Rev. Martin Wanjala, 613, 686
Evangelical Reformed Church in Burundi, Rev. Marius Ndabazaniye, 612, 686
Global Christian Forum, Rev. Dr. David Han, 612, 687
Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia, Rev. Dr. Woyita Olla, 612, 686
Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia, Rev. Fikre Norcha, 612, 686
Reformed Church of East Africa, Rev. Jonah Lagat, 612, 686
Sudanese Reformed Church, Rev. Patrick Jok Ding Wic, 613, 686
United Reformed Church in Congo, Rev. Kabaongo Kalala Malebongo Athanase, 612, 686
To churches and ecumenical organizations
Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. Darren Roorda and Rev. Anthony Elenbaas, 333
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. (CCT-USA), Dr. Steven Timmermans and Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., 333
Commission for Christian Unity (RCA), Dr. James Payton, 334
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Dr. Darren Roorda, 334
Global Christian Forum, Dr. Steven Timmermans, 334
KAIROS board, Rev. Tim Wood, 334
National Association of Evangelicals, Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., and Dr. Steven Timmermans, 333
National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., Dr. Matthew Lundberg, 334
Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Andrew E. Beunk, 333
Reformed Church in Eastern Africa, Dr. Mwaya wa Kitavi, 333
Sojourners, Ms. Carol Bremer-Bennett, Dr. Peter Borgdorff, and Mr. Colin Watson, Sr., 333-34
United States Roman Catholic–Reformed Dialogue, Dr. Peter Choi, Dr. Ronald Feenstra, and Dr. Susan Rozeboom (CRCNA representatives), 334
World Communion of Reformed Churches, Dr. William T. Koopmans and Dr. Peter Borgdorff, 334

Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Environmental concerns. See Overture 10.
Ethnic advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Evaluation of programs, ministries. See CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 613
Executive summary in reports to synod. See Overture 4.

F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 39, 226, 262, 365. See also CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Faith Formation, 34, 207, 209-15, 561-63. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Faith Formation Ministries; Our Calling; Program Evaluation Overview.
Curriculum development study, 215
Financial statements, 182-206, 591-602, 628. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Recommended agencies/causes.
Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
Fraternal delegates. See also Ecumenical representatives and observers.
From churches, organizations
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, Rev. Nate Dreesmann, 612, 686
Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid Afrika, Rev. Dr. Risimati Hobyane and Rev. Dr. Henk Stoker, 612, 686
Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerken, Rev. Peter Sinia, 612, 685
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Kayla Fik, 612, 670
To churches
Reformed Church in America, Rev, Emmett A. Harrison, 333
Reformed Church in Japan, Rev. Kurt Selles, 333
Friendship Ministries, 263-64, 393, 637
Funding for Calvin Theological Seminary students. See Study committees and task forces.

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Gay relationships. See Study committees; Communication 1; Overture 12.
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 391-92, 627
Global humanitarian challenges. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Global Mission, 34, 207, 235-57. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters,
Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Our Calling; Program Evaluation Overview;
Resonate Global Mission.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 35, 207, 295-308, 567-68. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Our Calling; Program Evaluation Overview.
Governance in the CRC. See Study committees, Synod Review Task Force. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition.

H
Historical Committee, 365-72, 622-23, 695
Archiving requested, 370-72, 623
Members and staff, 365, 371, 622-23, 695
Recognition of curator, upon retirement, 365, 371, 623
Recognition of individuals, 367-69
Recognition of ministries, 370
Homosexuality. See Study committees; Communication 1; Overture 12.
Hospitality Committee, 616
Humanitarian challenges, Global. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.

I
Inspire 2017: 30, 202
Institute for Christian Studies, 377-79, 674
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interim appointments. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Investments. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.
Justice efforts, 25-26, 30, 36-37, 43, 463, 470-72, 536-50, 552-55, 631-35, 696-98. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Our Calling; Overture 9; Program Evaluation Overview;
Committee for Contact with the Government; Diaconal Ministries Canada; Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of. Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy (JIMA) group, 269, 272, 463, 471, 539-40, 634, 696

K
King’s University, The, 277, 379-80, 565, 674-75
Korea, collaborations in church planting. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Kuyper College, 381, 675

L
Leadership development, 179, 210-11, 215, 244, 248-49, 267-68, 274, 281. See also Our Calling.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 32
Membership decline. See Overture 11.
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Mercy and Justice, 35, 207, 259-94, 472, 541, 565, 697. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Justice efforts; Our Calling; Overture 9; Program Evaluation Overview.
Middle East priorities and strategies. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministerial Information Service. See Pastor Church Resources.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of; Overture 6.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 678-83
Approved for specialized service, 646-49
Approved from other denominations, 644-46
Deposed, 669
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 657-59
Loaned to another denomination, 649-51
Released from ministry in a congregation, 654-57
Released from office, 651-54, 659-60
Retirements, 643
Returned to office, 654
Vocational assessment. See Pastor Church Resources, Vocational assessment.
Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 32, 36, 552. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook.
Ministry assessment. See Pastor Church Resources, Vocational assessment.
Ministry, history, and funding. See CRC Ministry, History, and Funding.
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.
Ministry prioritization and evaluation. See Board of Trustees, Program matters.
Ministry share, 31-32, 35, 41, 464, 472, 618, 628, 713-14. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Financial statements.

Ministry Support Services, 39, 628. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding.

Ministry themes. See Our Calling.
Minutes Review Committee, 616

Missions. See Resonate Global Mission; Our Calling.

N
National and binational gatherings. See Board of Trustees, Polity matters.

Network, The, 40, 625

New mission agency. See Resonate Global Mission.

Nominees to Council of Delegates. See Overture 20.

O
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 34-35, 207-308, 561-68, 697. See also Board of Trustees, Program matters, Ministry plan; Program Evaluation Overview.
Faith Formation, 34, 207, 209-15, 561-63
Servant Leadership, 34, 207, 217-34
Global Mission, 34, 207, 235-57
Mercy and Justice, 35, 207, 259-94, 472, 541, 565, 697
Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 35, 207, 295-308, 567-68

Our Journey 2020. See Board of Trustees, Program matters, Ministry plan.

Our World Belongs to God. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Contemporary testimony category.

Overtures
1. Approve Transfer of Alto CRC, Waupun, Wisconsin, from Classis Wisconsin to Classis Minnkota, 417-18, 623-24
2. Permit Transfer of Alto CRC, Waupun, Wisconsin, from Classis Wisconsin to Classis Minnkota, 418, 623-24
3. Remind Denominational Board Delegates to Report to the Classes, 418-19, 641-42
4. Adopt a Rule That Synodical Reports Longer Than Ten Pages Must Include an Executive Summary, 419-20, 642
5. Translate the Three Forms of Unity and Core Denominational Documents; Provide an Official Process of Denominational Recognition of the Translated Creeds and Confessions, 420-21, 627-28
6. Amend Church Order Article 13, 421-22, 624
7. Amend Church Order Article 45, 422-23, 624
8. Add New Church Order Article 23-f re Retirement of a Commissioned Pastor, 423-24, 685, 688
10. Limit Use of Disposable Serve Ware and Cease to Use Water Bottles at Meetings of Synod, 428-29, 630
11. Discover Cause for CRC Membership Decline; Develop Strategy to Reverse the Trend of Decline through Church Renewal and Planting; Require Annual Reporting of Progress, 429-34, 704-705, 706
12. Provide the Churches with Guidance for Providing Pastoral Care for Same-sex Attracted Members and Their Families, 434-35, 625
13. Recategorize the Belhar Confession to the Status of a Contemporary Testimony, 435-36, 708
14. Recategorize the Belhar Confession to the Status of a Contemporary Testimony, 436-37, 708
15. Do Not Adopt the Belhar Confession as a “Testimony” or as a Fourth Confessional Standard of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 437-39, 708
16. Reject Elevating the Belhar Confession to the Same Status as Our World Belongs to God, 439-41, 708
17. Do Not Elevate the Belhar Confession to Level of Contemporary Testimony, 441-43, 708
18. Retain Belhar Confession as an Ecumenical Faith Declaration, 443-46, 708
19. Keep Current Designation of the Belhar Confession as Ecumenical Faith Declaration, 581, 708
20. Allow Each Classis to Select Its Own Representative to the Council of Delegates, 581-82, 640-41

P
Panel discussions with ecumenical representatives, 686
Partners Worldwide, 394, 704
Pastor Church Resources, Office of, 37, 224-29, 627. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Continuing education for pastors, 228
Ministerial Information Service, 228-29
Staff realignment, 37, 224-25
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, 226
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 226
Vocational assessment, 226
Pensions and Insurance, 230-34, 467, 473, 629-30, 695. See also Board of Trustees, Finance matters; Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; Overture 8.
Benefits programs, 233-34
Board matters, 230, 234, 695
Employees’ retirement plans, 233
Financial disclosures, 234. See also Financial statements.
Ministers’ pension plans, 230-33, 467, 473, 629-30
Program Evaluation Overview, 167-79, 620
Protestant Reformation, 500th anniversary, 307, 639
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 612

New director, 37, 636
Integration with Office of Social Justice, 36-37, 636
Recommended agencies/causes, 464-67, 472-73, 628-29, 715-17
Recordings of synod, 9-10, 613-14
Redeemer University College, 277, 382-83, 675
Reformation, 500th anniversary, 307, 639
General Synod 2018, concurrent with CRC Synod 2018: 23, 42, 620
Video presentation, table discussions on further collaboration, 670, 683
Reporting to classes. See Overture 3.
Reports to synod, executive summary in. See Overture 4.
Representatives to Council of Delegates, selection of. See Overture 20.
Appreciation for Home Missions and World Missions directors, 462-63, 469, 702
Christian Reformed Home Missions, 243-47, 482-94, 512-16, 621-22, 628, 700-703
Connecting with churches, 245-47
Reflecting Our Calling, 243-45
Restated bylaws and other legal matters, 482-94, 512-16, 621-22
Salary disclosure, 247
Connecting with churches, 251-52
Reflecting Our Calling, 248-51
Restated bylaws and other legal matters, 482-94, 512-16, 621-22
Salary disclosure, 252
Finances, 255. See also Financial statements.
Mandate, 253
Ministry initiatives, 253-55
Name proposal and implementation, 463, 469-70, 530-35, 702-703
New director appointment, ratification, 36, 43, 180-81, 701
Offerings for, 255, 617
Presentation at synod, 26, 700-701
Retirements of ministers and commissioned pastors. See Ministers; Commissioned pastors; Overture 8.

*Rules for Synodical Procedure*, 31-32. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Overture 18.

**S**

Safe Church Ministry, 265, 269-70, 636. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.

Salary disclosure. See Board of Trustees, Finance matters.

Same-sex issues. See Study committees; Communication 1; Overture 12.

Sergeant at Arms, 616

Servant Leadership, 34, 207, 217-34. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Our Calling; Program Evaluation Overview.

Service committees, 695

ServiceLink, 40-41, 462, 626. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.

Program manager retirement, 462, 626

Sierra Leone, Christian Reformed Church in. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 30, 36-37, 43, 135-37, 269, 271-74, 287-89, 462, 541, 554, 583-87, 626, 629, 636-38, 696-98. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Justice efforts; Overture 9; Program Evaluation Overview.

Communication in response to Overture 9: 583-87, 638

Coordinator retirement, 462, 626, 637

Integration with Office of Race Relations, 36-37, 636

New director, 37, 636

Specialized Ministries. See Congregational Services.

Study committees and task forces

Synod Review Task Force, 397, 623-24, 695. See also Overture 4.

Task Force on Funding for Calvin Theological Seminary Students, 398-414, 675-77

To report to future synods, 695-96

Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor Church Resources.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor Church Resources.

Synodical

Addresses. See Addresses to synod.

Advisers. See Advisers to synod.

Advisory committees, 614-15

Appointments, 616, 690-96

Boards, 691-94

Committees, 695-96

Convening churches, 7, 23, 42, 620, 690, 709

Delegates, 13-17, 607-11. See also Fraternal delegates; Ecumenical representatives and observers.
Deputies, 24, 32, 42, 316-28, 620, 644-69, 678-83, 690-91
Work of, 644-69, 678-83
Executive sessions, 9, 613
Functionaries, 690
Officers, 612, 690
Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure; Board of Trustees, Polity matters; Overture 18.
Recordings, 9-10, 613-14
Reports, executive summary in. See Overture 4.
Resources, 31-32
Service of Prayer, Word, and Sacrament, 605-606

T
Task forces. See Study committees and task forces.
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 616
Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 38-39, 238, 240, 256-57, 290, 331, 703. See also Board of Trustees, Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook; CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Translation of denominational documents. See Overture 5.
Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 1-2.
Transfer of a minister’s credentials. See Overture 6.
Trinity Christian College, 7, 384, 607, 613, 675, 709

U
Urban Aboriginal Ministry Centres, 259-60, 635. See also Aboriginal Ministries.

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 613-14
Vocational assessment (for ministers). See Pastor Church Resources, Vocational assessment.

W
Women advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.
World Literature Ministries, 240. See also CRC Ministry, History, and Funding.
Board matters, 24, 291-94, 565, 617, 693-94
Community development, 281-83, 291, 294
Connecting with churches, 290-91
Disaster response, 279-81, 283-87
Finance, 294. See also Financial statements.
HIV and AIDS response, 282-83
Justice efforts, 281-89
Mandate, mission, 275-76
Offerings for, 41, 294, 617
Our Calling, 276-90
Refugee support, 276-77, 287, 290
Salary disclosure, 293
Worship at synod, 605-606, 607, 615-16, 619, 671, 698, 700, 709-10
Worship Ministries, 304-308, 464, 472, 550-52, 639. See also Board of Trustees,
Polity matters, Council of Delegates transition, Governance Handbook;
CRC Ministry, History, and Funding; Program Evaluation Overview.
Vision, mission, new mandate, 464, 472, 550-52, 639
Worship Planning Committee, 616

Y
Yearbook, 31
Young adult representatives, 26, 453, 612, 614-15, 670, 686, 698. See also
Advisers to synod.
Youth Unlimited, 392, 627
Abbreviations and acronyms in the Agenda and Acts of Synod 2018

**ABCD** – Asset-Based Community Development

**ABCD(E2)** – Asset-Based Community Development, Economic Development, and Equity

**ARNOVA** – Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

**BOT** – Board of Trustees

**BTGMI** – Back to God Ministries International

**CAMC** – Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee

**CCG** – Committee for Contact with the Government

**CDN** – Canadian

**CFA** – Communities First Association

**CFGB** – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

**CJM** – Congregation Justice Mobilization

**CMD** – Canadian Ministries Director

**CMLT** – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team

**COD** – Council of Delegates

**CPE** – Clinical Pastoral Education

**CRC** – Christian Reformed Church

**CRCNA** – Christian Reformed Church in North America

**CRG** – Classis Renewal Group

**CRMT** – Classis Renewal Ministry Team

**CRWM** – Christian Reformed World Missions

**CRWRC** – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (now World Renew)

**CTS** – Calvin Theological Seminary

**DC** – Disability Concerns

**DCM** – Director of Communications and Marketing

**DFO** – Director of Finance and Operations

**DMA** – Director of Ministries and Administration

**DMC** – Diaconal Ministries Canada

**DORR** – Dance of Racial Reconciliation

**DRS** – Disaster Response Services

**DSS** – Director of Synodical Services

**ED** – Executive Director

**EDFT** – Ethnic Diversity Functional Team

**EFC** – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

**EIRC** – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee

**ELIM** – Ethnic Leaders Institute in Ministry

Abuse of power. See Overture 2.

Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry; Overture 2.

Acts of Synod, 29

Addresses to synod. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters,

    Presentations at synod.
    De Vries, Rev. Paul, 449-50
    Timmermans, Dr. Steven R., 449
    Vander Wal, Dr. Lisa, 478
    Liphadzi, Dr. Tshililo, 478

Advisers to synod. See also Young adult representatives.

    Faculty advisers, 441, 443-44, 530
    Advisory committees, 443-44

Advocacy, political. See Overtures 12-14.

Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.

Agency, institution, and ministry reports. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Affiliation, possible new categories of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Agenda for Synod, 29
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 160-61
Anniversary (400th) of Synod of Dort. See Dordt College; Overture 11.
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeals from one classis to another, proposal to allow. See Overture 9.
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
Interim. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 442

B
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Ministries, 133-41
Mission, 133
Offerings for, 362, 367, 463
Our Calling, 133-40
Banner, The, 36, 158, 316, 319, 331, 336, 348-49, 441, 461, 469-70, 529-30. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Belhar Confession, 235-36, 480. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Bible translations. See Overture 1.
Binational gatherings, See Inspire gatherings.
Boards and committees, 519-22

C
Academic initiatives, 106-107
Board matters, 105-106, 385-87, 449, 519-20
Faculty promotions/reappointments, 107, 385, 387, 464
Finances, 106, 385. See also Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Long-term vision, 103, 360-61, 367, 373-80, 387, 464
Name-change proposal, 360-61, 367, 373-80, 387, 464. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Our Calling, 103-104
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 104, 138, 140, 178, 197, 199, 497
Administration, 191, 392
Board matters, 192-94, 391, 393, 449, 519-21
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 188-89
Distinguished alumni, 391
Faculty, 191-92, 195, 391-92, 465
   Retirement, 192, 195, 465
Finances, 195. See also Financial statements; Recommended agencies/ causes.
Financial Shalom Project, 190, 458-60
Graduates, 391, 397, 522-23
Mission statement, 187
Our Calling, 187-88
Presentation at synod, 27, 528-29
Program and ministry highlights, 189-91, 392-93, 528-29
Students, 194-95
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 268, 461
Campus ministry. See Resonate Global Mission.
Binational and regional gatherings, 27-28, 31. See also Inspire gatherings.
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 153-54, 451, 526-28. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Overtures 12-14.
CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 22-24, 358, 366
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 267, 471, 497
Director, 23, 30, 229, 234, 518, 527
Ecumenical relations, 229, 233-34, 403. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/ causes.
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 30, 34
Background check, psychological assessment requirements, 207, 222-23, 228, 465
Candidates, 397-400, 466-67
   Two-year candidacy process, 204
Church Order Article 8 process, 399-400, 467
Church Order Article 23 initiatives, 204-205, 207-28, 465-66
   Proposed revisions to Articles 8, 23, and 24: 205, 207-28, 465-66
Church Order Supplement, Articles 82-84, proposed changes, 207-208, 222, 228, 465-66
Commissioned Pastor Handbook, proposed reformatting of, 205, 207-23, 228, 465
Commissioned pastors, 205-28, 465. See also Commissioned pastors; Overtures 19-20.
Continuing education for pastors, 205
EPMC program development, 204
Mandate, 203
Membership, 203, 521
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended
agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact
with the Government. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters,
Prioritization and evaluation.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 111-14, 461. See also Council of
Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Christian Reformed Church Foundation. See Council of Delegates,
Finance matters.
Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic. See Ecumenical and
Interfaith Relations Committee.
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 115-16, 362, 458, 521
Church Order and Its Supplements, 29. See also Church Order;
Church Order Supplement.
Church Order deliberation and use at synod
Administrative actions according to
Article 8: 485-88. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 10: 488-94
Article 12-c: 494-97
Article 13-c: 498-99
Article 14-b: 499-501
Article 14-c: 501-502
Article 14-d: 502
Article 14-e: 502-503
Article 17-a: 503-505
Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 505-506
Article 17-c (release): 506-507
Article 23 (concluding service): 515. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a: 507-14
Article 23-d: 514-15
Articles 82-83: 516
Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement;
Overtures 9, 21.
Articles 23-24: 207, 465-66. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 30. See Overture 9.
Article 39: 41, 518. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
Classis Renewal Group; Overture 21.
Article 42: 40, 517. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
Regional pastors proposal.
Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision.
Article 8: 207, 465
Articles 23-24: 207, 465. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 30-c: 477
Article 42-d: 40, 517. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
Regional pastors proposal.
Articles 82-84: 207, 465. See also Candidacy Committee.
Church planting, renewal. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters and Program matters.

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.

Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, Work of.

Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25. See also Overtures 5-6.

Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 448.

Proposal to allow a classis to appeal to another classis. See Overture 9.
Proposal to change the word classis to regional assembly. See Overture 10.
Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 3-8.

Click, Call, Chat. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Commissioned pastors, 40, 44, 58, 119, 458, 484, 507-15. See also Candidacy Committee; Overtures 19-20.
Compensation survey. See Overture 19.
Pension. See Overture 20.
Retirements, 484

Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.

Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.

Communications
1. Classis Grand Rapids East, 413, 516

Communities First Association, 182-83, 265-66, 470

Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.

Congregational revitalization, renewal. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters and Program matters.

Congregational Services, 32, 35, 362, 451-52, 461, 471, 474. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.

Connections project. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, ServiceLink and Connections.

Contemporary testimony. See Belhar Confession.

Continuing education for pastors. See Candidacy Committee.

Convening churches of synod, 7, 25, 40, 435, 454, 518-19, 529

Council of Delegates, 21-100, 355-84, 441, 448-50, 454-64, 474-76, 516-18, 520-21, 523-24, 529-30. See also Overtures 1, 10, 12-15, 18, 21.

Appreciation for, 355, 366, 455
Membership and nominees, 22-24, 355-58, 366, 449, 520

Finance matters, 24, 29, 32, 38-42, 51-64, 76-100, 362-68, 419-30, 457-60. See also Recommended agencies/causes.

Christian Reformed Church Foundation, 38-39, 365-66, 368, 458
Dissolution, merger, amalgamation, 365-66, 368, 458
Condensed financial statements, 76-100, 419-30, 457
Financial Shalom Project, 458-60
Investments, 366, 380-84
Ministry share, 29, 34-35, 38, 51-64, 362, 365, 367, 457
Pension assessment, 366, 368, 458
Salary disclosure, 24, 362, 367, 457
Unified budget, 362, 367, 457

**Polity matters**

Calvin College name-change proposal, 360-61, 367, 373-80, 464

Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 25


Congregational Revitalization and Transformation Initiative, 360, 367-73, 463

Convening church of Synod 2019: 25, 40, 454

Diversity efforts reports, 25-26, 450

Interim appointments, 25, 40, 454

Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.

National and binational gatherings, 27-28, 31. See also Inspire gatherings.

Overture 2 review and recommendation, 360, 367, 474-76, 523-24

Presentations at synod, 27, 528-29, 477

Publications and services, 28-29

RCA-CRC survey results, 25. See also Reformed Church in America, Joint advisory discussions.

Regional pastors proposal, 27, 40, 42-44, 517

Young adult representatives, 26, 441, 443-44, 483, 529-30

**Program matters**

Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 32, 101-199, 385-93

*Banner, The*, 36, 461

Click, Call, Chat, 37-38

Evangelism, congregational renewal, and church planting, 33, 42, 64-75, 360, 367-73, 463

Ethnic diversity ministry, 33-34

Faith Alive and Libros Desafio, 36-37

Indigenous people, ministry to, 361-62, 450

Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church (*Our Journey 2020*), 30-31, 52, 473, 477

Focus on reconciliation in next cycle, 473

Ministry prioritization and evaluation, 32, 41-42, 51-64, 455

Ministry Support Services, 36-37, 460

Network, The, 37

Offerings for Back to God Ministries International and Resonate Global Mission, 362, 367, 463

Our Calling (ministry priorities), 31-32, 51-64

Prioritization and evaluation, 32, 41-42, 51-64, 455

ServiceLink and Connections, 34-35, 42, 59, 63, 460

Sustaining Congregational Excellence, discontinuation, 33, 63, 119

Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 33

CRC membership decline. See Overture 18.

CRC ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.

Curriculum development. See Overture 15.
D
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Decline in membership. See Overture 18.
Delegates to Synod 2018: 13-17, 436-41
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 267, 471, 497
Digital Library, 29, 37, 238
Disability Concerns, Office of, 155-59, 435, 471. See also Council of Delegates,
Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Diversity efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Judicial Code Committee membership, 529
Dordt College, 253-54, 467, 470
Dort, Synod of, 400th anniversary. See Dordt College; Overture 11.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 268-70, 461

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 229-42, 401-405, 478-83, 521
Affiliation, possible new categories of, 236, 401-405, 480
Belhar Confession, 235-36, 480
Bilateral relationships, 231-33
Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic, 231, 236-39, 479
Ecumenical delegate (new term replacing fraternal delegate), 236-37, 480
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 231-35. See also Ecumenical
deleagtes.
Interfaith activities, 235
New joint committee with RCA on interfaith work, 481-83
Membership, 229-31, 401, 449, 479, 521
Multilateral relationships, 233-34
Reformed Church in America, 232, 235-36, 478, 481-83. See also Reformed
Church in America.
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 234, 239-42, 480-81
Ecumenical delegates to synod from various churches, organizations. See also
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., Rev. Carlos Malave, 478
Reformed Church in America, Dr. Monica Schaap Pierce, 441, 478
Reformed Churches in South Africa (Soutpansberg Synod), Dr. Tshililo
Liphadzi, 441, 478
World Communion of Churches, Dr. Lisa Vander Wal, 441, 478
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ethnic diversity ministry. See Council of Delegates, program matters.
Evaluation of programs, ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program
matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Executive sessions of synod, 9, 441-42, 476-77
F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 28-29, 36-37, 51-52, 63, 110, 120, 156, 196, 279, 330-31
Faith Formation, 31, 101, 103-10, 385-87, 461-62. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Faith Formation Ministries.
Faith Formation Ministries, 108-10, 164, 206, 451-52, 461-62, 469. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Overture 15.
Curriculum development, 461-62
Financial Shalom Project, 190, 458-60
Financial statements, 76-100, 419-30, 457. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Recommended agencies/causes.
Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
Fraternal delegates. See Ecumenical delegates.
Friendship Ministries, 53, 155-56, 271, 471
Funding proposed for curriculum development. See Overture 15.
Funding proposed to help immigrant churches. See Overtures 16-17.

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Gay relationships. See Study committees.
GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 268-70, 461
Global Mission, 32, 101, 133-49. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Reformed Church in America; Resonate Global Mission.

H
Historical Committee, 243-49, 456, 478-79, 521
Archiving requested, 247-48, 456
Members and staff, 23, 248, 456, 521
Recognition of individuals, 244-48
Recognition of ministries, 247, 478-79
New practice of commemorating 150 years of ministry, 478-79
Homosexuality. See Study committees.
Hospitality Committee, 448, 530

I
Immigrant churches, funding proposal. See Overtures 16-17.
Indigenous peoples, ministry. See Aboriginal Ministries; Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Institute for Christian Studies, 154, 255-58, 468
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interfaith/interreligious activity. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Investments. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee, 27, 41, 358-59, 366, 455, 476-77, 521, 529
Clarity of code to be improved, 477
Diversity of committee membership, 529
Justice efforts. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Diaconal Ministries Canada; Mercy and Justice; Our Calling; Overtures 12-14, 16-17.

K
King’s University, The, 27, 170, 255-56, 258-59, 468
Kuyper College, 260, 468

L
Leadership development, 47, 59-60, 75, 144, 162, 166, 169, 175, 237-38, 445, 462. See also Our Calling.
Libros Desafio. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 29, 209
Membership decline. See Overture 18.
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Mercy and Justice, 32, 101, 151-186, 389. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Our Calling; Overtures 12-14, 16-17.
Ministerial Information Service. See Pastor Church Resources.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of. Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 488-94
Approved for specialized service, 494-97
Approved from other denominations, 485-88
Deposed, 516
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 505-506
Loaned to another denomination, 498-99
Released from ministry in a congregation, 503-505
Released from office, 499-502, 506-507
Retirements, 483-84
Returned to office, 502-503
Vocational assessment. See Pastor Church Resources, Vocational assessment.

Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.

Ministries Leadership Council, 30, 34

Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.


Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.

Ministry prioritization. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Ministry share, 28, 29, 34-35, 38, 110, 133, 140, 168, 181, 259, 263, 362, 365, 367, 457, 533-34. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Financial statements; Overture 15.


Ministry themes. See Our Calling.

Minutes Review Committee, 448, 530

Missions. See Resonate Global Mission; Our Calling.

N

National and binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.

Network, The, 37, 109, 120, 156-158, 163, 196

O

Offerings. See Council of Delegates, Program matters; Recommended agencies/causes.

Our Calling (ministry priorities), 31-32, 101-99, 385-93, 477. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.

Faith Formation, 31, 101, 103-10, 385-87

Servant Leadership, 32, 101, 111-32

Global Mission, 32, 101, 133-49

Mercy and Justice, 32, 101, 151-186, 389

Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 32, 101, 187-99, 391-93, 477, 528-29


Overtures

1. Establish a Standing Translation Committee that Reports to Synod regarding Bible Translations, 279-82, 452

2. Address Patterns of Abuse of Power That Violate the Sacred Trust Given to Leaders and Recognize How These Hinder Due Process and Healing, 282-307, 474-76, 523-24

3. Approve Transfer of Stephenville (Texas) CRC from Classis Central Plains to Classis Rocky Mountain, 307, 453

4. Permit Transfer of Stephenville (Texas) CRC from Classis Central Plains to Classis Rocky Mountain, 307-308, 453

5. Permit Transfer of Hope Community CRC, Indianapolis, Indiana, from Classis Illiana to Classis Kalamazoo, 308-309, 453

6. Allow Transfer of Hope Community CRC, Indianapolis, Indiana, from Classis Illiana to Classis Kalamazoo, 309-10, 453
7. Permit the Transfer of Peace CRC, Menno, South Dakota, from Classis Iakota to Classis Minnkota, 310-11, 453
8. Approve Transfer of Membership of Peace CRC, Menno, South Dakota, from Classis Iakota to Classis Minnkota, 312, 453
9. Allow One Classis to Appeal to Another Classis by Amending Supplement, Article 30-a: 312-14, 516
10. Change the Title Classis to Regional Assembly, 314-15, 454
11. Honor the Synod of Dort and Teach Its Five Main Points of Doctrine throughout the CRCNA in 2019: 315-16, 469-70
12. Foster Discussion and Education Focused on the Biblical Principles for Public Discipleship; Instruct the Executive Director to Monitor Progress and to Report to Synod 2019: 317-19, 524-26, 527-28
13. Instruct Agencies to Refrain from Political Advocacy, 319-23, 524-26, 527-28
15. Approve Funding for New Curriculum Development and Clarify Mandate of Faith Formation Ministries, 330-33, 461-62
16. Establish a Fund to Assist Immigrant Churches Affiliating with the CRC, 333, 459
17. Establish a Fund to Assist Affiliating Immigrant Churches with Expenses for Securing Pastoral Leadership, 334, 459
18. Address Membership Decline and Unresolved Conflict in the CRCNA, 334-51, 472-73
19. Establish an Annual Compensation Survey for Commissioned Pastors, 351-52, 459-60
20. Establish a Defined-Contribution Pension Plan for Commissioned Pastors, 352, 460

P
Partners Worldwide, 39, 272, 471
Pastor Church Resources, Office of, 27, 33, 40, 42-45, 63, 117-23, 205, 452. See also Council of Delegates, Polity Matters, Regional pastors proposal; Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation. Classis Renewal, 121. See also Overture 21.
Connections project, 121
Continuing education for pastors, 118, 121
Ministerial Information Service, 120
Spiritual vitality project, 121-22
Sustaining Congregational Excellence, discontinuation, 33, 63, 119
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, 119
Vocational assessment, 120
Pensions and Insurance, 124-29, 366, 368, 458-59, 521-22. See also
Overtures 19-20.
Benefits programs, 125-28
Board matters, 24-25, 29, 449, 521-22
Employees’ retirement plans, 127-28
Financial disclosures, 128. See also Financial statements.
Ministers’ pension plans, 129, 366, 368, 458-59
Political advocacy. See Overtures 12-14.
Presentations at synod. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Prioritization and evaluation of ministries. See Council of Delegates,
Program matters.
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed
Church in North America, 443
Public discipleship. See Overtures 12-14.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 160-61, 265, 450-51. See also Council of Delegates,
Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Recommended agencies/causes, 362-65, 457
Recordings of synod, 9-10, 442
Redeemer University College, 261-62, 468-69, 523
Reformed Church in America. See also Ecumenical delegates.
   Collaboration, 25, 33, 74-75, 113, 128, 152, 155, 173, 177, 196, 225, 232, 265,
   General Synod 2018, joint sessions with, 7, 25, 433-34, 442, 435-36, 445-47
   Joint advisory discussions on further collaboration, 7, 25, 446-47
   Regional assembly, proposed as new title for classis. See Overture 10.
Regional pastors proposal. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Resonate Global Mission, 21, 24, 30, 33-35, 45, 64-65, 74, 113, 120, 130,
   142-49, 157, 180-81, 231, 235-38, 265, 362, 367, 371-73, 392, 403, 463, 469,
   479. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and
evaluation.
   Connecting with churches, 146-49
   Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
   Reflecting Our Calling, 142-46
   Mandate and vision, 142
   Ministries, 142-49
   Offerings for, 362, 367, 463
Retirements of ministers and commissioned pastors. See Ministers;
Commissioned pastors; Overture 20.

S
Safe Church Ministry, 113, 138, 158, 162-63, 360, 474-76. See also Council of
Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation; Overture 2.
Same-sex issues. See Study committees.
Sergeant at Arms, 448, 530
Servant Leadership, 32, 101, 111-32. See also Council of Delegates,
Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Service committees, 521-22
ServiceLink. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Specialized Ministries. See Congregational Services.

Study committees and task forces
- Synod Review Task Force, 275, 456, 522
  To report to future synods, 522

Sustaining Congregational Excellence. See Pastor Church Resources.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor Church Resources.

Synodical
- Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
- Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
- Advisory committees, 443-44. See also Reformed Church in America, Joint advisory discussions.
- Appointments, 448, 518-22
- Boards, 519-21
- Committees, 521-22
- Convening churches, 7, 25, 40, 518-19, 529
- Delegates, 13-17, 436-41. See also Ecumenical delegates.
- Deputies, 25, 29, 40, 214, 220-21, 454, 485-516, 519
  Work of, 485-516
- Executive sessions, 9, 441-42, 476-77
- Functionaries, 518
- Officers, 442, 518
  Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure; Study committees and task forces, Synod Review Task Force.
- Recordings, 9-10, 442
- Resources, 28-29
  Worship service, 433-34. See also Worship at synod.

Synod of Dort, 400th anniversary. See Dordt College; Overture 11.

Synod Review Task Force. See Study committees and task forces.

T
- Task forces. See Study committees and task forces.
- Testimonial Banquet Committee, 448, 530
- Timothy Leadership Training Institute, 33, 39, 130-32, 365, 367, 457, 462. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
- Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 3-8.
- Translations, Bible. See Overture 1.
- Trinity Christian College, 38, 140, 231, 263-64, 469

U
- Urban Aboriginal Ministry Centres. See Aboriginal Ministries.
V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 442
Vocational assessment (for ministers). See Pastor Church Resources, Vocational assessment.

W
Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.
World Literature Ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Board matters, 183-85, 389, 449, 520-21
Community development, 173, 175-76, 182-83
Connecting with churches, 181-83
Disaster response, 172-73, 176-78
Finances, 38, 185-86. See also Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Justice efforts, 168-80, 182, 186
Mandate, mission, 168-69
Offerings for, 38, 186, 448
Our Calling, 169-81
Refugee support, 170-72, 176, 178-79, 181
Salary disclosure, 185
Worship at synod, 433-34, 435-36, 442, 446, 447, 474-75, 483, 530
Worship Ministries, 27, 154, 178, 196-99, 461, 469, 477. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Prioritization and evaluation.
Presentation at synod, 27, 477
Worship Planning Committee, 448, 530

Y
Yearbook, 28
Young adult representatives, 26, 53, 441, 443-44, 483, 529-30. See also Advisers to synod.
Youth Unlimited, 270, 461
Abbreviations and acronyms in the *Agenda* and *Acts of Synod 2019*

ABCD – Asset-Based Community Development
ABCD(E2) – Asset-Based Community Development, Economic Development, and Equity
ADRA – Adventist Disaster and Reconstruction Agency
ARNOVA – Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
BOT – Board of Trustees
BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International
CCDA – Christian Community Development Association
CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
CDN – Canadian
CFA – Communities First Association
CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CIC – Classical Interim Committee
CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
CIMC – Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee
CJM – Congregation Justice Mobilization
CMD – Canadian Ministries Director
CMLT – Classical Ministerial Leadership Team
COD – Council of Delegates
CPE – Clinical Pastoral Education
CRC – Christian Reformed Church
CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America
CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (now World Renew)
CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary
CWP – Climate Witness Project
DC – Disability Concerns
DCM – Director of Communications and Marketing
DFO – Director of Finance and Operations
DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration
DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada
DORR – Dance of Racial Reconciliation
DRS – Disaster Response Services
DSS – Director of Synodical Services
DYB – Discover Your Bible
ECRH – Christian Reformed Church of Haiti
ED – Executive Director
A
Abuse of power. *See* Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Abuse prevention. *See* Safe Church Ministry.
*Acts of Synod*, 38
Addresses to synod. *See also* Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
  Presentations at synod.
  Alemán, Rev. Eddy, and Ms. Monica Schaap Pierce, 778
  Claasen, Dr. Gustav, 778
  De Vries, Rev. Paul, 714-15
Julius, Rev. William, 778
Medenblik, Rev. Julius T., 793
Mochida, Rev. Hirotugu, 778
Noteboom, Mr. Peter, 778
Thleng, Rev. Chan, 778
Timmermans, Dr. Steven R., 715

Addressing abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Advisers to synod. See also Young adult representatives.
Faculty advisers, 708
Advisory committees, 710-11
Institutions of higher learning invited to meet with, 780
Affiliation, categories of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Agencies. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Agency, institution, and ministry reports. See Council of Delegates,
Program matters.
Agenda for Synod, 38
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 205-206
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeals, personal. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Classis
Chicago South appeals review.
1. Ms. J. De Wit, 539, 769
2. Ms. D. Kamer, 539, 769
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
Interim. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10, 709-10

B
Back to God Ministries International, 21, 27-28, 30, 39, 42, 179-86, 318, 388,
544, 549, 754, 774-75, 827-28
Celebrating eighty years, 179, 774
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Ministries, 180-86, 774-75
Mission, 179
Our Calling, 180-84
Resources, use of encouraged, 774
Banner, The, 48-49, 100, 159-60, 200, 269, 709, 766, 828
Belhar Confession, 97, 443, 497-98, 609
Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also
Inspire gatherings.
Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Bivocational Task Force, report and follow-up. See Council of Delegates,
Polity matters.
Boards and committees, 824-27
C

Academic initiatives, 151-52
Board matters, 149-50, 623-25, 824-25
Faculty promotions/reappointments, 623, 781
Finances, 150-51, 623. See also Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Library and Heritage Hall governance, proposed change, 625-32, 637-38, 653-61, 759-61. See also Historical Committee.
Long-term vision, 147, 781
Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters,
Ministry evaluation.
Name change, 147, 781
Our Calling, 147-49
Presentation at synod, 32, 773
Support for, 790

Administration, 241
Board matters, 242, 635-51, 781-82, 824-26
Addition of at-large trustees, 637-51, 781-82
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 238-39
Distinguished alumni, 635
Faculty, 241
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Graduates, 635. See also Candidacy Committee.
Library and Heritage Hall governance, proposed change, 625-32, 637-38, 652-61, 759-61. See also Historical Committee.
Mission statement, 237
Our Calling, 237-38
Program and ministry highlights, 239-41, 635-37, 782
Students, 242-43, 635
Calvinist Cadet Corps, 395, 767
Campus ministry. See Resonate Global Mission.
Canadian Council of Churches, 75th anniversary, 774
Canadian Ministries, 22, 25-27, 35-36, 39, 42, 171, 205-206, 210, 212, 544, 713, 772, 777, 799, 800, 824. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations;
World Renew.
Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 42, 195-97, 713, 799
CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 22, 26, 202, 544
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 393-94, 777
Director, 26, 39, 203, 225, 315, 323, 772, 824
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies/causes.
Indigenous Ministries, 42, 202-204, 800
National and binational gatherings, 35. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 39
Candidates, 665-68, 785-86, 792-93
   Two-year candidacy process, 265
Church Order Article 8
   Clarifying changes recommended, 262-64, 267, 784
   Re ministers ordained by independent congregations, 260-61, 264, 267, 783
Church Order Articles 23-24 and their supplements, proposed changes, 253-56, 266, 783
Church Order Supplement, Article 8, section D, proposed changes, 264, 267, 784
Church Order Supplement, Article 8, sections E and F, proposed changes, 257-58, 266, 783-84
Church Order Supplement, Articles 82-84, proposed changes, 256-57, 266, 783
Commissioned Pastor Handbook, updated draft, 252, 261-62, 266-306, 784
Commissioned pastors, 252-57, 261-62, 266-314, 783-84. See also
   Commissioned pastors.
   Emeritation for, 756
Continuing education for pastors, 265
EPMC program development, 265
EPMC review and report, 667-74, 786
Journey Toward Ordination document, updates, 252-53, 266, 306-14, 784
   Mandate, 251
   Membership, 251-52, 266, 826
   RCA/CRC orderly exchange of ministers agreement, 264, 267, 784
   Video examination guidelines, 259-60, 783
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Catechism, Great Lakes. See Overture 24. See also Study committees.
Catechism, New City. See Overture 13.
Categories of affiliation. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended agencies/causes.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 42, 157-61, 255, 272, 274, 283, 296, 765
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 162-64, 755, 826
Church Order and Its Supplements, 38. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.
Church Order deliberation and use at synod
   Administrative actions according to
      Article 8: 719-22. See also Candidacy Committee.
      Article 10: 722-28
      Article 12-c: 728-31
      Article 13-c: 731-33
      Article 14-b: 733-36
Article 14-c: 736-37
Article 14-d: 737
Article 14-e: 737-38
Article 17-a: 738-39
Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 740-41
Article 17-c (release): 741
Article 23 (concluding service): 752. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 23-a: 741-51
Article 23-b or -c: 751
Article 23-d: 751-52

Discussion, study, revision. See also Church Order Supplement; Overture 9.
Article 8-c: 267, 784. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 8-d: 267, 784. See also Candidacy Committee.
Articles 23-24: 266, 783. See also Candidacy Committee.
Articles 38-g and -h: 322, 358, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Article 39: 52, 757. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Article 42: 52, 757. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Article 46: 467, 816-17
Article 47: 467-68, 812
Article 49: 322, 358, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Article 51: 767-69. See also Overture 9.
Article 54: 770. See also Overture 9.
Article 59-e: 322, 358, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Articles 66-a and -b: 322, 359, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Article 67: 322, 359, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision.
Article 8, section D: 264, 267, 784. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 8, sections E and F: 257-58, 266, 783. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 8, section G: 322, 357-58, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Articles 23-24: 266, 783. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 30-c: 52, 717-18. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Judicial Code Committee.
Article 38-h: 322, 358, 771. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Article 42: 52, 757. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Article 51-a: 767-69. See also Overture 9.
Articles 82-84: 266, 783. See also Candidacy Committee.

Church planting. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Church renewal, 23, 44. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. See also Synodical deputies, Work of.
Chicago South appeals review. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 30. See also Communication 1.
Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 713
Classis Renewal. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
   Advisory team, 37, 168, 170
Consideration of the title classis. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
   New classis, proposal to form a. See Overture 5.
   Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 1-4.
Click, Call, Chat. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Climate change. See Overtures 8, 25.
Coffee Break. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Colleges and universities invited to meet with synodical advisory committee, 780
Commissioned pastors, 741-52, 756. See also Candidacy Committee; Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Bivocational Task Force report.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
Committees. See Advisory committees; Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.
Communication
   1. Classis Minnkota, 537, 758
Communities First Association, 230, 391-92, 776-77
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.
Congregational mission, evangelism, 775-76
Congregational renewal. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Congregational Services, 21, 41, 765-66, 799-800
   Contemporary testimony category. See Overture 13.
   Continuing education for pastors. See Candidacy Committee.
Convening churches of synod, 7, 29-30, 51, 703, 757, 824, 828
   Discussion about, 458, 467, 816-17
COD mandate, functions, 21-22
   Assigned tasks, 22-25
   Membership, nominees, 25-28, 51, 543-44, 552, 714, 756, 825, 827-28
   Appreciation for, 51, 543, 552, 756
   Condensed financial statements, 54, 119-43, 687-98, 754
   Investments, 552, 618-21
   Ministry share, 25, 39, 50-51, 53-54, 100, 110-18, 548, 557, 789-90, 833-34
   Reimagining Ministry Shares, 25, 50-51, 53-54, 110-18, 789-90
New policies, initiatives, 548
   Pension assessment, 552, 558, 755
   Salary disclosure, 28-29, 548-49, 557, 754
   Salary review project, 29
   Unified budget, 548, 557, 754
Polity matters
   Abuse of Power
   Committee Addressing the Abuse of Power, 23, 37, 547, 554-57, 587-615, 794-99
   Bible Translations Committee, proposed, 23, 36, 52, 544, 552, 764
Binational gatherings, 35, 40, 52-53
Binationality, 36
Bivocational Task Force report, 544-45, 552-53, 558-77, 780, 823, 827
Calvin College, revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws due to
name change, 37
Church Order, proposed changes, 32, 52, 64-65, 757
Supplement, proposed changes, 33-35, 52, 65-69, 717-18, 757
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated
to classis, 30
Classis Chicago South appeals review, 31-32, 52, 59-64, 762
Classis, consideration of the title of, 24, 37, 545, 553, 577-86, 759
Classis Renewal Advisory Team, 37, 545, 553, 577-86, 759
Convening churches of Synods 2020 and 2021: 29-30, 51-52, 757, 824
Denominationally related institutions invited to meet with synodical
advisory committee, 780
Diversity efforts, reports, 23, 30-31, 52, 54-59, 789-90, 794
Terminology for diversity, 24, 31, 52, 54-59, 794
Heresy, committee to research, define, 819-20. See also Overture 7.
Interim appointments, 30, 52
Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.
Justice and/or political matters, rationale regarding, 821-22. See also
Overtures 8, 25.
National and binational gatherings, 35, 40, 52-53. See also Inspire 2019.
Overture 10, response to, 545-46, 553, 777-79
Overture 11, response to, 546-47, 553-54, 779
Publications and services, 37-38
Reconciliation and resources, 24, 37, 46-47
Young adult representatives, 31, 708, 710-12, 714, 778, 828
Program matters
Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 41-42, 145-257,
623-61
Banner, The, 48, 709, 766, 828
Church planting evaluation, 547
Click, Call, Chat, 49, 766
Elders and deacons, support for, 24, 47-48
Faith Alive and Libros Desafio, 48-49, 766
Faith Formation Ministries, 23, 43, 53, 547, 764-65. See also Ministry
evaluation (below, in this section).
Revised mandate, curriculum development, 23, 765
Director appointment, 547, 764-65
Immigrant churches, assisting, 23, 44-45, 53, 101-10, 546, 553, 777-78.
See also Overture 10.
Indigenous ministry direction (“Hearts Exchanged”), 46
Justice and mercy goals, 23, 46-47
Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church (Our Journey 2020), 25,
39-41, 52-53, 757
Ministry evaluation, 24-25, 42-43, 53, 72-101, 764, 780
Calvin College evaluation, 43, 53, 72-83, 780
Faith Formation Ministries evaluation, 43, 53, 83-93, 764
Worship Ministries evaluation, 43, 53, 93-101, 764
Ministry Support Services, 48, 766, 770
Network, The, 49, 766
Office of Social Justice, committee for guidance and support of, 24, 45-46, 53, 548, 794
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 25, 41-3
Raise Up Global Ministries director appointment, 547, 775
Reformed Partnership for Congregational Renewal, 23, 44
Regional resourcing of congregations, 46
Safe Church Ministry goals, reporting, 24, 547-48, 557, 616-17, 799
Special Sundays, 50, 766
Tasks carried out on behalf of synod, 22-25
CRC ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.

D
Deacons and elders, support of, 24, 47-48
Declaration of Agreement, Public. See Public Declaration of Agreement.
Delegates to Synod 2019: 13-17, 703-708
Denominationally related institutions invited to meet with synodical advisory committee, 780
Diaconal Ministries Canada. See Canadian Ministries.
Digital Library, 38, 49
Disability Concerns, Office of, 42, 198-201, 800
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Discipleship. See Faith Formation; Faith Formation Ministries.
Diversity efforts, reports, language for. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Judicial Code Committee.
Dordt College (University), 29, 51-52, 377-78, 780, 787, 790
Dort, Synod of, 400th anniversary. See Dordt College.
Dynamic Youth Ministries, 395-98, 767

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 47, 315-63, 452, 753, 771-74, 826
Affiliation, possible new categories of, 320-63, 771-74
Proposed changes to Church Order, 321-22, 357-59, 771
Proposed changes to Ecumenical Charter, 321-23, 343-57, 359-63, 771-74
Bilateral relationships, 316-18
Canadian Council of Churches 75th anniversary, 774
Ecumenical delegate (new term replacing fraternal delegate), 321
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 317-20. See also Ecumenical delegates to synod.
Interfaith activities, 320
Membership, 315-16, 321, 771, 826
Multilateral relationships, 318-20
Reformed Church in America, 317-18. See also Reformed Church in America.
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 320, 322, 771
Ecumenical categories. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Ecumenical Charter, proposed changes. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, Affiliation.
Ecumenical delegates to synod from various churches, organizations. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Canadian Council of Churches, Mr. Peter Noteboom, 708, 778
Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar, Rev. Chan Thleng, 708, 778
Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (Dutch Reformed Church) in South Africa, Dr. Gustav Claasen, 708, 778
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Eddy Alemán and Dr. Monica Schaap Pierce, 708, 753, 778
Reformed Church in Japan, Mr. Hirotsugu Mochida, 708, 753, 778
Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Mr. William Julius, 708, 753, 778

Educational Care. See Raise Up Global Ministries.

Elders and deacons, support of, 24, 47-48

Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.


Evangelism and missional culture in congregations, 775-76

Executive sessions of synod, 9, 709, 769, 804, 818

F

Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.

Faith Alive Christian Resources, 43, 48-49, 85, 97, 766, 784, 795

Faith Formation. See Our Calling. See also Faith Formation Ministries.

Faith Formation Ministries, 42-43, 53, 83-93, 153-55, 547, 731, 760-61, 764-65

Curriculum development, 43, 85, 153-54, 765

Director transition, 43, 53, 154, 547, 731, 760-61, 764-65


Presentation at synod, 32, 760-61

Financial Shalom Project, 103, 240, 303, 544, 546, 553, 558-60

Financial statements, 119-43, 687-98, 754. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance.

Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Fraternal delegates. See Ecumenical delegates.

Friendship Ministries, 199, 399, 801

G

Gatherings, national and binational. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.

Gay relationships. See Study committees.

GEMS Girls’ Clubs, 396-97, 767

Global Mission. See Our Calling.

Gospel Proclamation and Worship. See Our Calling.

Great Lakes Catechism. See Overture 24. See also Study committees.

H

Heresy, committee to research, define, 819-20. See also Overture 7.

Historical Committee, 364-73, 625-32, 637-38, 652-61, 675-77, 759-62

Anniversaries in the denomination, 368-69, 675, 762
Archiving requested, 369-72
Members and staff, 364, 372-73, 675, 762
Organizational, governance review, 365, 625-32, 637-38, 652-61, 676-77, 759-61
Human sexuality. See Overture 24; Study committees.

I
Immigrant churches, assisting. See Council of Delegates, Program matters; Overture 10.
Indigenous Ministries. See Canadian Ministries.
Inspire 2019: 35, 185, 199, 320, 450
Institute for Christian Studies, 379-81, 780, 787
Institutions of higher learning invited to meet with synodical advisory committee, 780
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Intellectual disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Interfaith/interreligious activity. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Investments. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Clarity review, 34-35, 52, 65-69, 717-18
Diversity of committee membership, 32-34, 52, 717-18
Task force proposal, for review of Judicial Code, 35, 69-72, 762-63
Justice and/or political matters, rationale regarding, 821-22. See also Overtures 8, 25.
Justice efforts, goals, priorities. See Council of Delegates, Program matters; Diaconal Ministries Canada; Mercy and Justice; Overtures 6, 10.

K
King’s University, The, 35, 379-80, 382-83, 633, 780, 787, 790, 826
Kinism heresy. See Overture 7.
Kuyper College, 384-85, 780, 787-88

L
See also Our Calling.
Libros Desafio, 48, 766
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government, 38
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 38
Marriage and sexuality. See Overture 24; Study committees.
Marriage, Ecclesiastical (Non-Civil). See Overture 14. See also Study committees and task forces.
Mental (intellectual) disability. See Friendship Ministries.
Mercy and Justice. See Our Calling. See also Council of Delegates; Overtures 6, 10.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 722-28
Approved for specialized service, 728-31
Approved from other denominations, 719-22
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 740-41
Loaned to another denomination, 731-33
Released from ministry in a congregation, 738-39
Released from office, 733-37, 741
Retirements, 718-19
Returned to office, 737-38
Vocational assessment. See Pastor Church Relations.
Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministers who left CRC. See Overture 12.
Ministries Leadership Council, 39, 42, 48, 772-73
Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.
Ministry share. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Financial statements.
Ministry themes. See Our Calling.
Minutes Review Committee, 712, 828
Missional culture and evangelism in congregations, 775-76
Missionaries, funding and care for. See Overture 11.
Missions. See Our Calling. See also Overture 11.

N
Network, The, 37, 49, 98-99, 159-160, 167, 201, 208, 766
New City Catechism. See Overture 13.

O
Offerings. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Recommended agencies/ causes.
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 23-25, 41-43, 145-247, 623-61. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Faith Formation, 23, 41-43, 53, 72-93, 147-55, 623-32
Servant Leadership, 24, 41-42, 157-78
Global Mission, 23, 41-42, 179-94
Overtures
1. Allow Transfer of All Nations Church in Bakersfield, California, from Classis Greater Los Angeles to Classis Ko-Am, 477, 757
2. Allow Transfer of All Nations Church, Bakersfield, California, from Classis Greater Los Angeles to Classis Ko-Am, 477-78, 757
3. Approve Transfer of Bethany Korean CRC, Burbank, California, from Classis Greater Los Angeles to Classis Hanmi, 478, 758
4. Approve Transfer of Bethany Korean CRC, Burbank, California, to Classis Hanmi from Classis Greater Los Angeles, 479, 758
5. Approve Formation of a New Classis from Congregations and Ministries within Classis Pacific Northwest, 479-82, 758
6. Follow Christ in the Way of Peace, Doing Justice, and Bringing Reconciliation to the Peoples of Israel and Palestine, 482-88, 817-18
7. Declare Kinism Teaching as Heresy, 489-505, 818-20
8. Withdraw Assertions by Synod 2012 about Climate Change, 505-509, 820-22
9. Revise Church Order Articles 51 and 54; Encourage Churches to Review their Worship Practices, 509-12, 767-71
10. Provide Legal Counsel to Assist Congregations with Immigration, 513-14, 777-79
11. Provide Funding, Support, and Care for Resonate Global Mission Missionaries through Individual Classes, 514, 779
12. Identify Pastors Who Left the CRC for the United Reformed Church; Change Their Status, 515, 753
13. Add the New City Catechism to the Contemporary Testimony Category, 516-18, 763
14. Appoint a Committee to Study the Morality and Advisability of Ecclesiastical (Non-Civil) Marriages, 518-19, 791-92, 822-23, 827
15. Do Not Adopt Recommendation 4 of the Synod Review Task Force Report, 519, 815
22. Do Not Adopt Recommendations 7, 19, and 20 of the Synod Review Task Force Report, 529-31, 809-10, 814-16
24. Commend the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality to the Classes and Churches for Reflection and Study, 681-82, 717
25. Do Not Accede to Overture 8 regarding Assertions by Synod 2012 about Climate Change, 682-84, 820-22
P
Partners Worldwide, 400, 777
Pastor Church Resources, Office of, 42, 47, 165-70, 265, 766, 794-95
Peace, reconciliation in Palestine, Israel. See Overture 6.
Pensions and Insurance, 171-76, 552, 558, 755-56, 827
   Benefits programs, 172-75
   Board matters, 171-72, 176, 827
   Employees’ retirement plans, 174-75
   Emeritation for commissioned pastors, 756
   Financial disclosures, 175. See also Financial statements.
   Ministers’ pension plans, 172-74, 755-56
Political advocacy. See Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of;
   Overtures 8, 25.
Presentations at synod. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also
   Addresses to synod.
Prioritization, evaluation of ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program
   matters, Ministry evaluation.
Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed
   Church in North America, 709

R
Race Relations, Office of, 24, 31, 42, 52, 54-59, 205-206, 794, 800
   Terminology for diversity, 31, 52, 54-59, 794
Raise Up Global Ministries, 42, 177-78, 318, 547, 775
   Coffee Break, 177-78, 775
   Director transition, 547, 775
   Educational Care, 177-78, 775
   Timothy Leadership Training, 177-78, 775
Recommended agencies / causes, 549-51, 558, 754-55, 835-37
Reconciliation, peace in Palestine, Israel. See Overture 6.
Reconciliation resources. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Recording of synod, 9-10, 709-10
Redeemer University College, 215, 386-87, 396, 633, 780, 788, 790, 826
Reformed Church in America, 44, 97, 160, 175, 181, 198, 203, 210, 218, 223,
   229, 264, 317-18, 391, 437, 452, 581, 667, 681, 708, 753, 778. See also
   Ecumenical delegates.
Reformed Partnership for Congregational Renewal, 23, 44
Regional resourcing of congregations, 46
   317-18, 546-47, 701, 754, 775-76. See also Council of Delegates, Program
   matters, Church planting evaluation and Immigrant churches;
   Overture 11.
   Connecting with churches, 191-93
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended agencies / causes.
Ministries, 187-93
Offerings for, 194, 776
Our Calling, 187-91
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 38. See also Study committees and task forces, Synod Review Task Force.

S

Safe Church Ministry, 24, 42, 68-69, 207-208, 547-48, 616-17, 794-95, 763, 794-95, 797, 800. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Report on ministry goals and classis participation, 24, 547-48, 616-17, 800

Salary disclosure, review. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters.

Same-sex issues. See Overture 24; Study committees.

Sergeant at Arms, 713, 828

Servant Leadership. See Our Calling.

Service committees, 826-27

Sexuality. See Overture 24; Study committees.


Committee for guidance and support of, 24, 45-46, 53, 548, 794

Study committees and task forces

Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality (2019 Interim Report), 403-44, 716-17, 753-54, 792, 827.

See also Overtures 14, 24.

Consideration of Bivocationality Task Force, 780, 827

Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force, 822, 827. See also Overture 14.

Synod Review Task Force, 30, 445-73, 714, 801-17. See also Overtures 15-23.

To report to future synods, 827

Special Sundays, 50, 766, 770. See also Overture 9.

Sunday services, observance. See Overture 9.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. See Pastor Church Resources.

Synodical

Addresses. See Addresses to synod.

Advisers. See Advisers to synod.

Advisory committees, 710-11

Appointments, 712-13, 824-28

Boards, 824-28

Committees, 826-27

Convening churches, 7, 29-30, 51, 703, 757, 824, 828

Delegates, 13-17, 703-708. See also Ecumenical delegates.

Deputies, 30, 38, 52, 719-53, 824, 827

Work of, 719-53

Executive sessions, 9, 709, 769, 804, 818

Functionaries, 824

Officers, 708, 824

Parliamentarian, 810. See also Study committees and task forces, Synod Review Task Force.

Procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure; Study committees and task forces.

Recording, 9-10, 709-10

Resources, 37-38

Review. See Study committees and task forces.

Worship service, 701-702. See also Worship at synod.
Synod of Dort, 400th anniversary. See Dordt College.
Synod Review Task Force. See Study committees and task forces;
Overtures 15-23.

T
Task forces. See Study committees and task forces.
Tasks carried out (by COD) on behalf of synod, 22-25
Testimonial Banquet Committee, 712, 828
Timothy Leadership Training. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 1-4.
Translations, Bible. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Trinity Christian College, 388-90, 633, 780, 790, 826

U
United Reformed Church. See Overture 12.
Universities and colleges invited to meet with synodical advisory
committee, 780
Urban Indigenous Ministry Centres. See Canadian Ministries,
Indigenous Ministries.

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10, 709-10
Vocational assessment for ministers, pastors. See Pastor Church Relations.

W
Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.
World Renew, 26, 42, 50, 114, 196, 210-35, 393, 633-34, 713, 776, 826
  Board matters, 230-33, 633-34, 714, 826
  Community development, 215, 218-22, 227-28, 230
  Connecting with churches, 228-30
  Disaster response, 217-18, 222-24
  Finances, 50, 233. See also Financial statements; Recommended agencies/
  causes.
    Justice efforts, 224-27
    Mandate, mission, 213-14
    Offerings for, 50, 235, 713
    Reflecting on Our Calling, 214-28
    Refugee support, 215-16
Worship at synod, 703, 712, 716, 769, 791, 799, 829. See also Study committees
  and task forces, Synod Review Task Force.
Worship Ministries, 32, 42-43, 53, 93-101, 244-47, 457, 764, 766
  Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters,
  Ministry evaluation.
Worship Planning Committee, 712, 802, 828
Worship practices. See Overture 9.

Y
Yearbook, 37
Young adult representatives, 31, 708, 710-12, 714, 778, 828. See also Advisers
to synod.
Youth Unlimited, 397-98, 767
Abbreviations and acronyms in the *Agenda for Synod 2020* and the *Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates 2020*

AHANA – Asian, Hispanic/Latino, African, and Native American
ARNOVA – Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
BOT – Board of Trustees
BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International
CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
CCM – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
CDN – Canadian
CE – Continuing education
CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
CIMC – Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee
CMD – Canadian Ministries Director
COD – Council of Delegates
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019
CRC – Christian Reformed Church
CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America
CRWRC – Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (now World Renew)
CTS – Calvin Theological Seminary
DC – Disability Concerns
DCM – Director of Communications and Marketing
DFO – Director of Finance and Operations
DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration
DRS – Disaster Response Services
DSS – Director of Synodical Services
DYB – Discover Your Bible
ED – Executive Director
EIRC – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee
ELIM – Ethnic Language Institute in Ministry
EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
FFM – Faith Formation Ministries
FTE – Full-time equivalent
GEMS – Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior
GEO – Global Engagement Opportunities
HCDP – Healthy Church Discernment Process
ICF – Indigenous Christian Fellowship
JCC – Judicial Code Committee
JIMA – Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy
JMC – Joint Ministry Council
KIM – Korean Institute in Ministry
MEPMC – Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy
MLC – Ministries Leadership Council
MSS – Ministry Support Services
NCC – New City Catechism
OSJ – Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action
PCR – Pastor Church Resources
RCA – Reformed Church in America
RW – Reformed Worship (magazine)
SCE – Sustaining Congregational Excellence
SEAPI – South East Asian and Pacific Islander
SLIM – Spanish Language Institute in Ministry
STM – Specialized Transitional Minister
TLT – Timothy Leadership Training
TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute
USD – U.S. dollars

A
Abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry; Overtures 7, 9.
Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry; Overture 10.
Acts of Synod, 43
Addressing abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Affiliation, categories of. See Council of Delegates, Polity Matters, Church Order; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Agencies. See Recommended organizations.
Agency, institution, and ministry reports. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Agenda for Synod, 43
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 193-94
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal, personal
D. Lowe and M. Szto, 335, 425-26
Appointments
Interim. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 9-10

B
Articles of Incorporation, changes related to proposed name change, 347, 354-55, 458-59
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Ministries, 168-73
Mission, 167
Name change to ReFrame Ministries, 47, 56, 347, 354-55, 458-59
Our Calling, 168-71

Banner, The, 49-50, 260, 418
Belhar Confession, 78

Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also
Inspire gatherings.
Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Boards and committees, 465-69

C
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 234, 259
Administration, 228
Board matters, 228-29, 391-93, 464-65, 467
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 224-25
Distinguished alumni, 391-92
Faculty, 228, 392

Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Graduates, 391. See also Candidacy Committee.
Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Mission statement, 223
Our Calling, 223-24
Program and ministry highlights, 225-28, 391-92, 419
Students, 229-30
Academic initiatives, updates, 139, 385
Board matters, 140-42, 385-87, 464-65, 467
Endowment goal, 387
Faculty reappointments, 141-42, 385, 459

Finances, 139-40, 385. See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Our Calling, 137-38

Campus ministry. See Resonate Global Mission.
Canadian Ministries, 22-23, 28-30, 34, 183-85, 188, 190-93, 201-202, 225, 234, 340, 342-43, 353, 418-19, 465. See also Communications 5-6; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; World Renew.

Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Charitable-law requirements, 28, 342-43, 353, 419. See also Communications 5-6.
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 183-85
CRCNA-Canada Corporation, 22, 28-30, 340, 343, 419. See also Communications 5-6.
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 102, 183, 188, 205, 213
Director, 34, 44, 248, 418, 465
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Indigenous Ministries, 190-92
National and binational gatherings, 45, 234, 343-44. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 44, 193
Cancellation of Synod 2020: 340-41, 344, 353, 397, 399, 417
Candidates, 397-99, 424-25, 462-63
Anonymous candidates, proposed protocol for approval of, 237-38, 240
Church Order Article 8, uses of, 238-39
Commissioned Pastor Handbook, updated, 240
Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy review and report, 239-47, 399
Journey Toward Ordination document, updated, 240
Mandate, 237
Membership, 237, 468
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee, Candidates.
Catechism, Great Lakes. See Communication 3.
Categories of affiliation. See Council of Delegates, Polity Matters, Church Order; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended organizations.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 38, 47, 56, 84, 87-89, 100-103, 147-52, 419-20
Charitable-law (Canada) affecting COD structure. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure; Communications 5-6.
Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 151-52, 348, 468
Christian Reformed Church Order Commentary, 43
Church Order and Its Supplements, 43. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.
Church Order deliberation and use. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters and Polity matters; Overtures 2-7.
Administrative actions according to
Article 8: 427-30. See also Candidacy Committee.
Article 10: 430-36
Article 12-c: 436-39
Article 13-c: 439-41
Article 14-b: 441-42
Article 14-c: 442-43
Article 14-e: 443
Article 17-a: 443-45
Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 445-46
Article 17-c (release): 447
Article 17-d: 447
Article 23-a: 447-54
Article 24 (concluding service): 455
Article 24 (retirement): 455-56
Article 24-a: 454
Article 24-b: 454-55

Discussion, study, revision. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Church Order Supplement; Overtures 2-7.
Articles 38-g and -h: 53, 61
Article 47: 54, 62
Article 49: 53-54, 62
Articles 51-a and -b: 54, 63
Article 54-b: 55, 63
Article 59-e: 54, 62
Articles 66-a and -b: 54, 62
Article 67: 54, 62

Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters and Polity matters; Overture 7.
Article 8, section G: 53, 61
Article 35-a: 57, 464
Article 38-b, section c: 57, 109, 464
Article 38-g, section p: 57, 109, 464
Article 38-h: 53, 62
Article 38-h, section k: 57, 109, 464
Article 45, section a: 57, 109, 464

Church planting. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. See also Council of Delegates; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 35. See also Communication 4.
Classis and local training. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.
Coffee Break. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Commissioned pastors, 423, 447-56. See also Candidacy Committee.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries.
Committees. See Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.
Communications
1. Classis Zeeland, 329-30
2. Classis B.C. North-West, 330-31
3. Classis Minnkota, 331
4. Classis Minnkota, 331-33
5. Councils of Community CRC, Kitchener, Ontario, and First CRC, Owen Sound, Ontario, 403-407, 419
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.
Congregational renewal. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Congregational Services, 21, 46, 84, 135, 465
Convening churches of synod, 7, 344, 353, 465
Coronavirus. See COVID-19 pandemic.
Council of Delegates, 21-134, 339-93, 417-78. See also Communications 5-6; Overture 8.
COD mandate, functions, 21-23
   Assigned tasks, 23-27
   Meetings, 27-28, 417-78
Membership, nominees, 28-33, 52, 339-40, 352, 464-66
   Appreciation for, 52
Protocol for right of comment, 33
Themed synod or agenda, 27, 33
Finance matters, 27, 34, 42, 44, 51-52, 57, 107-34, 348-52, 355-56, 379-84, 413, 460-65, 473-78. See also Recommended organizations.
   Condensed financial statements, 57, 110-34, 413
   Investments, 379-84, 462
   Ministry share, 27, 44, 51, 57, 107-109, 348, 355, 460, 462-64, 473-75
      Reimagining Ministry Shares, 27, 51, 57, 107-109, 462-65, 475. See also Communication 6.
   Pension assessment, 351, 356, 461-62
   Remodeling plan for Grand Rapids facility, 51
   Salary disclosure, 34, 348, 355, 460
   Unified budget, 348, 355, 460
Polity matters
      Classis and local training, 41, 346
      Code of Conduct, 41, 56, 78-80
      Counseling services, 41
      Creating a culture that prevents abuse of power, 41-42
      Guardian committee, 42, 345
      Implementation and monitoring, 42
      Nondisclosure agreements policy, 41, 345
      Prevention of abuse in CRCNA offices, 41, 345
      Recordkeeping, 41
      Resources for culturally diverse churches, 41, 345
      Strengthening Safe Church Ministry, 41, 346
      Training of pastors, 40, 345-46, 353-54, 371-74, 423
   Bible Translations Committee, 27, 39
   Church Order, proposed changes, 37, 53-55, 61-63
      Supplement, proposed changes, 53, 57, 61-62, 109, 464
   Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 35
   Classis Ministry Plans report, 38, 55, 63-68
   Classis North Cascades formation, report on, 37
   Classis training (planned by Safe Church Ministry), 346
   Convening church for Synod 2022 (proposed), 344, 353
   Denominational gatherings, 343-44. See also Inspire.
   Diaconate coordinator (U.S.), 27, 39-40
   Diversity efforts, reports, 26, 35-36
Executive director resignation, 34, 340-42, 352, 420-21. See also Communication 5.
  Appointment of acting executive director, 34, 52, 340
  Appointment of interim executive director, 341, 352, 420-21
  Emeritation for former executive director, 341, 352, 421
  Resolution of thanks for former executive director, 341-42, 352
Heresy, definition of, 23, 38, 55, 68-77
Historical Committee mandate, 27, 345. See also Historical Committee.
Interim appointments, 35, 52
Joint supervision of ordained CRCNA staff, 36, 58-59
Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.
Justice and/or political matters, research regarding, 26, 40, 55, 457
National and binational gatherings, 343-44. See also Inspire 2021.
New City Catechism, review of, 23, 344, 353, 356-66
Presentations at synod (special meeting of COD), 38, 419. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.
Publications and services, 42-44
Reconciliation efforts, 26, 253
Retirements among senior leadership, 34-35, 52, 341, 352, 421
Senior leadership vacancies, 341-43, 352, 421
Structure in light of Canadian charitable law, 28, 342-43, 353, 419.
  See also Communications 5-6.
Task force appointments, 35, 52
Terminology for partnerships, 42
Young adult representatives, 36
Women’s ordination, 25th anniversary of, 37, 52-53, 59-61, 456. See also Overture 8.
Worship practices report, 24, 344, 353, 366-71
Program matters
  Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 46-47, 135-234, 385-93
  Back to God Ministries International, proposed name change, 47, 56, 347, 354-55, 458-59
  Related changes to Articles of Incorporation, 347, 354-55, 458-59
Banner, The, 50, 418
Church planting goals, 48-49. See also Ministry Plan (below).
Denominational survey 2020: 346
Faith Alive and Libros Desafio, 50
Faith Formation Ministries recommendations, 47-48, 56. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, New City Catechism.
Immigration resources, 23, 49, 346, 354
Justice and mercy efforts, 26, 48, 57, 104-107, 457
Ministry evaluation, 27, 38, 47, 56, 81-103, 419-20
  Calvin Theological Seminary, 38, 47, 56, 81-83, 419-20
  Servant Leadership ministries, 38, 47, 56, 84-103, 419-20
Ministry Support Services, 49-51
Network, The, 50-51
Office of Social Justice, committee for guidance and support of, 26, 49
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 46
Program and personnel reduction policy, 47
Reformed Partnership for Congregational Renewal, 48, 437
Resonate Global Mission foundational statements, 348, 355, 375-78
Special meeting of (on behalf of synod), 417-78. See also Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Tasks carried out on behalf of synod, 23-27
Counseling services regarding abuse. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.
CRC ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.

D
Deacons and elders, support of, 27, 39-40, 102-103, 144, 157, 196, 204-205.
See also Overtures 2-3.
Delegates to Synod 2020: 13-18
Diaconal Ministries Canada. See Canadian Ministries.
Diaconate coordinator. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Digital Library, 43-44, 50
Disability Concerns, Office of, 101-102, 186-89, 232, 418
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Discipleship. See Faith Formation; Faith Formation Ministries.
Discover Your Bible. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Diversity efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Judicial Code Committee; Leadership Diversity.
Dordt University, 275-76, 465

E
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 26, 106, 248-54, 468
Bilateral relationships, 249-50
Categories of affiliation, 248, 253
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 249-52
Interfaith activities, 252
Membership, 248-49, 468
Multilateral relationships, 250-52
Reconciliation efforts, 26, 106, 253
Reformed Church in America, 248-50. See also Reformed Church in America.
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 253
Ecumenical categories. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Categories of affiliation.
Educational Care. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Elders and deacons, support of, 27, 39-40, 102-103, 144, 157, 196, 204-205.
See also Overtures 2-3.
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Evaluation of programs, ministries. See Council of Delegates,
Program matters, Ministry evaluation.
Executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Executive sessions of synod, 9

F
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 43-44, 50, 155
Faith Formation. See Our Calling. See also Faith Formation Ministries.
Faith Formation Ministries, 23-24, 47-48, 56, 93, 95, 102, 104, 143-46, 231, 234,
284, 344, 353, 356-71
Curriculum development, 47-48, 50, 56, 144, 146
New City Catechism evaluation, 23, 145, 344, 353, 356-66
Worship Practices report (with Worship Ministries), 24, 344, 353, 366-71
Financial statements, 110-34, 413. See also Council of Delegates, Finance
matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance.
Friendship Ministries, 187

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters;
Inspire gatherings.
Gay relationships. See Study committees.
Global Mission. See Our Calling.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship. See Our Calling.
Great Lakes Catechism on marriage and sexuality. See Communication 3.
See also Study committees.
Guardian committee. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of
power—responses to directives.

H
Heresy, definition of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also Kinism;
Overture 12.
Historical Committee, 27, 255-72, 345, 468
Anniversaries in the denomination, 256-58
Archiving, 259-61
Mandate, clarification of, 27, 262-63, 266-72, 345
Members and staff, 255-56, 468
Proposal to expand membership, 263-66
Human sexuality, 249. See also Communications 1-3; Study committees.

I
Immigrant churches, resources for. See Council of Delegates, Program
matters.
Immigration issues. See Justice efforts.
Indigenous Ministries. See Canadian Ministries.
Inspire 2021: 60, 101, 343-44, 456
Institute for Christian Studies, 277-79
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Interfaith/interreligious activity. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Interim executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Executive director.
Investments. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee, 26, 38-39, 55, 340, 352, 468
  Review process, 26, 39, 55
  Diversity of committee membership, 26, 38-39, 55
Justice and/or political matters. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Justice and mercy efforts, goals, priorities. See Council of Delegates, Program matters; Our Calling, Mercy and Justice.

K
King’s University, The, 277-81
Kinism heresy, 58, 73, 194, 457
Kuyper College, 282-83

L
Lament, service of. See Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Leadership development, 66, 89-90, 103, 176, 193, 196, 202, 375, 423. See also Our Calling, Servant Leadership.
Leadership Diversity, 38, 47, 56, 59-61, 84, 89-91, 100-103, 419-20. See also Diversity efforts.
Libros Desafío, 49-50
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government, 43
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 43
Marriage and sexuality. See Communications 1-3; Human sexuality; Study committees.
Marriage, Ecclesiastical (Non-Civil). See Study committees and task forces.
Mercy and Justice. See Our Calling. See also Council of Delegates; Justice and mercy efforts.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates;
  Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
  Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 430-36
  Approved for specialized service, 436-39
  Approved from other denominations, 427-30
  Granted extension of eligibility for call, 445-46
  Loaned to another denomination, 439-41
  Released from ministry in a congregation, 443-45
  Released from office, 441-42, 447
  Retirements, 426-27
  Returned to office, 443
Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 40, 44
Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.
Ministry share. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Financial statements.
Reimagining Ministry Shares, 27, 51, 57, 107-109, 462-65, 475. See also Communication 6.
Ministry themes. See Our Calling.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the COD 2020: 417-78. See also Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Missions. See Our Calling.

N
Network, The, 50-51, 88. 91, 95, 145, 149, 155, 187-89, 197, 231, 233, 346, 367
New City Catechism. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

O
Offerings. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Recommended organizations.
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 23-27, 44-51, 81-107, 135-234, 385-93. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Faith Formation, 23-24, 46-48, 56, 93, 95, 97, 102, 104, 135-46, 385-87
Servant Leadership, 27, 38, 46, 56, 84-103, 135, 147-66
Global Mission, 23, 46, 48-49, 135, 167-81
Mercy and Justice, 24-27, 46, 48, 57, 104-107, 135, 183-222, 389-90
Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 23-24, 46, 135, 223-34, 391-93
Overtures
1. Formally Allow Campus Ministers to Serve as Delegates to Classis, 291-92
2. Revise Church Order Article 45 to Permit Classes to Delegate an At-large Alternate to Synod, 292-95
3. Revise Church Order Article 45 to Reduce Number of Delegates to Synod to Three per Classis, 295-96
4. Amend Church Order Articles 12, 13, 14, and 17 with Respect to Supervision and Transition of Ministers, 296-305
5. Appoint a Study Committee to Review Church Order Articles 12-17: 305-308
6. Revise Church Order Article 16 to Provide for a Terminal Leave of Absence and Avoid Unnecessary Stigma of Article 17 Separation, 308-10
7. Adopt an Additional Supplement to Church Order Articles 82-84: 310-14
8. Do Not Adopt the Proposal to Recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women, 314-15, 456
9. Appoint a Committee to Address Issues of Abuse of Power within the CRCNA, 315-18
10. Compile All Abuse Prevention Decisions by Synod, 318-19
11. Curtail Clergy Use of Pornography, 319-20
12. Declare Denials of Penal Substitutionary Atonement as Heresy and Instruct Classes to Guard the Reformed Confessional Teaching of the Cross, 320-28

P
Pastor Church Resources, 25, 38, 41-42, 47, 56, 84, 91-97, 100-103, 153-58, 231, 299, 346, 353, 371-74, 419-20, 423
Pastor training. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, Training of pastors.
Peace in the Middle East. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Justice and mercy efforts.
Pensions and Insurance, 159-63, 351, 356, 461-62, 468
   Benefits programs, 159-62
   Board matters, 159, 468
   Employees’ retirement plans, 161-62
   Financial disclosures, 162. See also Financial statements.
   Ministers’ pension plans, 159-63, 351, 356, 461-62
Political advocacy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Justice and/or political matters.
Power, abuse of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry; Overtures 7, 9.
Presentations at synod. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 193-95, 418, 449, 457
Raise Up Global Ministries, 38, 47, 56, 84, 97-100, 103, 164-66, 419-20, 452
Recommended organizations, 348-51, 355-56, 460-61, 476-78
Reconciliation, peace in Middle East. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Justice and mercy efforts.
Reconciliation efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Recording of synod, 9-10
Redeemer University, 284-85
Reformed Church in America, 48, 162, 168-69, 172, 186, 191, 194, 217, 238, 248-50
Reformed Partnership for Congregational Renewal, 48, 249, 437
ReFrame Ministries. See Back to God Ministries International, Name change.
Reimagining Ministry Shares, 27, 51, 57, 107-109, 462-65, 475. See also Communication 6.
Reports of agencies, institutions, and ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Connecting with churches, 178-81
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Foundational statements. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministries, 175-81
Offerings for, 181
Our Calling, 174-78
Retirements. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Commissioned pastors;
 Ministers of the Word.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 43.

S
Safe Church Ministry, 25-27, 39, 41, 101-102, 186, 196-97, 345-46, 353,
371-74, 423. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of
power; Overture 10.
Report on ministry goals and classis participation, 26-27, 196-97
Same-sex issues. See Communications 1-3; Study committees.
Senior leadership retirements, vacancies. See Council of Delegates,
Polity matters.
Servant Leadership. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry
evaluation; Our Calling.
Service committees, 468
Service of lament. See Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Sexuality, 249. See also Communications 1-3; Study committees.
Social Justice and Hunger Action, Office of, 26, 48-49, 102, 104-107, 146,
193-94, 198-202, 205, 213-14, 251, 418
Committee for guidance and support of, 26, 49
Special Meeting of the COD 2020: 417-78. See also Synod 2020 cancellation.
Due to COVID-19 pandemic, 417, 457. See also COVID-19 pandemic,
effects.
Lament, service of, 457-58
Minutes, 417-78
Study committees and task forces
  Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human
Sexuality 468
  Consideration of Bivocationality Task Force, 35, 52, 469
  Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force, 35, 52, 469
  To report to future synods, 468-69
Structure of COD (affected by Canadian charitable law). See Council of
Delegates, Polity matters.
Synod 2020 cancellation, 340-41, 344, 353, 397, 399, 417
Synodical matters (including COD decisions on behalf of synod)
  Appointments, 464-69
  Boards, 464-67
  Committees, 468-69
  Convening churches, 7, 344, 353, 465
  Delegates, 13-18
  Deputies, 35, 43, 52, 427-56, 465, 469
    Work of, 427-56
  Executive sessions, 9
Functionaries, 464-65
Recording, 9-10
Resources, 42-44

Synodical procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.

T
Task forces. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Study committees and task forces.
Tasks carried out (by COD) on behalf of synod, 23-27. See also Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Timothy Leadership Training. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Training of pastors. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, training.
Translations, Bible. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Trinity Christian College, 286-88

U
United Reformed Churches, 253

V
Video recording of synod, 9-10

W
Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.
World Renew, 29, 35-36, 51, 102-104, 106-107, 183-84, 198-222, 253, 389-90, 467
Board matters, 218-20, 389-90, 467
Community development, 208-10
Connecting with churches, 216-18
Disaster response, 207-208, 211-12
Finances, 51, 220-21. See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Justice efforts, 209-15
Mandate, mission, 203-204
Offerings for, 51, 222, 460
Reflecting on Our Calling, 204-16
Refugee support, 205-207, 211, 213-15
Worship at special meeting of COD, 457-58. See also Special Meeting of the COD 2020.
Worship Ministries, 24, 101-102, 104, 231-34, 344, 353, 366-71
Worship Practices report (with Faith Formation Ministries), 24, 344, 353, 366-71

Y
Yearbook, 42
Young adult representatives, 36
Abbreviations and acronyms in the Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, the Agenda for Synod 2021, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates 2021

AHANA – Asian, Hispanic/Latino, African, and Native American
ARNOVA – Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
BIPOC – black/Indigenous/persons of color
BOT – brain organization theory
BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International
CAH – congenital adrenal hyperplasia
CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government
CCM – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
CDN – Canadian
CE – Continuing education
CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank
CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
CIMC – Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee
CMD – Canadian Ministries Director
COD – Council of Delegates
COD-SM – Council of Delegates - Special Meeting (for minute references)
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019
CRA – Canada Revenue Agency
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
DC – Disability Concerns
DCM – Director of Communications and Marketing
DFO – Director of Finance and Operations
DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration
DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada
DRS – Disaster Response Services
DSD – disorders of sexual development
DSS – Director of Synodical Services
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIRC</td>
<td>Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELIM</td>
<td>Ethnic Language Institute in Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPMC</td>
<td>Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FFM</td>
<td>Faith Formation Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTE</td>
<td>Full-time equivalent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCB</td>
<td>Global Coffee Break</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GD</td>
<td>Gender dysphoria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEMS</td>
<td>Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEO</td>
<td>Global Engagement Opportunities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GVP</td>
<td>Global Volunteer Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HCDP</td>
<td>Healthy Church Discernment Process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR</td>
<td>Human Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSR</td>
<td>Human Sexuality Report</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICF</td>
<td>Indigenous Christian Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INCHE</td>
<td>International Network for Christian Higher Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRM</td>
<td>International Relief Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRS</td>
<td>Internal Revenue Service (U.S.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JCC</td>
<td>Judicial Code Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JIMA</td>
<td>Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMC</td>
<td>Joint Ministry Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIM</td>
<td>Korean Institute in Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LGBTQ</td>
<td>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEPMC</td>
<td>Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLC</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSS</td>
<td>Ministry Support Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCC</td>
<td>New City Catechism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NDA</td>
<td>Nondisclosure agreement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJ</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCC</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor Church Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PPE</td>
<td>Personal protection equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RBA</td>
<td>Reformed Benefits Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCA</td>
<td>Reformed Church in America</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RW</td>
<td>Reformed Worship (magazine)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SALT</td>
<td>Structure and Leadership Task Force</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEAPI</td>
<td>South East Asian and Pacific Islander</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SLIM</td>
<td>Spanish Language Institute in Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSM</td>
<td>Same-sex marriage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STM</td>
<td>Specialized Transitional Minister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TFRSC</td>
<td>Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLT</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TLTI</td>
<td>Timothy Leadership Training Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USD</td>
<td>U.S. dollars</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VSLA</td>
<td>Volunteer Savings and Loan Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WR</td>
<td>World Renew</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
A
Abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry; Overtures 14-16.
Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry; Overtures 14-16.
Acts of Synod, 32
Addressing abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Advisers to synod, 22-23
Affiliation, categories of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Agencies. See Recommended organizations.
Agency, institution, and ministry reports. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Agenda for Synod, 32
Deferred Agenda for Synod, 501. See also Council of Delegates; Overtures.
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 190
Antiracism. See Race Relations.
Appeal, personal
D. Lowe and M. Szto, 26-27, 40, 638
Appeal review committee. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Appointments
Interim. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.

B
Back to God Ministries International (renamed). See ReFrame Ministries.
Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Bias or conflict of interest. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.
Binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also Inspire gatherings.
Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Bisexuality matters. See Study committees; Overtures 4-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Bivocational ministry resources, 148. See also Study committees and task forces.
Bivocational pastors. See Study committees and task forces.
Boards and committees, 677-81

C
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 126, 225, 234, 512
Calvin Theological Seminary, 16, 21-22, 26, 146, 166, 197, 225-33, 512, 581-83, 587, 626, 675, 677, 679-80
Administration, 230
Board matters, 231-32, 581-83, 577, 579
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 227-29
Distinguished alumni, 582
Faculty, 230-31, 582-83
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Graduates, 581. See also Candidacy Committee.
Mission statement, 225
Our Calling, 226-27
Program and ministry highlights, 225-26, 229-30
Students, 232-33
Calvin University, 16, 21-22, 26, 123-32, 507-10, 517, 559-65, 573-76, 581-82, 638, 670, 677, 679
Academic initiatives, 126-29, 573
Board matters, 130-32, 573-76, 677, 679
Bylaws proposed and recommended, 507-10, 517, 559-65. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Faculty reappointments, 131, 670
Finances, 129, 573. See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Our Calling, 123-26
Campus ministry. See Resonate Global Mission.
Canadian Ministries, 25-26, 33, 179-81, 186-87, 215-16, 246, 626, 677. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Charitable-law requirements. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Committee for Contact with the Government (Centre for Public Dialogue), 179-81
Diaconal Ministries Canada, 172, 184, 202-203, 210, 215
Director, 33, 215, 246, 626, 677
Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Indigenous Ministries, 25-26, 186-87
National and binational gatherings, 216, 507. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Team (subcommittee of MLC), 33
Cancellation of Synod 2021: 7, 15, 20-23, 503, 505, 625, 638
Candidacy Committee, 36, 241-45, 587-90, 626, 670-71, 675-76, 680
Candidates, 587-90, 670-71
Church Order Supplement, Article 24-a, proposed revision, 244-45
Commissioned pastor role as “bridge ordination,” 243-44
Director retirement and transition, 36, 244, 626, 675-76
Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy review and report, 242-43, 589
Facilitation Team formation, 242-44, 590
Mandate, 241
Membership, 241-42, 244, 589-90, 680
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Categories of affiliation. See Council of Delegates, Polity Matters, Church Order; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended organizations.
Centre for Public Dialogue. See Canadian Ministries, Committee for Contact with the Government.

Challenging conversations re human sexuality, 149, 390, 674-76. See also Overture 17.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 36, 43, 139-43
  Director transition, 36, 43, 139
Charitable law (Canada) affecting COD structure. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure.

Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S., 144-45, 512, 680

Christian Reformed Church Order Commentary, 33, 350, 373-74, 437

Church Order and Its Supplements, 32. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement.

Church Order deliberation and use. See also Candidacy Committee;
  Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Study committees and task forces, Study of Bivocationality Task Force report.

Administrative actions according to
  Article 8: 639-42. See also Candidacy Committee.
  Article 10: 642-45
  Article 12-c: 645-48
  Article 13-c: 648-50
  Article 14-b: 650-52
  Article 14-c: 652-53
  Article 17-a: 653-57
  Article 17-c (extension of eligibility for call): 657-58
  Article 17-d: 658
  Article 23-a: 659-66
  Article 24 (retirement): 639
  Article 24-a: 666-667
  Article 24-b: 667
  Article 24-d: 667
  Articles 82-83: 667-68

Discussion, study, revision. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Study committees and task forces, Study of Bivocationality Task Force report.

Church Order Supplement discussion, study, revision. See Candidacy Committee; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee; Study committees and task forces, Study of Bivocationality Task Force report.

Church planting definition, strategy. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.

Classical matters. See also Council of Delegates; Synodical deputies, Work of.
  Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 21. See also Communication 4.

Classis and local training. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.


Coffee Break. See Raise Up Global Ministries.

Commissioned pastors, 577, 639, 659-68. See also Candidacy Committee;
  Overture 13; Pensions and Insurance.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Canadian Ministries. Committees. See Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.

Communications
1. Classis Grand Rapids East, 473-75
2. Classis Northcentral Iowa, 475-76, 600, 628-30
3. Classis Northern Michigan, 476-77
4. Classis Minn Kota, 477-78
5. River Park CRC, Calgary, Alberta, 479-95
6. Classis Grand Rapids East, 595-617, 628-30

Confessional status. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.

Conflict of interest or bias. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.

Congregational Services, 11, 30, 35, 38, 42, 68, 70, 121, 636, 626

Convening churches of synod, 7, 625, 638, 677

Coronavirus. See COVID-19 pandemic.

Council of Delegates, 11-119, 499-571, 625-82. See also Overtures 1-2, 4-11, 14-17; Communication 2; Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, 72, 80-81, 94, 113-16, 146-51, 244-48.

Assigned tasks, 13-15

Mandate, functions, 11-13

Meetings
Regular Meetings, 15, 40, 500-502
Special Meetings in lieu of synod, 7, 11-12, 20-21, 40, 587, 625-82

Membership, nominees, 15-20, 39, 499-501, 516, 676-78

Appreciation for, 18, 39, 630, 682


See also Recommended organizations.

Condensed financial statements, 43, 88-119, 621
Investments, 516, 566-71, 673
Ministry share, 33, 39, 512, 517, 671, 685
Pension assessment, 516, 518-19, 577, 673-74
Salary disclosure, 20, 512-13, 518, 672
Unified budget, 512, 517, 671

Polity matters

Abuse of Power—responses to directives of Synod 2019: 13-14, 29-31, 40-71, 510-12, 517, 622-37. See also Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, 80-81, 94, 113-16, 149-50, 244-48.

Ad hoc committee report, 29-30, 40-71, 634-37
Code of Conduct, 511, 633-34
Conflict of interest or bias recommendations, 42, 60-63, 70, 636
Creating a culture that prevents abuse of power, 511
Employee handbook changes, 29-30, 40-42, 47-58, 68-70, 633-36
Dignity Team proposed, 42, 63-68, 70, 633-34, 636
Discrimination and Harassment Policy changes, 29-30, 42, 68, 70, 636
Guardian committee, 13, 44-45, 68
Implementation and monitoring, 13, 31, 43, 637
Nondisclosure agreements policy, 13-14, 30, 43, 633, 637
Prevention of abuse in CRCNA offices, 14, 46-68, 511, 634-36
Recordkeeping, 14, 30, 43, 511, 633, 637
Resources for culturally diverse churches, 30, 43, 637
Restorative justice practices, 42, 58-60, 68, 70, 636
Strengthening Safe Church Ministry, 14, 510-12
Training at classis and local-church levels, 511, 634
Training of pastors, 510-11, 633
Training of CRCNA staff, 29-30, 40-42, 46-47, 634
Appeal, evaluation of, 27
Appeal review committee report, 26-27, 40, 638
Advisers to synod, 22-23
Bible Translations Committee mandate, 507, 517
Calvin University bylaws changes, 507-10, 517
Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 21
Classis training (planned by Safe Church Ministry), 511, 634
Code of Conduct for COD members, 501
Convening church for Synod 2022: 638, 677. See also Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, 149, 151.
Denominational gatherings, 507. See also Inspire gatherings.
Deputy to the executive director, 25, 40, 501, 626, 677
Disability Concerns director search, 507
Diversity efforts, reports, 14, 21-22, 31, 631
Ethnic advisers, 23
Historical Committee mandate, 26. See also Historical Committee.
Inspire gatherings, 25, 507
Interim appointments, 21, 40, 499, 507, 626, 681
Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.
Justice ministries, support of, 31, 501-502
Letters of call, revision to, 26, 40
National and binational gatherings, 507. See also Inspire gatherings.
Neland Avenue CRC, affirmation of letter to, 629-30. See also Overture 11.
Presentations at synod (special meeting of COD), 26, 37, 668-69.
See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.
Global Mission videos, 669
Publications and services, 31-33
Race Relations director search, 507
Reconciliation efforts, 31
Recording of Meetings Policy, 501
Response to author of Overtures 9-11 to Synod 2020: 31, 632-34
Social Justice director search, 507
Special meetings of the COD in lieu of synod, 7, 11-12, 20-21, 40, 625-82
See also Overtures 1-2; Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, 72, 146-48, 150-51.
Senior leadership transitions, 24-25, 40, 501, 517, 626, 628, 631, 677
Structure and Leadership Task Force report, 502-507, 517, 519-58, 627-28
Syncretism report, 25-26
Synod 2022
consideration of options for, 627
convening church for, 638, 677. See also Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020, 149, 151.
Young adult representatives, 22-23
Program matters
Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 35, 121-237, 573-86
Banner, The, 38, 626, 682
Church planting definition and strategy, 37, 43
Denominational survey, 34, 512, 632
Faith Alive and Libros Desafío, 38
Justice and mercy efforts, 13-14, 31, 501-502, 631, 634-36
Ministry director transitions, 36, 43
Ministry evaluation, 26, 35-36, 43, 71-85, 674
ReFrame Ministries and Resonate Global Mission, 35-36, 43, 71-85, 674
Reporting process review, 674
Ministry Support Services, 37-38
Missionary support, 37, 43
Network, The, 38, 511
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 35
ReFrame Ministries foundational document, 36, 43, 85-87. See also
Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.
Tasks carried out on behalf of synod, 13-15
CRC ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.

D
Deacon in same-sex marriage. See Overtures 3-11.
Deacons and elders, support of, 151, 191, 202-203, 205, 511
Deferred Agenda for Synod, 501. See also Agenda for Synod; Council of Delegates; Overtures.
Delegates to Special Meeting of the COD 2021: 625-26
Denominational survey. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Deputy to the executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Diaconal Ministries Canada. See Canadian Ministries.
Digital Library, 33, 38
Dignity Team. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.
Disability Concerns, Office of, 182-85, 193-95, 507
Director search, 507
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Discover Your Bible. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Diversity efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Divorce. See Study committees and task forces.
Dordt University, 7, 265-66

E
Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force. See Study committees and task forces.
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 246-51, 591-92, 630, 680
  Bilateral relationships, 247-48
  Categories of affiliation, 246-47, 250
  Church Order Supplement, Article 45, b, 2, a; proposed change: 247, 251
  Ecumenical representatives and observers, 247-49
  Interfaith activities, 249-50
  Membership, 246-47, 630, 680
  Multilateral relationships, 248-49
  Reconciliation efforts, 250
  Reformed Church in America, 247-48, 250. See also Reformed Church in America.
  United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 250
Ecumenical categories. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Categories of affiliation.
Educational Care. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Elders and deacons, support of, 151, 191, 202-203, 205, 511
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ethnic advisers, 23
Executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

F
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 33, 37-38, 149, 234, 254-55
Faith Formation. See Our Calling. See also Faith Formation Ministries.
Faith Formation Ministries, 133-37, 183, 196-97, 234, 631
Financial statements, 88-119, 621. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance.
Friendship Ministries, 183

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Gay relationships. See Study committees, Human sexuality report; Overtures 3-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Gender identity. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Global Mission presentation, videos, 668-69. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Our Calling.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship. See Our Calling.

H
Harassment policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power—responses to directives.
Heresy. See Overture 12.
Historical Committee, 15, 26, 252-61, 680
   Anniversaries in the denomination, 258-59
   Archiving, 255-56
   Mandate clarification, 15, 26, 259-61
   Members and staff, 252-54, 261, 680
Homosexuality. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30;
   Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Human sexuality. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30;
   Communications 1-3, 5-6.

I
Indigenous Ministries. See Canadian Ministries.
Inspire gatherings, 25, 507
Institute for Christian Studies, 267-69
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Interfaith/interreligious activity. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Interim appointments. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Investments. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Judicial Code Committee, 28-29, 40, 630, 680
Justice and mercy efforts, goals, priorities. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters and Program matters; Our Calling, Mercy and Justice.

K
King’s University, The, 268, 270-71
Kuyper College, 272-74

L
Leadership development, 25, 79, 146, 170, 189, 191, 199, 201, 267. See also Our Calling, Servant Leadership.
Leadership transitions, senior. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Lesbian matters. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30;
   Communications 1-3, 5-6.
LGBTQ matters. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 17-30;
   Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Libros Desafío, 37-38
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.
M
Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government, 32-33, 368-69, 374
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 32
Marriage and sexuality. See Study committees and task forces; Overtures 3-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Marriage, Ecclesiastical (Non-Civil). See Study committees and task forces.
Mercy and Justice. See Our Calling. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters; Justice and mercy efforts.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates;
Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 642-45
Approved for specialized service, 645-48
Approved from other denominations, 639-42
Deposed, 667-68
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 657-58
Loaned to another denomination, 648-50
Released from ministry, 642, 653-57
Released from office, 650-53, 658
Retirements, 639
Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 33, 501, 517, 555
Ministry director transitions. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.
Ministry share. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Financial statements.
Ministry themes. See Our Calling.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the COD 2021: 625-82. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Missions. See Our Calling.

N
National and binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters;
Inspire gatherings.
Neland Avenue CRC discussion. See Overtures 3-11.
Affirmation of COD letter to, 629-30
Network, The, 38, 134, 183-85, 193, 210, 235-26, 344, 399, 431, 511
Nondisclosure agreements policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
Abuse of power—responses to directives.

O
Offerings. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Recommended organizations.
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 13-14, 33-38, 71-87, 121-237, 573-83, 668-69, 674. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Faith Formation, 35, 123-37, 573-76
Servant Leadership, 35, 139-61, 577
Global Mission, 35, 71-87, 163-77, 668-69, 674
Mercy and Justice, 35, 179-224, 579
Gospel Proclamation and Worship, 35, 225-37, 581-83

**Overtures**

Overtures deferred from 2020 and considered in Special Meeting of COD

9. Appoint a Committee to Address Issues of Abuse of Power within the CRCNA: *Deferred Agenda for Synod 2020*, 244-47, 632-34


**Overtures in Agenda for Synod 2021**

1. Pause Proceeding with Legal Separation of CRCNA along National Lines, 347-49, 627-28
2. Halt All Proceedings Related to the Administrative Restructuring of the Canadian CRCNA Churches, 349-50, 627-28
3. Clarify Distinctions in Synodical Decisions, 350-51
4. Instruct Neland Avenue CRC to Rescind Its Decision, 352-53, 628-30
5. Admonish and/or Discipline Neland Avenue CRC (Grand Rapids, Mich.), 353-54, 628-30
6. Hold Neland Avenue CRC Accountable to Scripture, Church Order, and the Covenant for Officebearers, 354-55, 628-30
7. Ensure that Neland Avenue CRC Deposes their Deacon Living in a Same-sex Marriage or Disaffiliate the Congregation from the CRCNA, 355-56, 628-30
8. Hold Neland Avenue CRC and Classis Grand Rapids East Accountable to Church Order and the Covenant for Officebearers, 366-71, 628-30
9. Instruct Neland Avenue CRC Concerning a Deacon in Question, 372-74, 628-30
10. Allow Neland Avenue CRC and Like-minded Churches to Resign Membership from the CRCNA, 375, 628-30
12. Declare Denials of Penal Substitutionary Atonement as Heresy and Instruct Classes to Guard the Reformed Confessional Teaching of the Cross, 376-85
13. Honor Ordination of a Reformed Church in America Commissioned Pastor if Called to a CRC Congregation, 386
15. Approve Use of Mental Health Professionals to Serve as Abuse Educators, Trainers, and Advocates, 388-89, 633, 637
17. Discern a Process to Combine Previous Synodical Decisions for Challenging Conversations, 390-92, 674-76
18. Adopt the Report of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 392-93
20. Amend Recommendations of the Human Sexuality Report; Continue Deliberation re Human Sexuality; Delegate the Issue of Same-Sex Marriage as a Decision of Local Conscience, 394-415
22. Do Not Accede to the Report and Recommendations from the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 417-19
23. Do Not Adopt the Report and Recommendations of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 419-25
26. Appoint a New Study Committee on Human Sexuality Not Limited by the 1973 Report; or Do Not Adopt Recommendations D and E of the Current Report, 446-49
27. Do Not Accede to Recommendations B, D, and E of the Report of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 450-54
29. Do Not Accede to Recommendations B, D, and E of the Human Sexuality Report; Recognize Different Perspectives and Convictions on Homosexuality; Support Local Option on Issues of Human Sexuality, 457-68
30. Do Not Adopt Recommendations B, D, E, or F of the Report of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 469-71

P
Pastor Church Resources, 26, 30, 40, 146-52, 189, 203, 511, 591, 675
Letters of Call, revision to, 26, 40
Pastors, bivocational. See Study committees and task forces.
Pastor training. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, Training of pastors.
Pensions and Insurance, 153-57, 516, 518-19, 577, 673-74, 680
Benefits programs, 154-57
Board matters, 153-54, 157, 680
Commissioned pastors’ retirement plans, 577, 673-74
Employees’ retirement plans, 156
Financial disclosures, 157. See also Financial statements.
Ministers’ pension plans, 154-57, 516, 518-19, 673
Political advocacy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Polyamory. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Pornography. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Power, abuse of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry; Overtures 14-16.
Prayer at special meeting of COD, 625, 630-31, 639, 668-69, 675-76, 682. See also Worship at special meeting of COD.
Presentations at synod (special meeting of COD). See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Q
Queer matters. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.

R
Race Relations, Office of, 31, 188-90, 194, 197, 214, 507, 512, 631
   Director search, 507
   Support of justice ministries, 631
Raise Up Global Ministries, 158-61
Recommended organizations, 513-16, 518, 672-73, 687-89
Reconciliation efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Recording of meetings policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Reedeemer University, 204, 275
ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International), 11-13, 16, 18, 20, 26, 33, 36, 43, 71-87, 163-68, 177, 190, 626, 668-69, 674, 681
   Connecting with churches, 166-68
   Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
   Foundational document. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
   Ministries, 163-68
   Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
   Mission, 163
   Our Calling, 163-66
   Presentation at Special Meeting of COD (with video), 668-69
Reimagining Ministry Shares, 39. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Financial statements.
Reports of agencies, institutions, and ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
   Church planting definition and strategy. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
   Connecting with churches, 173-76
   Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
   Mandate, mission strategies, 169
   Ministries, 169-76
   Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
   Missionary support program (revised). See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Offerings for, 177, 513
Our Calling, 169-73
Presentation at Special Meeting of COD (with video), 668-69
Retirements. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Commissioned pastors; Ministers of the Word.
Rules for Synodical Procedure, 24, 32

S
Safe Church Ministry, 14, 30, 36, 44-46, 48, 60-61, 63, 65, 67, 71, 182, 191-93, 195, 210, 387-89, 510-12, 583, 626, 634, 637, 645. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power; Overtures 14-16.
Director retirement and transition, 36, 231, 645
Report on ministry goals and classis participation, 14, 191-93
Same-sex issues. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30;
Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Senior leadership transitions. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Servant Leadership. See Our Calling.
Service committees, 680
Sexuality. See Study committees; Overtures 3-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Director search, 507
Support of justice ministries, 501-502, 631
Special Meetings of the COD. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Status confessionis. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Study committees and task forces
Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 681 (consideration deferred to Synod 2022; see report at crcna.org/SynodResources). See also Overtures 4-11, 18-30;
Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force, 281-314, 681
Study of Bivocationality Task Force, 315-44, 681
To report to future synods, 681
Synod 2022, consideration of options for. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Synod cancellations, 7, 12, 15, 20-23, 625, 638
Synod, Deferred Agenda for, 501. See also Agenda for Synod; Council of Delegates; Overtures.
Synodical decisions, distinctions in. See Overture 3.
Synodical matters (including COD decisions on behalf of synod)
Appointments, 676-81
Boards, 465-67
Committees, 468-69
Convening churches, 7, 625, 638, 677
Delegates (to Special Meeting of COD), 625-26
Deputies, 21, 32, 40, 639-68, 677
Work of, 639-68
Functionaries, 676-77
Resources, 31-33
Synodical procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.

T
Task forces. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Study committees and task forces.
Tasks carried out (by COD) on behalf of synod, 13-15. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Special meetings of the COD.
Timothy Leadership Training. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Training of pastors, classes, CRCNA staff. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, training.
Transgender matters. See Study committees; Overtures 4-11, 18-30; Communications 1-3, 5-6.
Translations, Bible. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Trinity Christian College, 276, 278

U
United Reformed Churches, 250

W
Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.
Women’s ordination, 25th anniversary, 150
World Renew, 16, 21-22, 39-40, 180, 190, 194-95, 197-234, 513, 579, 679
Board matters, 220-21, 579, 679
Community development, 207-11
Connecting with churches, 218-20
Disaster response, 206-207, 211-14
Finances, 39, 222-24. See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations.
Justice efforts, 209-17
Mandate, mission, 200-202
Offerings for, 39, 224, 513
Reflecting on Our Calling, 202-18
Refugee support, 204-206, 212, 214-15, 219
Worship at special meeting of COD, 625. See also Prayer at special meeting of COD.
Worship Ministries, 234-37, 591

Y
Yearbook, 31-32, 77, 150, 184, 191-92, 327, 402
Young adult representatives, 22-23
(Page numbers in **boldface type** refer to the minutes of synod; page numbers in regular type refer to materials on synod’s agenda. This year those materials include the *Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021*, the *Agenda for Synod 2022*, and the Agenda Supplement on pages 703-813 in this volume.)

**Abbreviations and acronyms**

in the *Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021*, the *Agenda for Synod 2022*, and the *Acts of Synod 2022*

AHANA – Asian, Hispanic/Latino, African, and Native American

ARNOVA – Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

BIPOC – black/Indigenous/people of color

BOT – brain organization theory

BTGMI – Back to God Ministries International

CAH – congenital adrenal hyperplasia

CAO – chief administrative officer

CCG – Committee for Contact with the Government

CCM – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

CDN – Canadian

CE – Continuing education

CFGB – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

CICW – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

CIMC – Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee

CM – Congregational Ministries

CMD – Canadian Ministries Director

CMT – Canadian Ministries Team

COD – Council of Delegates

COD-SM – Council of Delegates - Special Meeting (for minute references)

COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019

CRA – Canada Revenue Agency

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

DC – Disability Concerns

DCM – Director of Communications and Marketing

DFO – Director of Finance and Operations

DMA – Director of Ministries and Administration

DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Full Form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DOI</td>
<td>digital object identifier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRS</td>
<td>Disaster Response Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSD</td>
<td>disorders of sexual development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSS</td>
<td>Director of Synodical Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECO</td>
<td>Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EDT</td>
<td>Eastern Daylight (Savings) Time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIRC</td>
<td>Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELIM</td>
<td>Ethnic Language Institute in Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPMC</td>
<td>Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FFM</td>
<td>Faith Formation Ministries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTE</td>
<td>Full-time equivalent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GCB</td>
<td>Global Coffee Break</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GD</td>
<td>Gender dysphoria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEMS</td>
<td>Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEO</td>
<td>Global Engagement Opportunities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GI</td>
<td>gastrointestinal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GVP</td>
<td>Global Volunteer Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HCDP</td>
<td>Healthy Church Discernment Process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR</td>
<td>Human Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSIR</td>
<td>Human Sexuality Report</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICF</td>
<td>Indigenous Christian Fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IDI</td>
<td>Intercultural Development Inventory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IDR</td>
<td>International Disaster Response</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRM</td>
<td>International Relief Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRS</td>
<td>Internal Revenue Service (U.S.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IT</td>
<td>Information Technology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JCC</td>
<td>Judicial Code Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JIMA</td>
<td>Justice, Inclusion, Mercy, and Advocacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMA</td>
<td>Joint Ministry Agreement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JMC</td>
<td>Joint Ministry Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIM</td>
<td>Korean Institute in Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LGBTQ</td>
<td>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LXX</td>
<td>Septuagint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEPMC</td>
<td>Modified Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MLC</td>
<td>Ministries Leadership Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MOPS</td>
<td>Mothers of Preschoolers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSS</td>
<td>Ministry Support Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCC</td>
<td>New City Catechism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NDA</td>
<td>Nondisclosure agreement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NGO</td>
<td>non-governmental organization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NIV</td>
<td>New International Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRSV</td>
<td>New Revised Standard Version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OGS</td>
<td>Office of General Secretary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSJ</td>
<td>Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCC</td>
<td>Presbyterian Church of Canada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>Pastor Church Resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PPE</td>
<td>Personal protection equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PTO</td>
<td>Parent Teacher Organization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RBA</td>
<td>Reformed Benefits Association</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
RCA – Reformed Church in America
RW – Reformed Worship (magazine)
SALT – Structure and Leadership Task Force
SEAPI – South East Asian and Pacific Islander
SLIM – Spanish Language Institute in Ministry
SRS – sex reassignment surgery
SSM – Same-sex marriage
STM – Specialized Transitional Minister
TFRSC – Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture
TLT – Timothy Leadership Training
TLTI – Timothy Leadership Training Institute
URC – United Reformed Churches
USD – U.S. dollars
VSLA – volunteer savings and loan association
WR – World Renew

A
Abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry.
Abuse investigations, Board-designated fund for. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Abuse prevention. See Safe Church Ministry.
   in CRCNA offices. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Acts of Synod, 43. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 239.
Addresses to synod. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters,
   Presentations at synod.
   Boer, Dr. Wiebe, 861
   Caicedo, Rev. John Harold, 894
   de Ruyter, Mr. Andy, 834-35
   Los, Mr. Bruce, 861
   May, Rev. Elaine, 858-59
   Medenblik, Rev. Jul, 859
   Noteboom, Mr. Peter, 833
   Osborne, Rev. Laura, 833
   Peacock, Rev. Philip Vinod, 833
   Rietkerk, Rev. Mark, 833
   Watson, Mr. Colin P., Sr., 835-36
Addressing abuse of power. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Advisers to synod, 13-15, 37, 824-27, 832-33, 852. See also Young adult representatives; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 233-34.
Ethnic advisers, 37, 824-27, 832. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 233-34.
Faculty advisers, 824-26, 833, 852
Advisory committees, 825-26
Affiliation, categories of. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Agency, institution, and ministry reports. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Agenda for Synod, 43-44. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 239.
All Nations Heritage celebrations, 214
Antiracism and Intercultural Conciliation (Canada), 105-107, 212, 817, 833, 934-35. See also Canadian Ministries; Race Relations.
Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Appeal, personal
Rev. D. Roorda, 809, 859
Appeals process review (re Abuse of power). See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Appointments. See also Synodical appointments.
Interim. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
To CRC ministries. See Boards and committees.
Archives. See Historical Committee.
Audio recording of synod, 15-16, 829

B
Back to God Ministries International (renamed). See ReFrame Ministries.
Benefits programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Bias or conflict of interest. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Binational gatherings. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also Inspire gatherings.
Binationality. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Bivocationality Task Force, Study of. See Study committees and task forces.
Bivocational pastors. See Study committees and task forces.
Boards and committees, 947-51

C
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 149-51, 159, 167, 183, 252, 263. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 162, 403.
Administration, 258
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee.
Connecting with churches, 253-55
Distinguished alumni, 771-72. *See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 365-68.*

Faculty, 258, 772-87, **836-37, 859-60.** *See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 366, 368.*

New appointments, 772-87, **836-37, 859-60.**

Finances. *See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.*

Graduates, 771. *See also Candidacy Committee; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 365, 367.*

Mission statement, 251

Our Calling, 252-55

Program and ministry highlights, 251-52, 255-58, 771-73. *See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 365-69.*

Race and justice issues, report requested on teaching about, **946**

Students, 261-62


*See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Calvin University; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 19, 55, 61, 63, 80, 112, 119, 133-34, 136, 162, 230, 232-33, 237, 290-94, 301, 304, 316, 329, 331, 335-41, 343-44, 365-68, 399, 403-404, 406, 411, 413-21, 425.*

Academic initiatives, 151-54, 765

Articles of Incorporation changes. *See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Calvin University.*

Board matters, 154-55, 765-77, **832, 949.** *See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 63, 119, 121, 133-34, 136, 230, 232-33, 343-44.*

Bylaws changes. *See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Calvin University.*

Faculty and students, 150-53, 765. *See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 112.*

Finances, 154, 765. *See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 343-44.*

Our Calling, 149-51

President retirement, 155, 765, **841.** *See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Calvin University.*

New appointment, **841, 861**

Campus ministry. *See Resonate Global Mission.*

Canadian Ministries, 45, 91, 93-95, 98-100, 201-203, 209-12, 220, 240, 255, 271-72, 274, 277. *See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Pensions and Insurance; World Renew; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 61, 68, 119, 133, 142, 204, 240, 289, 300, 309, 388-90, 394-96.*

Antiracism and Intercultural Conciliation. *See Antiracism and Intercultural Conciliation.*


Centre for Public Dialogue (Committee for Contact with the Government). *See Centre for Public Dialogue.*


Diaconal Ministries Canada, 95, 226, 228, 240
Director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership, Leadership transitions.

Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.


National and binational gatherings, 99. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 204, 289.


Team (subcommittee of MLC), 45, 107. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 142, 240.


Candidacy requirements, modifications to, 792-94, 839-40
Race and justice issues, commitment to Reformed, biblical preaching on, 946


Abuse of power training for, 850
Anonymous candidates, protocol for, 832. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 371-72, 374.

Church Order Article 8 uses and MEPMC requirement, 837. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 372-74.

Church Order Supplement, Article 24-a, proposed revision, 837-38. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 384-85.

Commissioned pastor role as “bridge ordination” and update to Commissioned Pastor Handbook, 837-38. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 384-85.

Director transition, 838. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 68, 117-18, 242-43, 384, 386-87.

Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy review and report, 270-73, 838. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 373-83, 385-87.

Facilitation Team formation and work, 270-73, 838. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 374, 376-77, 381, 383, 385-87.

Learning plans, flexibility of, 270, 272, 838. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 374, 378-79, 381.

Mandate, 269
Membership, 269-70, 273, 794, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 122, 371, 382.

Spanish-speaking pastors, development of, 273
Candidates. See Candidacy Committee; Synodical deputies, work of.
Catechism, Great Lakes. See Communication 3 (deferred from 2020); Study Committees, Human Sexuality Report.
Categories of affiliation. See Council of Delegates, Polity Matters, Church Order; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.
Causes recommended for financial support. See Recommended organizations. Centre for Public Dialogue—Canada (Committee for Contact with the Government), 93-95, 201-203, 240, 817, 833, 934-35. See also Canadian Ministries.

Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Office of, 161-64, 316. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 15-16, 242-43, 246.

Director transition, 161. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 242-43, 246.

Charitable law (Canada) affecting COD structure. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure.

Chief administrative officer. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Child safeguarding policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.


Christian Reformed Church Order Commentary, 44. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 240, 475-76, 534.

Church Order and Its Supplements, 43. See also Church Order; Church Order Supplement; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 140, 235, 239.

Church Order, deliberation and use at synod. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Administrative actions according to

Article 8: 862-65. See also Candidacy Committee; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 23-26, 81-84.

Article 10: 865-70. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 26-32, 84-87.

Article 12-c: 870-74. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 32-35, 87-90.

Article 13-c: 874-76. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 35-37, 90-92.

Article 14-b: 876-78. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 37-38, 92-94.

Article 14-c: 878-79. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 38-39, 94-95

Article 14-d: 879-80

Article 14-e: 880. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 39.

Article 17-a: 880-83. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 39-41, 95-99.


Article 17-c (release): 885. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 43.

Article 17-d: 885. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 43, 100.


Article 24-b: 892-93. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 50-51, 109.
Article 24-d: 893. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 51-52, 109.
Article 24-e (retirement): 862. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 51-52, 81.
Discussion, study, revision. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Overtures 10-11; Overtures 4-7 (deferred from 2020).
Articles 38-g and -h: 937. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 150, 155.
Article 45: 848. See also Overtures 2-3 (2020), Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 430-34.
Article 47: 938. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 156.
Article 49: 937-38. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 150, 155.
Articles 51-a and -b: 938-39. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 151, 156.
Article 54-b: 939. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 151, 156.
Article 59-e: 938. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 150, 155.
Articles 66-a and -b: 938. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 150-51, 155-56.
Article 67: 938. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 151, 156.
Church Order Supplement, discussion, study, revision. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Article 8, section G: 937. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 149-50, 154-55.
Article 24-a: 837-38. See also Candidacy Committee (2021), Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 384-85.
Article 30-a: 707, 715-16, 739, 742-45, 851-52. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Review of appeal process.
Article 38-h: 937. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 150, 155.
Church planting definition, strategy. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Classical examinations. See Ministers; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classical matters. See also Council of Delegates; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Classes declaring that women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 36. See also Communication 1.
Classes protesting the seating of women delegates to synod, 830
Classis and local training in abuse awareness. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Classis North Cascades formation. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 6-7.
Commissioned pastors, 838, 840, 862, 885-94. See also Candidacy Committee; Pensions and Insurance; Overtures 1 and 4 (deferred from 2020); Overture 13 (deferred from 2021); Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 43-52, 81, 101-109, 115, 137, 153-54, 237, 246, 353, 357, 395, 398.
Committee for Contact with the Government. See Centre for Public Dialogue. Committees. See Service committees; Study committees and task forces; Synodical committees.
Communications
Communications deferred from 2020
Communications deferred from 2021
1. Classis Grand Rapids East, 918. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 573-75.
2. Classis Northcentral Iowa, 925, 942. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 575-76.
5. River Park CRC, Calgary, Alberta. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 577-94.
Communications to Synod 2022
1. Classis Minnkota, 687-88
2. Classis Hamilton, 688-89, 927, 931
3. Council of Bethel CRC, Listowel, Ontario, 690
4. Classis Georgetown, 690-91
5. Classis Toronto, 691-94
6. Classis Lake Superior, 694-95
7. Classis Grand Rapids South, 695-96
9. Classis Rocky Mountain, 699-700
10. Council of Fellowship CRC, Brighton, Ontario, 805
11. Council of Covenant CRC, Sioux Center, Iowa 805-807
12. Classis Yellowstone 807-808
Confidentiality of executive sessions. See Executive sessions of synod.
Confessional status. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Conflict of interest or bias. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Congregational Ministries, 27, 47-48, 104, 710, 953.
reorganization of, 710. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Congregational Services, 47. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 68, 78, 125, 144, 225, 242, 244.
Consent agenda. See Synod 2022.
Convening churches of synod, 13, 37-38, 51, 939-40, 947, 952. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 67, 80, 119.
Council of Delegates, 27-146, 703-64, 813, 828-30, 840-47, 850-58, 898-904, 907, 910, 919, 926-42, 944-49, 951-52. See also Overtures 1-5, 12, 19; Communication 2; Overtures 4-11, 17 (deferred from 2021); Communications 2, 6 (deferred from 2021); Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 13-341.
Assigned tasks, 29-31. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127-31, 227-29.
Mandate, functions, 27-29. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 125-27, 225-27.
Meetings
Regular Meetings, 28. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 126, 131-32, 226-27.
Membership, nominees, 31-34, 51, 703-705, 714, 832, 856, 948-49, 951. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 62, 120, 132-34, 201, 229-31, 283.
Appreciation for, 33, 51, 856.
Program and personnel reduction policy. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 144.
Investments, 714, 759-64, 846. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 58, 115.
Reimagining Ministry Shares, 50, 846-47. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 58-60, 131, 148, 246.
Offerings, requests for, 50, 711-13, 717-18, 830, 845, 858, 957-59. See also Recommended organizations.
Pension assessment, 713-14, 718, 844-45. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 57.
Unified budget, 710, 717, **844-45**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 56, 113.

**Polity matters**

- Ad hoc committee report, 41. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75-79, 238.
- Appeals process review, 42, 56, 707, 715-17, 739-53, **850-53**
  - Proposed changes to Church Order Supplement, Articles 30-a and 42-b, 707, 715-16, 739-45, **851-52**
  - Proposed changes to “Guidelines for Handling Abuse Allegations Against a Church Leader,” 707, 716-17, 746-53, **853**
- Code of Conduct, 30, 41-42, 52-56, 83-90, **898-904, 931-32**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75-76, 79, 128, 284.
- Conflict of interest or bias recommendations. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 78-79, 128, 228.
- Employee handbook changes. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75-79.
- Dignity Team, 41, 709, **935**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75, 78.
- Discrimination and Harassment Policy changes. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 76-79.
- Implementation and monitoring, 29, 42, 56, **850**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 79, 128, 227.
- Restorative practices, 42, 56, **850**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 76-79.
- Separation agreement template, 709, 757-58, **935**
- Strengthening Safe Church Ministry. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 129, 228.

**Training**

- of candidates, 42, 56, **850**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75-76, 129-30.
- of CRCNA staff, 42, 56. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 75-79, 128, 228.
Appeal of a decision of synod. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 237.


Appeals process review (re Abuse of power). See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Bible Translations Committee, 708. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127, 139, 290, 294.

Calvin University
- Articles of Incorporation changes, 708, 717, 753-56, 841
- Bylaws changes, 40, 51, 708, 841. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 290-94, 335-41.
- President transition, 40, 51, 765, 841, 861. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 290-93.

Child safeguarding policy, 42

Church Order, proposed changes, 936-39. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 149-51, 154-56.

Supplement, proposed changes, 936-39. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, Appeals process review; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 60, 149-51, 154-56.

Classes that have declared women officebearers may not be delegated to classis, 36, 830. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 136, 232.

Classis Ministry Plans report, 856. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 138, 151, 156-61.

Classis North Cascades formation. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137-38.

Code of Conduct for COD members. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 284. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Congregational Ministries reorganization, 710

Consent agenda. See Synod 2022.

Convening churches of Synods 2023 and 2025, 37-38, 51, 939-40, 947. See also Convening churches of synod.

Culture of civility, establishing a, 42, 507. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 238, 284.

Denominational gatherings. See Canadian ministries; Inspire gatherings; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 204, 289.

Diaconate coordinator (U.S.). See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 131, 139.

Disability Concerns director transition, 48, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289-90.

Diversity efforts, reports, 30, 34, 36-37, 41, 90-114, 709. See also Diversity, Office of; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 15-16, 53, 73, 130, 136-37, 139, 152, 228, 232-34, 236-38, 289.

Changes proposed at classis level, 709

Ecclesiastical corporation proposed. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Ecclesiastical matters, meaning of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Political and / or justice matters.

Ethnic advisers, 37, 824-27, 832, 921, 952. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 234.

Heresy, definition of, 843-44. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127, 138, 151, 161-71; Overture 12 (deferred from 2021).

Historical Committee mandate, 30, 40, 51, 81-83, 853-54. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 131, 205, 229, 237, 406-16, 424-26.

Inspire gatherings, 40, 42. See also Inspire 2022; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 52, 202, 204, 236, 289.

Interim appointments, 35-36, 51, 939. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 135-36, 149, 232, 246.

Joint supervision of ordained CRCNA staff. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 153-54.

Judicial Code Committee. See Judicial Code Committee.

Justice/political matters. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Political and / or justice matters.

Justice ministries, support of, 42. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 238, 284.

Leadership changes. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Letters of call, revision to, 172, 832. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 237, 246.

LGBTQ+ voices, forum for, 30-31, 38, 57-71, 916-19. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 117-18; Overture 17 (deferred from 2021).

National and binational gatherings. See Canadian Ministries; Inspire gatherings; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 204, 289.

Neland Avenue CRC, COD communication to, 30, 38, 51, 72-75, 925-26, 941-42. See also Overtures 12 and 19; Overtures 4-11 (deferred from 2021); Communication 12; Communications 2 and 6 (deferred from 2021); Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 70-72.

New City Catechism, review of, 850. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127, 204-216, 345.

Political and / or justice matters, research on, 934. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 130, 139-40, 152.

Presentations at synod, 40, 833-34, 856-59. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 15, 110-11, 243, 247.

Publications and services, 43-44

Race Relations director search, 48, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289-90.

Recording of meetings policy. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 284.

Resonate Global Mission
Director search, 709-10
Leadership transition, 706, 709-10, 722
Long-range international plan, 710
Status review. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Social Justice director search, 48, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289-90.


Ecclesiastical corporation proposed, 706, 714-15, 721-39, 928-30

Ecclesiastical mandate letter, 39, 51, 78-80, 706, 715, 718-21, 930

Joint ministry agreements and management committee, 39, 719, 721, 928, 930


Canadian Ministries leadership

Canadian Ministries director, 45, 94, 274, 277. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 61, 68, 119, 133, 142, 240, 300, 309, 388-90, 394-96.

Executive director-Canada, 927, 930

Transitional executive director-Canada, 39, 705-706, 836

Chief administrative officer, 705, 714, 929-30, 947

Director of finance and operations, 705, 849. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 17, 61, 135, 142, 149, 235, 240, 284, 289, 315, 354, 358.

Director of ministries and administration. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 17, 135, 137, 142, 149, 236, 240, 390.

Director of U.S. ministry operations, 706, 722, 927, 930

Deputy executive director, 39, 45, 180, 705. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 68, 119, 122, 236, 246, 284.

Executive director of the CRCNA, 14, 31, 39, 45, 50, 58, 147, 269, 274, 282, 705, 819, 835-36, 856

Interim executive director. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 16-17, 133, 135, 149, 371, 393, 398.

Resignation of former executive director. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 135, 149, 295-96.

Emeritation and resolution of thanks, 855. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 17, 202, 205.

General secretary

Office of, 38-39, 45, 79-80, 705-706, 715, 719-36, 928-30

Search and appointment, 38-39, 51, 75-78, 705-706, 930, 933, 947

Worldwide Christian Reformed Church bylaws and incorporation, 706, 714, 729-39, 929-30
Syncretism report. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 236.
Task force appointments, 849. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 135, 149.
Terminology for partnerships. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 140.
Young adult representatives, 37, 824-26, 828, 832-33, 837, 851, 925, 952. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 233-34.

Program matters
Agency, institution, and congregational services reports, 47, 147-266, 765-87. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 144, 242, 343-69.
Banner, The, 49, 725, 828, 952. See also Banner, The; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 68, 124, 147, 244, 289.
Board-designated fund re abuse investigations, 48
Church planting goals, definition, strategy, 832. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 146, 244, 247.
Denominational survey, 45. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 19, 74, 205, 240-41, 293.
Faith Alive and Libros Desafio, 44, 49. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 147-48, 240, 245.
Faith Formation Ministries, encouragement, support, 832, 850. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 145, 152-53. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, New City Catechism.
Immigration resources, 832. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127, 146, 205-206.
Ministry director transitions, 48, 57, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 118, 242-43, 246, 289-90.
Ministry evaluation, 30, 40, 47, 57, 90-114, 200, 934-35. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 16, 116, 131, 229.
Mercy and Justice ministries, 40, 47, 57, 90-114, 934-35
Reporting process review, 30, 47. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 116.
Ministry Support Services, 48-50. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 147-48, 244-45.
Missionary support, 856-57. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 243, 247.
Network, The, 49-50. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 148, 245.
Our Calling (ministry priorities), 46-47. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 143-44, 241-42.
Program and personnel reduction policy. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 144.


ReFrame Ministries foundational document, 832. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 243, 247-49. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.


Social Justice, Office of; committee for guidance and support. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 130, 147, 238, 284.

Special Meetings of the COD (on behalf of synod), 27-28, 35, 51, 932. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 205-206, 221-24.

Tasks carried out on behalf of synod, 29-31. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 11, 13-124, 225-26, 231-32, 246.

CRC ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Ministry evaluation.

CRCNA offices, prevention of abuse in. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Culture of civility. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

D

Deacon in same-sex marriage. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Neland Avenue CRC.

Deacons, work against racial injustice. See Overture 8.

Declaration of Agreement. See Public Declaration of Agreement.

Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021 (publication): 35, 44.

Delegates to Special Meetings of the COD. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 13-14, 67-68.

Delegates to Synod 2022: 19-24, 819-24


Denominational survey. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Deputy executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Diaconal Ministries Canada. See Canadian Ministries.

Diaconate coordinator. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Digital Library, 44, 49. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 148, 239-40, 245.

Dignity Team. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Director of finance and operations. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Director of ministries and administration. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Director of U.S. ministry operations. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Disability Concerns, Office of, 40, 47-48, 57, 96-98, 204-208, 853, 934-35. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 14, 289-90.

Director appointment, 48, 57, 935
Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Disaster response. See World Renew.
Discover Your Bible. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Discrimination and harassment policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Diversity efforts. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Diversity, Office of, 167-68, 709. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289.
Divorce. See Study committees, Human Sexuality Report.
Dordt University, 38, 51, 295-97, 940. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61.

E
Ecclesiastical corporation proposed. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Ecclesiastical Marriage Task Force. See Study committees and task forces.
Ecclesiastical matters, meaning of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Political and/or justice matters.
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, 274-81, 795, 833, 841-42, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 72, 122, 130, 388-98, 407.
Bilateral relationships, 275-76. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 388-90, 395-96.
Categories of affiliation, 274, 279. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Church Order; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 392, 398.
Ecumenical representatives and observers, 276-79, 795. See also Ecumenical delegates to synod; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 389-92, 395-98.
Interfaith activities, 278-79. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 391-92, 397-98.
Kingdom Network, USA, recognition of, 280-81, 842
Membership, 274-75, 280-81, 795, 842, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 72, 122, 388, 393-95, 398.
Membership distribution/nomination process description, 275, 280-81, 842. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 394-95, 398.
Multilateral relationships, 276-78. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 390-91, 396-97.
Reconciliation efforts. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 130, 392-93, 398.
United States Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, 279. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 392, 398.
Ecumenical categories. See Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Categories of affiliation.
Ecumenical delegates to synod from various churches, organizations. See also Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.
Canadian Council of Churches, Mr. Peter Noteboom, 828, 833
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, Rev. Lala Haja Rasendrahasina, 828, 833
Netherlands Reformed Church, Mr. Mark Rietkerk, 828, 833
Reformed Church in America, Rev. Laura Osborne, 828, 833
Reformed Church in Zambia, Rev. Dr. Clement Mwanza and Rev. Dr. William Zulu, 828, 833
Reformed Churches Liberated, Mr. Rinze Ijbema, 828, 833
World Communion of Reformed Churches, Rev. Philip Vinod Peacock and Mr. Phil Tanis, 828, 833

Educational Care. See Raise Up Global Ministries.
Elders, work against racial injustice, 946. See Overture 8.
Employee benefit programs. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ethnic advisers, 37, 824-27, 832. See also Advisers to synod; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 234.
Executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Executive director-Canada. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Executive sessions of synod, 15, 829, 859

F
Faculty advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Faith Formation. See Our Calling. See also Faith Formation Ministries.
Faith Formation Ministries, 49, 108, 156-59, 212, 228, 266, 850, 921. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 73, 127-28, 145, 152-53, 204-21, 345.
Financial statements, 115-46, 813, 844-45. See also Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Ministry share; Pensions and Insurance; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 175-99, 250-81.
Forms of Unity. See Public Declaration of Agreement.

G
Gatherings, national and binational. See Canadian ministries; Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Gay relationships. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Gender identity. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
General secretary. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Global Mission presentation, videos. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 110-11, 116. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Presentations and Program matters, Ministry evaluation; Our Calling.
Gospel Proclamation and Worship. See Our Calling.
Great Lakes Catechism on marriage and sexuality. See Communication 3 (deferred from 2020); Study Committees, Human Sexuality Report.
Guardian committee. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
“Guidelines for Handling Abuse Allegations Against a Church Leader.”
See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

H
Harassment policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.
Heresy, definition of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters. See also
Overture 12 (deferred from 2021).
Historical Committee, 30, 40, 51, 81-83, 282-91, 853-54, 894, 950. See also
Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 122, 131, 205, 229, 237, 399-426.
Anniversaries in the denomination, 288-91, 894. See also Deferred Agenda for
Archiving, 283-88. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 403-405, 417-21.
Mandate clarification, 30, 40, 51, 81-83, 282-83, 853-54. See also Deferred
Members and staff, 282, 286, 291, 854, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for
Synods 2020-2021, 64, 122, 399-400, 407-410, 417.
Homosexuality. See Study committees, Human Sexuality Report.
Hospitality Committee, 830, 952

I
Immigration resources. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Indigenous Ministry (Canada), 91, 98-100, 209-11, 220, 817, 833, 934-45.
See also Canadian Ministries.
Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Inspire 2022, 40, 42, 174, 279. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 52, 202, 204, 236, 289.
Institute for Christian Studies, 298-300
Insurance. See Pensions and Insurance.
Interim appointments. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Interim executive director. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Investments. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; see also Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

J
Joint supervision of ordained CRCNA staff. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Judicial Code Committee, 40-41, 52, 707-708, 717, 832, 940, 950. See also
Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 72, 122, 130, 138-39, 237.
Review of Judicial Code, 708, 832
Justice and mercy efforts, goals, priorities. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters and Program matters; Our Calling, Mercy and Justice.
Justice/political matters, research on. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Political and/or justice matters.
K
King’s University, The, 299-302
Kinism heresy, 103, 167, 214. See also Overture 8; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 53, 138, 167; Overture 12 (deferred from 2021).
Kuyper College, 303-305

L
Lament, expressions of, 906-907, 914, 946. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 53-54.
Leadership changes. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.
Leadership development, 158, 194, 213, 223, 226, 256, 858. See also Our Calling, Servant Leadership.
Libros Desafio, 49. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 147-48, 245.
Livestream delay during synod. See Synod 2022.
Loan Fund. See Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund.

M
Manual for Synodical Deputies, 44. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 141, 239, 446.
Marriage and sexuality. See Study committees and task forces.
Marriage, Ecclesiastical (Non-Civil). See Study committees and task forces.
Mercy and Justice. See Our Calling. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters, Justice and mercy efforts.
Ministers of the Word. See also Candidacy Committee, Candidates; Commissioned pastors; Synodical deputies, Work of.
Admitted via classical examination of candidates, 865-70. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 26-32, 84-87.
Approved for specialized service, 870-74. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 32-35, 87-90.
Approved from other denominations, 862-65. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 23-26, 81-84.
Granted extension of eligibility for call, 883-85. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 41-42, 99-100.
Loaned to another denomination, 874-76. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 35-37, 90-92.
Released from ministry, 880-83. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 38-41, 84, 95-99.
Released from office, 876-80, 885. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 37-39, 43, 92-95, 100.
Retirements, 861-62. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 22, 80-81.
Returned to office, 880. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 39.
Ministers’ pension. See Pensions and Insurance.
Ministries Leadership Council, 45, 721, 725-28, 931
Ministry director transitions. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry evaluation. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry priorities. See Our Calling.
Ministry reports. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Ministry share. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Financial statements.
Ministry themes. See Our Calling.
Minutes Review Committee, 829, 952
Missionary support. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Missions. See Our Calling.

N
National and binational gatherings. See Canadian Ministries; Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Inspire gatherings.
Neland Avenue CRC discussion. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Network, The, 49-50. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 148, 245.
New City Catechism. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Nondisclosure agreements policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

O
Offerings. See Council of Delegates, Finance matters; Recommended organizations.
Officebearers, work against racial injustice, 946. See Overture 8.
Faith Formation, 46, 149-59. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 73, 127-28, 144-45, 152-53, 204-21, 242, 343-45.
Overtures
Overtures deferred from 2020
1. Formally Allow Campus Ministers to Serve as Delegates to Classis, 847-48. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 429-30.
2. Revise Church Order Article 45 to Permit Classes to Delegate an At-large Alternate to Synod, 848. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 430-33.

3. Revise Church Order Article 45 to Reduce Number of Delegates to Synod to Three per Classis, 848. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 433-34.

4. Amend Church Order Articles 12, 13, 14, and 17 with Respect to Supervision and Transition of Ministers, 849. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 434-43.

5. Appoint a Study Committee to Review Church Order Articles 12-17, 849. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 443-46.


7. Adopt an Additional Supplement to Church Order Articles 82-84, 943. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 448-52.

11. Curtail Clergy Use of Pornography, 935-36. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 452.

Overtures deferred from 2021


4. Instruct Neland Avenue CRC to Rescind Its Decision, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 454-55.

5. Admonish and/or Discipline Neland Avenue CRC (Grand Rapids, Mich.), 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 455-57.

6. Hold Neland Avenue CRC Accountable to Scripture, Church Order, and the Covenant for Officebearers, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 457-58.

7. Ensure that Neland Avenue CRC Deposes their Deacon Living in a Same-sex Marriage or Disaffiliate the Congregation from the CRCNA, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 458-68.

8. Hold Neland Avenue CRC and Classis Grand Rapids East Accountable to Church Order and the Covenant for Officebearers, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 468-74.

9. Instruct Neland Avenue CRC Concerning a Deacon in Question, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 474-77.

10. Allow Neland Avenue CRC and Like-minded Churches to Resign Membership from the CRCNA, 925, 942. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 477-78.


12. Declare Denials of Penal Substitutionary Atonement as Heresy and Instruct Classes to Guard the Reformed Confessional Teaching of the Cross, 895-98. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 479-88.

13. Honor Ordination of a Reformed Church in America Commissioned Pastor if Called to a CRC Congregation, 840. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 488-89.


20. Amend Recommendations of the Human Sexuality Report; Continue Deliberation re Human Sexuality; Delegate the Issue of Same-Sex Marriage as a Decision of Local Conscience, 907, 910, 913, 924. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 491-512.


22. Do Not Accede to the Report and Recommendations from the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 913, 924. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 514-16.

23. Do Not Adopt the Report and Recommendations of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 907, 913, 916, 924. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 516-22.


Overtures to Synod 2022

1. Pause Implementation of the Structure and Leadership Task Force Report; Enhance the Capacity of Ministries in Canada; Ensure That the Executive Director-Canada Has a Voice in the Senior Leadership of the Whole Denomination; Ensure That the Canada Corporation Has Authority and Respect within the Council of Delegates, 491-93, 927, 931

2. Table the Report of the Structure and Leadership Task Force (SALT) and Revisit the Binational Leadership Structure Proposal, 493-500, 927, 931

3. Table the SALT Report and Articulate a Balanced Binational Structure, 500-502, 927, 931

4. Create Parallel Positions of Senior Ministry Directors in the United States and Canada, 502-503, 927, 931

5. Envision the CRCNA as Two Distinct National Christian Reformed Churches, 503-505, 927, 931

6. Approve Transfer of San Jose New Hope CRC from Classis Hanmi to Classis Central California, 506, 940

7. Approve Transfer of San Jose New Hope CRC of Santa Clara, California, from Classis Hanmi to Classis Central California, 506, 940

8. Oppose White Supremacy and Systemic Racism, 506-13, 943-46, 952

9. Implement Insurance for Short-Term Illness, 514, 847


11. Appoint a Task Force to Develop Church Order Procedures to Discipline Officebearers, Including Disaffiliation Initiated by a Major Assembly, 516-17, 943

12. Admonish and Censure the Officebearers of Classis Grand Rapids East, 517-19, 925, 942

13. Establish a Task Force on Unity, 520-23, 858


16. Approve the Human Sexuality Report and All of Its Recommendations, 527-28, 913, 924

17. Consider the Position of Latinos Concerning the Human Sexuality Report, 528-33, 913, 924

18. Adopt the Human Sexuality Report and Emphasize Importance of Recommendation D, 533-34, 913, 924

19. Adopt the Human Sexuality Report and Its Recommendations, 534-36, 913, 924

20. Adopt Recommendations of the Committee to Establish a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality; Appoint Committee to Write Guidelines, 537-39, 910, 913, 924

21. Adopt the Recommendations of the Report on Human Sexuality and Offer Pastoral Care, 539-41, 910, 913, 924

24. Approve the Conclusion of the Human Sexuality Report, 543, 913, 924
27. Do Not Adopt Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 548-51, 913, 924
29. Do Not Adopt Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 553-57, 913, 924
31. Do Not Accede to Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 559-61, 913, 924
32. Do Not Adopt Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 561-63, 913, 924
33. Do Not Adopt Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 563-68, 913, 915-16, 924
34. Do Not Adopt Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 568-71, 913, 924
35. Do Not Adopt Recommendations B or D of the Human Sexuality Report, 571-73, 913, 924
36. Do Not Accede to Recommendations B and E of the Human Sexuality Report, 573-78, 912-914, 924
37. Appoint a New Study Committee to Engage All Perspectives on Human Sexuality; Do Not Adopt Recommendations D and E of the Human Sexuality Report, 578-83, 910, 913, 915-16, 924
38. Receive the Human Sexuality Report as Information but Do Not Adopt It, 583-616, 907, 913, 916, 924
39. Do Not Adopt the Human Sexuality Report, 616-24, 913, 915-16, 924
40. Do Not Accede to the HSR Report and Its Recommendations, 624-28, 909, 913, 915-16, 924
41. Do Not Accept the Human Sexuality Report or Its Recommendations, 628-30, 913, 916, 924
42. Recommit the Transgender Portion of the Human Sexuality Report to an Interdisciplinary Team for Further Study, 630-37, 909-910, 915-16
43. Recommend the Human Sexuality Report to the Churches as a Tool to Encourage Ongoing Learning, Discussion, and Guidance, 637, 910, 913, 924
44. Postpone Decision on the Human Sexuality Report, 638, 913, 918, 924
45. Table the Human Sexuality Report, 638-40, 910, 913, 918, 924
46. Withhold Action on the Human Sexuality Report, 641-44, 910, 916, 918
47. Delay a Decision on the Human Sexuality Report, 644-48, 910, 918
49. Clarify Recommendation D of the Human Sexuality Report, 650-51, 913, 924
50. Receive the Human Sexuality Report for Information, 651-54, 910, 913, 916, 924
51. Receive the Human Sexuality Report for Information Only, 654-56, 913, 924
52. Encourage Use of Pastor Church Resources Curriculum for Discussion of the Human Sexuality Report, 656-57, 910, 912, 924
53. Form an Additional Committee to Articulate a Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 657-62, 910
54. Form a Study Committee to Provide In-Depth Pastoral Guidelines for Implementation of the Human Sexuality Report, 662, 910
55. Adopt in Principle a “Local Discernment” Approach, Appoint a Study Committee to Articulate the Best Biblical Rationale for Traditional and Affirming Viewpoints, and Continue Denomination-wide Prayer Initiative, 663-80, 913, 916, 924
56. Withhold Action on the Human Sexuality Report, Allow Councils to Make Their Own Decisions in Their Own Unique Settings, 681-85, 907, 913, 916, 918, 924
57. Revise Definition of and Stance on Homosexuality, 799-804, 910, 913, 924

P
Letters of Call, revision to, 172. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 237.
Pastors, bivocational. See Study committees and task forces.
Pastor training. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power, Training of pastors.
Peace in the Middle East. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Justice and mercy efforts.
Pensions and Insurance, 176-80, 713-14, 718, 844-46, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 57-58, 64, 115, 122, 351-58.
Benefits programs, 176-80. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 351-58.
Board matters, 176, 180, 950. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64, 122, 355.
Commissioned pastors’ retirement plans, 178. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 115, 353, 357.
Employees’ retirement plans, 178-80. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 353, 357.
Ministers’ pension plans, 176-78, 179-80, 713-14, 718, 844-46. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 57-58, 115, 351-53, 355-57.
Political and / or justice matters. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.
Pornography. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.
Power, abuse of. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Safe Church Ministry.
Presentations at synod (and special meeting of COD). See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Program and personnel reduction policy. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, **825**

**R**

Race Relations, Office of, 40, 47, 48, 57, 90-91, 102-106, 170, 212-14, 219-20, 227, 817, **833, 934-35**, 817, **833, 934-35**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 238, 289-90.

Director transition, search, 48, 57, **935**. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289-90.

Ministry evaluation, **934-35**. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Racial injustice, awareness of and work against, **946**. See Overture 8.


Recommended organizations (for offerings), 711-13, 717-18, **845, 957-59**

Reconciliation efforts. See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Justice and mercy efforts; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 238, 392-93.

Recording of meetings policy. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Recording of synod, 15-16, **819, 829**

Redeemer University, 201, 230, 306-307

Reformed Church in America, 96, 113, 158, 163, 174, 179, 191, 204-205, 213, 244-45, 274, 276, 280-81, 457-458, 570-71, **828, 833, 840, 842-43**. See also Overture 13 (deferred from 2021); Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 57, 72-73, 145, 290, 354, 358, 372, 388-89, 392, 394-95, 397-98, 488-89.


Connecting with churches, 190-92

Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.

Foundational document. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Ministries, 187-92

Ministry evaluation, 200. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Mission, 187


Our Calling, 187-90


Reports of agencies, institutions, and ministries. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Church planting definition and strategy. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Connecting with churches, 196-99

Director transition, search. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Resonate.

Finances. See Financial statements; Recommended organizations.

Foundational statements. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Long-range international plan. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Resonate.

Ministries, mission strategies, 193-99

Ministry evaluation, 200. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Missionary support program (revised). See Council of Delegates, Program matters, Missionary support.

Offerings for, 199, 830, 856-57

Our Calling, 193-96

Status review. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.

Restorative justice practices. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Retirements. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Commissioned pastors; Ministers of the Word.

Rules for Synodical Procedure, 43. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 134, 140-41.


Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Report on ministry goals and classis participation, 30, 217-18, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 130-31, 228.


Same-sex issues. See Study committees, Human Sexuality report.

Senior leadership transitions. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Separation agreement template. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Abuse of power.

Sergeant at Arms, 830, 952

Servant Leadership. See Our Calling.

Service committees, 950

Service of lament. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 53-54.


Committee for guidance and support. See Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Director search, 48, 935. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 289-90.

Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.

Special Meetings of the COD. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Status confessionis. See Study committees, Human sexuality report.

Study committees and task forces
Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality, 313-487, 831, 904-24. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters, LGBTQ+ voices; Overtures 14-57; Overtures 4-11, 18-30 (deferred from 2021); Communications 3-12; Communications 1-3, 5-6 (deferred from 2021).

To report to future synods, 951
Structure and leadership. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters, Structure and leadership.


Synod 2022. See also Synodical Matters.

Consent agenda for, 9-11, 13, 35, 44, 706-707, 715, 830, 832, 844-45. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 7-9, 11.

Delay in livestreaming, 831
Options considered for, 35. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 69.

Synod cancellations (and effects), 28, 35, 37-38, 40, 44, 51, 84, 270, 274. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 13, 67, 80, 226, 229, 231-34, 381-82, 394, 513, 573, 594.

Synodical decisions, distinctions in. See Overture 3 (deferred from 2021).

Synodical matters (including COD decisions in meetings on behalf of synod)
Addresses. See Addresses to synod.
Advisers. See Advisers to synod.
Advisory committees, 825-26
Appointments, 824, 829-30, 947-51. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 60-65, 118-23.
Boards, 947-51. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61-63, 65, 119-21, 123.
Committees, 950-51. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 64-65, 122-23.
Convening churches, 13, 37-38, 51, 939-40, 947, 952. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 67, 80, 119.
Delegates, 19-24, 819-24

Work of, 862-93. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 23-51, 81-110.

Executive sessions, 15, 829, 859

Functionaries, 947. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 119.

Officers, 824, 947. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 61, 119.

Parliamentarian, 828, 942, 952

Recordings, 15-16, 819, 829

Resources, 43-44. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 140-41, 238-40.

Worship service, 817-18. See also Worship at synod.

Synodical procedure. See Rules for Synodical Procedure.

Systemic racism. See Overture 8.

T

Task forces. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters; Study committees and task forces.

Tasks carried out on behalf of synod, 29-31. See also Council of Delegates, Polity matters and Program matters; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 127-31, 227-29.


Testimonial Banquet Committee, 829, 952

Timothy Leadership Training. See Raise Up Global Ministries.


Transfer of a church to another classis. See Overtures 6-7.

Translations, Bible. See Council of Delegates, Polity matters.

Trinity Christian College, 308-309

U


United Reformed Churches. See Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 392-93, 398.


V

Video recording of synod, 15-16, 819, 829

W

White supremacy and systemic racism. See Overture 8.

Women at synod, seating of. See Classical matters.

Women’s ordination, 25th anniversary, 858-59. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 52.

Board matters, 246-50, 769-70, 939, 949-50. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 63, 121, 133-36, 149, 230, 232, 246, 359-64.
Community development, 92-93, 110, 227-28, 230, 233-36, 242, 245, 248
Connecting with churches, 243-46
Disaster response, 110-11, 224-26, 232-34, 236-39, 243-45, 248-49
Finances, 247. See also Financial statements; Recommended organizations; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 359, 361.
Justice efforts, 224-45, 249, 834. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 174.
Mandate, mission, 224-26
Ministry evaluation, 934-35. See also Council of Delegates, Program matters.
Offerings for, 50, 244, 250, 711, 830, 857-58. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 148, 171, 245, 364.
Our Calling, 226-43
Refugee support, 230-31
Worship at synod, 819, 827-28, 831-32, 836, 860-61, 921-22, 940, 953
Curate, provide resources re confession, lament of racial injustice, 946. See Overture 8.
Worship Planning Committee, 828, 830, 952

Y
Yearbook, 43, 206, 217. See also Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 128, 140, 238.
Young adult representatives, 37, 824-26, 828, 832-33, 837, 851, 925, 952. See also Advisers to synod; Deferred Agenda for Synods 2020-2021, 137, 233-34.