



October 2022

Clerks of Council and Pastors
within the Christian Reformed Church

Dear Council Members and Pastors:

The Office of Synodical Services is in the process of soliciting nominees to serve as young adult representatives or ethnic advisers to the annual synod in June 2022.

- 1. Young Adult Representatives:** Synod 2010 decided that seven young adults (ages of 18-26 years) be appointed each year to serve in an advisory role to synod. These *young adult representatives*—the “future of the church”—bring a valuable perspective to the work of the advisory committees and have privilege of the floor during the plenary sessions to offer input into synod’s deliberations. Delegates to synod have expressed sincere appreciation for the passion and commitment of these young adults!
Young adult reps themselves have recently shared, “The delegates were eager to hear my contribution and allowed space to speak during committee meetings.” Another young adult rep left us with . . . “This has been an amazing experience. Thank you.”
- 2. Ethnic Advisers:** Since 1995, synod has been assisted by ethnic advisers to each synod if the average number of ethnic minority delegates to synod is fewer than twenty-five persons (based on a three-year rolling average). We continue to work toward a day when the diversity in the delegation of delegates to synod reflects the growing diversity among the membership of the CRC. Synod 2023 will be served by not less than three ethnic advisers.
An ethnic adviser shared with us, “I found my role affirming.” “I’m thankful that I was acknowledged and was given opportunities to provide input. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. I would love to come back as an adviser or in any other roles.”

We ask that you please consider nominations of young adult persons and persons from our ethnic minority communities in the membership of the CRC to add to the diversity of voices in the classis delegations to synod. The synodical guidelines adopted regarding young adult representatives and ethnic advisers are posted at crcna.org/SynodResources (see right side bar) and are also found in the [Rules for Synodical Procedure](#), pp. 5-8. Please share these guidelines with potential nominees from your church. Make potential nominees aware that all expenses for travel, meals, and lodging for young adult reps and advisers are covered by the Synodical Services Office.

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Synod 2023 will meet June 9-15, on the campus of Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The persons you recommend will need to be able to attend the full week.

Simply follow these steps to submit your nominations:

1. **Download** the guidelines and nomination forms from the CRC Synod website at crcna.org/SynodResources (see right side bar).
2. **Ask the nominee(s) to complete the “nominee form”** and submit it to the Office of Synodical Services (contact info at the bottom of the form).
3. Please **complete and forward the “council representative form”** to the Office of Synodical Services.

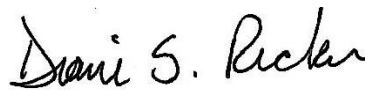
Nominations are due to the Synodical Services Office (drecker@crcna.org) by January 15, 2023. Appointments of young adult representatives and ethnic advisers to synod will be made by the Council of Delegates (COD) in February 2023; correspondence will be sent to all nominees following the COD meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this special request and for your recommendations of qualified persons to serve.

Yours faithfully,



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