ARTICLE 31
The afternoon session convenes at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Nicholas Chuba, young adult representative, leads in opening prayer.

ARTICLE 32
(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 29.)
Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services, Rev. Greg S. Janke reporting, presents the following:

I. Board of Trustees
A. Materials
1. Board of Trustees Report (sections I, A-C; II, A, 1-15, 17-18, 20-23; B, 1, 4; Appendices A-D), pp. 21-34, 36, 42-72
2. Board of Trustees Supplement (sections I, A-F, including Appendices A-B)
B. Privilege of the floor: Rev. Sheila E. Holmes, chair of the Board of Trustees; Rev. Joel R. Boot, executive director; and members of the executive staff as needed
C. Recommendations
1. That synod ratify the appointment of Dr. Darren C. Roorda as Canadian ministries director, effective August 4, 2014 (BOT Supplement section I, E).
   —Adopted
2. That synod express its thanks to Mr. Ben Vandezande for his faithful service as interim Canadian ministries director.
   —Adopted

II. Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture
A. Materials: Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture report (including Appendices A-C), pp. 351-80
C. Recommendation
   That synod allow up to thirty minutes to hear an update report from members of the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture and, in addition, allow up to thirty minutes for a guided table discussion on the TFRSC report during a plenary session to be determined by the officers of synod.
   —Granted

(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued in Article 40.)
ARTICLE 44

The president of synod welcomes the candidates to Synod 2014. Rev. David Koll, director of the Candidacy Committee, presents the 2014 candidates for ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. (Names in bold print indicate those present at Synod 2014; names in italics indicate those not present.)

Bradley J. Bierma
Richard C. Boomvma
Richard J. Braaksma
Daniel S. De Graff
Adrian R. de Lange
Nevada L. DeLapp
Jonathan H. DeRuiter
Paul D. DeWeerd
Woodrow P. Dixon
Jun K. Eo
Joseph M. Groeneveld
Robert J. Grussing
Patrick N. Guarracino
Byung Soo (Paul) Han
Gareth P. Harker
Ryan Hoogerbrugge
Erik W. Kamp
T. Brent Kladder
Joel H. Klingenberg
Michelle J. Kool
Jeremy D. Kreuze
Victor S. Laarman
Mark E. Langenbach
C. Gregg Lawson
Dae J. Lee

Ezra Lee
Samuel Y. Lee
Timothy Leferink
John C. Medendorp
Dena E. Meyerink
Brady Mulder
Cornelius M. Muasa
Michael D. Nanninga
Brent W. Pollema
David A. Reynolds
Kyle D. Sanford
Kurt C. Schaefer
Sarah E. Schreiber
Paula S. Seales
Eunchong (David) Shin
Evan D. Steensma
Jay E. Stringer
Lesli L. van Milligen
Cory L. Van Sloten
Dayna J. Vreeken
Albert K. Wu
Luke B. Wynja
Leo H. Yoon
Andrew D. Zylstra

Rev. Julius T. Medenblik, president of Calvin Theological Seminary, addresses the candidates and delegates about the stories that are represented by all the candidates. He shares a passage from John 15:4 and encourages candidates to remember “who” they are and “whose” they are—“remain in God, and he will remain in you.”

Delegates respond by singing “There’s No God as Great” followed by a Litany of Celebration and Dedication (taken from Psalm 118:23, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:36, Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 1 and 32, and the Contemporary Testimony, para. 1, 56) and the singing of “Day by Day.” President Greenway offers prayer, and the celebration concludes with singing “God Be with You Till We Meet Again.”

ARTICLE 45

Vice president Jake Kuipers assumes the role of chair.

As adopted by synod, Rev. R. Scott Greenway and Rev. Julius T. Medenblik, members of the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, give a presentation and provide an update on the work of the task force. Delegates participate in a time of table conversation regarding the report of
the task force as found in the *Agenda for Synod*, to provide feedback to the task force in its work.

ARTICLE 46
The morning session adjourns at 11:46 a.m. Rev. Doug MacLeod (Grand Rapids East) leads in closing prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 17, 2014
Ninth Session

ARTICLE 47
The afternoon session convenes at 1:20 p.m. The vice president assumes the role of chair.

The fraternal delegate from the Reformed Churches in Argentina, Mr. Gustavo García Escardó, addresses synod and expresses gratitude for being a part of Synod 2014.

Rev. Jay Pruim (Grandville) leads in opening prayer.

ARTICLE 48
(The report of Advisory Committee 1 is continued from Article 40.)

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services, Rev. Greg S. Janke reporting, presents the following:

Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture


C. Recommendations

1. That synod recommend this report to the churches and, in particular, the “range of proposals” presented in section VII for further discussion and discernment within the church, its agencies, boards, and planning groups. This discussion and discernment will occur in the coming year, led by the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture, and continuing to incorporate the Five Streams (*Agenda for Synod 2014*, p. 375). A final proposal will be presented to Synod 2015.
   —Adopted

2. That synod ask the Board of Trustees to explore the development of a nominating committee that would not only identify potential persons to serve on denominational boards/committees but also keep a list of persons who have served previously on denominational boards and advisory committees.
   —Adopted

The following negative vote is registered: Glenn Palmer (Hackensack).
3. That synod ask the Board of Trustees to explore the opportunity to train all board members, including the present Board of Trustees, in board governance—policy development, strategic planning, decision-making, and models of governance.  

—Adopted

4. That synod thank Mr. Terry Vander Aa and Mrs. Jane Vander Haagen for their service on the Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture from 2011 until 2013. Both of these individuals resigned from the task force because of personal health matters that arose. We are glad to report that both have experienced a measure of healing and improved health.  

—Adopted

ARTICLE 49
(The report of Advisory Committee 8 is continued from Article 15.)

Advisory Committee 8, Interdenominational Matters, Rev. Douglas N. Bratt reporting, presents the following:

Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee

A. Materials

1. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee Report, including Appendices A-E, pp. 255-86
2. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee Supplement

B. Privilege of the floor: Ms. Rebecca Warren (chair), Rev. Joel R. Boot, and Dr. Peter Borgdorff

C. Recommendations

1. That Synod 2014 express its gratitude to Rev. Peter Slofstra and Ms. Rebecca Warren for serving the cause of ecumenicity for the CRC.  

—Adopted

2. That Synod 2014 approve the following amendment to the Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers with the RCA to be reflected in Church Order Supplement, Article 8, D, 7 (proposed change indicated by italics):

Approval for extended service must be done in consultation with and with the concurrence of the sending body. (In the CRC, the sending body is the calling church council; in the RCA, it is the classis holding the pastor’s membership.) The minister remains accountable to the sending body for continuation of ministerial status. In the event of termination of a call, the polity of the calling church shall be followed, in consultation with the sending church.

Grounds:
1. There have been situations recently in which clarification of procedure for a separation of an RCA pastor from a CRC congregation was needed.
2. The original 2005 Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers—Christian Reformed Church in North America and Reformed
IV. Service committees

A. Candidacy Committee


B. Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund, Inc., U.S. Committee

Mr. Scott K. Ritsema (2015/1), Mr. Jon Swets (2015/2), Ms. Chery De Boer (2016/1), Mr. Kenneth J. Stienstra (2016/1), Ms. Andrea P. Kaarsten (2017/2), Mr. Thomas J. Sinke (2017/2), Mr. David E. Veen (ex officio member).

C. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee


D. Historical Committee


E. Judicial Code Committee


F. Ministers’ Pension Funds committees

Canadian Pension Trustees


U.S. Board of Pensions


G. Sermons for Reading Services Committee


V. Synodical study committees and task forces

A. Task Force Reviewing Structure and Culture (scheduled to report in 2015)

Dr. Calvin J. Aardsma, Rev. R. Scott Greenway, Ms. Tammy Heidbuit, Mrs. Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo, Rev. Julius T. Medenblik, Mr. Peter Meerveld,
Mr. William Terpstra, Dr. Steven R. Timmermans, Ms. Katherine Vandergrift, Mr. Colin Watson, Rev. Joel R. Boot (chair).

B. Task Force to Study the Offices of Elder and Deacon (scheduled to report in 2015)
   Ms. Amanda Bakale, Rev. Roy Berkenbosch, Dr. Henry De Moor, Dr. Chris Ganski, Mr. Rudy Gonzalez, Dr. Calvin Hoogendoorn, Dr. George Monsma, Rev. Nick Monsma, Ms. Rosetta Polk-Pugh, Dr. Mick Vanden Bosch, Mr. Terry Woodnorth, Mr. Andy Ryskamp (staff).

C. Committee to Study Religious Persecution and Liberty (scheduled to report in 2016)
   Prof. Jane Bruin, Dr. Kevin den Dulk, Dr. Rob Joustra, Rev. Jonathan Kim, Ms. Cele Mereness, Dr. James Payton, Jr., Mr. Stephen Snow, Rev. Naji Umran, Rev. Ken Van De Griend, Ms. Rosetta Polk-Pugh, Dr. Mick Vanden Bosch, Mr. Terry Woodnorth, Mr. Andy Ryskamp (staff).

D. Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage (scheduled to report in 2016)
   Rev. Rolf Bouma, Mr. Joseph Bowman, Ms. Jessica Driesenga, Ms. Wendy Gritter, Dr. John Rottman, Ms. Julia Smith, Dr. Karl Van Harn, Mr. Curtis Witte.

E. Doctrine of Discovery Task Force (scheduled to report in 2016)
   Ms. Carissa Bakker-Johnson, Mr. Mark Charles, Mr. Mike Hogeterp (chair), Mr. Steve Kabetu, Mr. Harold Roscher, Ms. Susie Silversmith, Mr. Peter Vander Meulen.

VI. Recommendation
   That synod approve the list of boards and committees.
   —Adopted

ARTICLE 73
   Rev. Reinier Noppers, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, shares parting words as he prepares to return home.

ARTICLE 74
   The afternoon session adjourns at 5:15 p.m. Rev. Cornelius Pool (California South) leads in closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 18, 2014
Thirteenth Session

ARTICLE 75
   Synod resumes at 7:05 p.m. Elder delegate Dickson Corro (Toronto) leads in opening prayer.

ARTICLE 76
   The president of synod, Rev. R. Scott Greenway, on behalf of synod expresses thanks to his fellow officers: Rev. Jake Kuipers, Rev. John Tenyenhuis, and Rev. Jerome Burton. He thanks Mr. Lowell Olivier-Shaw