

**General Synod Council
Reformed Church in America
Minutes of February 22, 2021 Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Prayer

Ned Beadel, moderator of the General Synod Council (“GSC”), called the meeting to order on February 22, 2021, at 12:03 p.m. (eastern) followed by prayer.

Members Present

The following members of the GSC were present for all or part of the meeting:

Pedro Agudelo	Kent McHeard
Eddy Alemán, <i>ex-officio</i>	Eric Moreno
Philip Assink	Sheila Moses
Ned Beadel	James Nakakihara
Michelle Chahine	Albert Plat
Charles Contreras	Margaret Ritchie
Devonna Cousins	George Rounds
Bruce Deckinga	Betty Shuster
EJ de Waard	Clarence Smith (ELCA)
Stephanie Doeschot	Kimberly Van Es
Jamie Dykstra	Leigh Van Kempen
Hellen Harvey	Harris Van Oort
Anna Jackson	Patricia Varga
Robert Johnson	Imos Wu
David Landegent	

No GSC members were absent.

Staff and Guests

The following staff members and guests were present for all or part of the meeting:

Elizabeth Brand, *Director of General Synod Operations*
Thomas Smith, *Regional Synod Observer from Council of Synod Executives*
Jillisa Teitsma, *Chief Financial Officer*
Jill Ver Steeg, *Chief Operations Officer*
Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

General Synod 2021

The General Synod officers have engaged a process to discern how to move forward with General Synod 2021 given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2021, officers EJ de Waard, president, and Philip Assink, vice president, in consultation with the Commission on Church Order (CCO), offered four possible scenarios to the classes for advice. Subsequently, the Great Lakes City Classis proposed an additional option and the CCO issued comments regarding that option.

The officers briefly described feedback received so far. GSC members provided feedback to the officers to help them process the scenarios/options.

Next Meeting

The GSC will meet at 12:00 p.m. (eastern) on March 1, 2021 to discuss correspondence received recently.

Adjournment

GSC 21-01

Motion made, supported, and carried to adjourn the February 22, 2021 meeting of GSC at 1:35 p.m. (eastern) following prayer by Betty Schuster.

Angela Worthley, Recorder