

**General Synod Council
Reformed Church in America
Minutes of March 1, 2021 Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Prayer

Ned Beadel, moderator of the General Synod Council (“GSC”), called the meeting to order on March 1, 2021, at 12:01 p.m. (eastern) followed by prayer by EJ de Waard.

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
EJ de Waard	Betty Shuster
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	

Members Absent

The following members of the GSC were unable to attend the meeting:

Bruce Deckinga	Clarence Smith (ELCA)
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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*

James Nakakihara, vice moderator of the GSC, assumed the chair.

Correspondence

The GSC discussed emails received from RCA members in advance of its February 22, 2021 meeting, who were critical of the GSC's action taken at its June 9, 2020 meeting (GSC 20-31) regarding development of an implementation strategy for the Vision 2020 Team's recommendations, a subsequent document titled "God's Preferred Future for the RCA" that was issued by the general secretary in early January, and a call for the resignation of the general secretary and named GSC members due to an alleged alliance with groups formed to discuss leaving the Reformed Church in America.

The general secretary and each of the named GSC members were given an opportunity to address the GSC, followed by any other GSC members who wished to speak and a discussion regarding responding formally to the emails received.

GSC 21-02

Motion made, supported, and carried:

To ask the general secretary, in consultation with the General Synod officers and the GSC's vice moderator, to draft a written response to the emails received regarding GSC 20-31, the "God's Preferred Future for the RCA" document, and the call for the resignation of the general secretary and named GSC members. The letter is to be presented to the GSC for approval by email before sending it to the original senders of the critical emails received.

GSC 21-03

Motion made, supported, and carried:

To ask the general secretary to draft a written clarification regarding the "God's Preferred Future for the RCA" document. The letter is to be presented to the GSC for approval by email before sending it to those in the denomination who received the document.

The moderator resumed the chair.

Adjournment

GSC 21-04

Motion made, supported, and carried to adjourn the March 1, 2021 meeting of GSC at 1:33 p.m. (eastern) following prayer by Albert Plat.

Angela Worthley, Recorder