Report of the Commission on Nominations

The Commission on Nominations (CoN) typically presents its report and accompanying recommendations annually to General Synod in June. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stated sessions of General Synod were not held in June of 2020 or 2021. So that the CoN could fulfill its responsibility to nominate individuals to fill openings and vacancies on the various commissions, agencies, and boards for terms beginning July 1, it asked the General Synod Council (GSC) to approve its 2020 and 2021 annual reports and accompanying slate of nominees ad interim as specified in the Book of Church Order (Chapter 3, Part I, Article 4, Section 3 [2019 edition, p. 110]). The GSC did so on June 9, 2020, and June 22, 2021. In addition, the GSC approved a few ad interim appointments at its October 18–19, 2019; October 23–24, 2020; and March 23–24, 2021, meetings, upon request of the receiving body. By definition, ad interim appointees are eligible to serve until the next regular session of General Synod, at which time the CoN typically recommends to the General Synod that it elect the appointee for the remainder of the term identified. In some cases, terms expired or members resigned before General Synod could meet to elect them. Therefore, the slate of nominees that the CoN is recommending to General Synod for election has been reduced from the slate approved ad interim by the GSC.

During the 2019–2020 annual cycle, the Commission on Nominations convened in person on October 17–18, 2019, and January 21, 2020, and by Zoom video conference on February 19, March 4, April 1, and April 22. Two final electronic votes were held by email on May 15 and May 20. During the 2020–2021 annual cycle, the Commission on Nominations met by Zoom video conference on November 17, 2020, and January 5, January 19, February 9, March 9, April 6, and April 27, 2021. Three final electronic votes were held by email on May 17, June 3, and June 8. This report to the October 2021 General Synod was approved by electronic vote on July 29, 2021.

Throughout each year, members of the commission actively sought qualified candidates, solicited completed profiles, and vetted those who were interested in serving on a commission, agency, or board of the General Synod. In this way, the commission sought to fulfill its responsibilities as stated in the bylaws of the General Synod—namely, “in consultation with the general secretary, [the commission] shall search the denomination for suitable nominees. In making nominations it shall consider the geographic location, occupation, and record of previous service to the denomination of persons suggested by classes, regional synods, and other sources. It shall consider this and other pertinent data in light of each commission’s or agency’s responsibilities, membership needs, suggested nominees, and place and schedule of meetings” (Book of Church Order [BCO], Chapter 3, Part I, Article 5, Section 8c2 [2019 edition, p. 116]). The commission also worked in cooperation with the boards of trustees of the Reformed Church in America–related institutions to fill openings and vacancies on their respective boards as directed by the various governing documents of those institutions.

The commission seeks to nominate individuals for service on commissions, agencies, and boards on the basis of their spiritual gifts, interests, heart (or passion), abilities, personality, experience, and special leadership abilities, and when possible, seeks to involve young adult members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) (so they can be nurtured and encouraged to serve the RCA in a variety of ways in the future). Through its efforts, the Commission on Nominations has proactively fulfilled its responsibility to “search the denomination” and believes those nominated have traits that make them well-suited for the work of the positions to which
they are being nominated. The commission is pleased to report once again that it has, to the best of its ability, fulfilled its responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of the *BCO* are upheld.

When the number of qualified candidates from which to choose increases, the commission’s work is enhanced, and the work of the General Synod’s commissions, agencies, and boards is carried out more effectively. Consequently, the commission encourages anyone interested in serving to submit a completed profile by emailing it to Angela Worthley, staff to the commission, at nominations@rca.org. A blank profile and brief descriptions of each commission, agency, and board can be found at www.rca.org/nominations.

**Ad Interim Appointments**

The GSC appointed the following nominees *ad interim* at its meetings held between the June 2019 and October 2021 General Synods. (Classes that include a beginning and ending year begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Classes that are noted by an ending year only conclude June 30. An asterisk in front of the name indicates that the new term will be the individual’s final term. The *BCO* requires regional synod and/or racial/ethnic council nomination for various RCA bodies. These nominees are indicated by the regional synod or racial/ethnic council acronym in parentheses followed by a # sign.)

**Nominees appointed *ad interim* on October 18, 2019 (GSC 19-41)**

**Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—Michigan**

Class ending in 2020
- Doorlag, Rev. Jack
- *Murphy, Nelson*
- *Schneiker, Jason*
- Struyk, Douglas

Class ending in 2021
- Chapman, Dana
- Condis, Ralph

Class ending in 2022
- Laswell, Joseph

**Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)**

Class ending in 2021
- Johnson, Kristen (WTS Theological Agent designee)

**Nominees appointed *ad interim* on June 9, 2020 (GSC 20-29)**

**General Synod Council (GSC)**

Class of 2020–2024
- *Chahine, Michelle*
- *Cousins, Devonna*
- *Moses, Sheila (RSNY)*#
- *Van Es, Kimberly*
- *Van Oort, Harris (RSH)*#
- *Varga, Patricia*
Commission on Christian Action (CCA)
Class of 2020–2023
Banks, Rev. Beryl
*Ennis, Rev. Mark
Prince, Bradley
*Smith, Reginald (Ecumenical observer—Reformed)
*Winchell, Kim (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)

Commission on Christian Discipleship and Education (CCDE)
Class of 2020–2023
Koerselman, Rebecca
*Van Beek, Pamela

Commission on Christian Unity (CCU)
Class ending in 2021
Buettner, Rev. Dale
Class of 2020–2023
Elenbaas, Anthony (Ecumenical observer—another denomination)
*Field, Rev. Donna
Jackson, Carol (Kitt)
Lampen, Rev. Jeffery

Commission on Christian Worship (CCW)
Class ending in 2022
Granlund, Steven
Class of 2020–2023
Alvarado, Geimy
*Gieser, Dirk

Commission on Church Order (CCO)
Class of 2020–2023
*Scheid, Joshua
*Van Regenmorter, Jennifer

Commission on History (CoH)
Class of 2020–2023
Devos, Rev. Corstian
*Pierce, Rev. Steven

Commission on Judicial Business (CJB)
Class of 2020–2023
*Breen, Rev. Stephen (RSH)#
*Van Houten, Rev. Kendra (RSNY)#

Commission on Nominations (CoN)
Class of 2020–2023
Bilbrew, Rev. Wanzette (Ann) (AABC)#
*Enjady, Rainey
*Mutch, Carol (RSMAt)#
Schramm, Dean (RSMAm)"

*Commission on Race and Ethnicity (CORE)*
Class ending in 2021
Vacancy (CHM)"
Class ending in 2022
Larsen, Mike
Class of 2020–2023
  *Denny, June
  Na, Rev. Young
  Pyle, Rev. Nathan

*Commission on Theology (CoT)*
Class of 2020–2023
  Baart, Aaron (Ecumenical observer—other Reformed bodies)
  Bouma-Prediger, Steven
  *Citlau, Rev. Ronald
  Lunn, John
  *Russell, Rev. William (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)

*Commission for Women (CIW)*
Class ending in 2021
Reid, Claudette
Class ending in 2022
Dickie, Jane
Class of 2020–2023
  Dekker, Rev. Florence
  Morgan, Mary

*Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—New York*
Class ending in 2022
Barnes, Lynn
Class of 2020–2023
  Cumings, Timothy
  *Doorlag, Rev. Jack
  *Struyk, Douglas

Though both of this year’s openings were in the Class of 2023, the Board of Benefits Services wished to even out its class rotation by placing one of the new directors in the Class of 2022.

*Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—Michigan*
Class ending in 2021
Chapman, Dana
Condis, Ralph
Class ending in 2022
Barnes, Lynn
Laswell, Joseph
Class of 2020–2023
  Cumings, Timothy
  *Doorlag, Rev. Jack
*Struyk, Douglas

Church Growth Fund (CGF) Board
Class of 2020–2023
Bos, Rev. Michael
*Kouba, Nicole
*Schneiderman, George

Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA)
Class of 2020–2023
*DeVriend, Rev. Dustin
*Nelson, Rev. Frances

Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)
Class of 2021
Johnson, Kristen (WTS Theological Agent designee)

Class of 2020–2023
Dunlap, Rev. Gregory (NBTS Theological Agent designee)
Gillett, Rev. Daniel
Pierce, Rev. Chad

New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) Board of Trustees
Class of 2020–2023
*Choi, David
*Crawford, Brittnee (RSNY)
Cruz, Samuel
Kaltwasser, Cambria
*Kapteyn, Rev. John (RSC)
McGinty, Felicia
*Paarlberg, Russell (RSMAm)
*Slaughter, Ronald
Vis, Rev. Anthony (RSH)
*Zimmerman, Dean

Western Theological Seminary (WTS) Board of Trustees
Class of 2020–2023
Gilbert, Percy
Johnson, Fred
Tiénou, Tite
*Vriesman, Rev. Brian
Wierda, Emilie Prince
Vacancy (RSMAm)

Appointed Carl Boersma to serve as ad interim moderator of the Commission on Nominations for the 2020–2021 term.
Nominees appointed *ad interim* on October 23, 2020 (GSC 20-37)

*Commission on Race and Ethnicity (CORE)*  
Class ending in 2021  
Elivo Lopez, Rev. Rolfi (CHM)#

*Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)*  
Class ending in 2021  
Serrano, Lorena

*New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) Board of Trustees*  
Class ending in 2022  
McCarty, Therese

*Western Theological Seminary (WTS) Board of Trustees*  
Class ending in 2023  
Izenbart, Rev. David (RSMAm)  
Snyder, Beth

Nominees appointed *ad interim* on October 23, 2020 (GSC 20-38)

*Hope College Board of Trustees*  
Class of 2020–2023  
Alemán, Rev. Eddy  
Pitsenberger, Rev. Mike  
Sutton, Eugene

Nominee appointed *ad interim* on March 23, 2021 (GSC 21-05)

*Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)*  
Class ending in 2021  
Camacho, Israel

Nominees appointed *ad interim* on June 22, 2021 (GSC 21-19)

*General Synod Council (GSC)*  
Class of 2021–2025  
*Davis, Susan  
*Lohre, Kathryn (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)  
*Meyer-Veen, Rev. Michael  
*Nichols, Rev. Eric (RSMAt)#  
*Roller, Rev. Neale (RSMAm)#  
*Spyksma, Glenn  
*Vande Voort, Lee
Commission on Christian Action (CCA)
Class ending in 2023
Stephenson, Rev. Mark (interim, to be replaced by new CRCNA Director of Race Relations and Social Justice when hired without further action by GSC appointment or by General Synod to elect the new person) (Ecumenical observer—Reformed)

Class of 2021–2024
Ennis, Rev. Leah
Smith, Rev. Dianna
*Van Kooten Laughead, Cameron

Commission on Christian Discipleship and Education (CCDE)
Class ending in 2022
Balk, Rev. Ellen

Class of 2021–2024
*Swart, Rev. Mark
VanderWaal, Rev. Bradley
White, Jason

Commission on Christian Unity (CCU)
Class ending in 2023
Veldt, Rev. Mark

Class of 2021–2024
Buettner, Rev. Dale
Busker, Rev. Nathan
*Corro, Rev. Carlos

Commission on Christian Worship (CCW)
Class ending in 2022
Grimm, Rev. Cory

Class of 2021–2024
*Frens, Rev. Kent
*Van Beek, Rev. Troy

Commission on Church Order (CCO)
Class of 2021–2024
Andrew, Brian
Jacobsen, Rev. Christopher

Commission on History (CoH)
Class of 2021–2024
Meeter, Rev. Daniel
Shepler, Rev. Douglas

Commission on Judicial Business (CJB)
Class of 2021–2024
Brooks, Rev. Brion (RSMAm)#
Visser, Carl (RSC)#
Vacancy (RSMAt)#
Commission on Nominations (CoN)
Class of 2021–2024
*Byun, Rev. Ock Kee (CPAAM)#
Garreton, Rev. Jose (RSC)#
Sealy, Rev. Patricia (RSNY)#
Vermeer, Evan (RSH)#

Commission on Race and Ethnicity (CORE)
Class ending in 2022
James, Earl
Class of 2021–2024
Elivo Lopez, Rev. Rolfi (CHM)#
Merino, Janice
*Spoonier, Rev. Kelvin (AABC)#

Commission on Theology (CoT)
Class ending in 2022
Church, William Ruggles
Class ending in 2023
*Estes, Rev. Elizabeth
Class of 2021–2024
*Else, Rev. Travis
McCreary, Rev. Micah (RCA seminary faculty)
Whittington, Robert

Commission for Women (CfW)
Class of 2021–2024
*Blankenship, Rev. Melisa
Reid, Claudette
Bakelaar, Rev. Philip

Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—New York
Class of 2021–2024
*Chapman, Dana
*Condis, Ralph

Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—Michigan
Class of 2021–2024
*Chapman, Dana
*Condis, Ralph

Church Growth Fund (CGF) Board
Class of 2021–2024
Putnam, Anne
Silberstein, Karl

Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA)
Class of 2021–2024
*Christiansen, Rev. Scott
Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)
Class of 2021–2024
Camacho, Israel
*Johnson, Kristen
*Taitt, Rev. Cora

New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) Board of Trustees
Class of 2021–2024
*Dunlap, Rev. Gregory (RSMA) 
*Kingdom Grier, Rev. Denise (RSG) 
Morris, Michael (RSF) 
Rohrer, Rev. Ming-Chen Grace 
Testa, Rev. Elizabeth

Western Theological Seminary (WTS) Board of Trustees
Class of 2021–2024
*Godwin-Stremler, Rev. Andrea 
Haworth, Matthew 
Highstreet, Alden (RSF) 
Hillegonds, Timothy 
Spoelhof, Steve 
*Taitt, Rev. Cora (RNY) 
Vermeer, Evan (RSH)

Appointed Carol Mutch to serve as ad interim moderator of the Commission on Nominations for the 2021–2022 term.

Election for Remainder of Terms Identified

The Commission on Nominations recommends to General Synod that it elect the following appointees for the remainder of the terms identified. (Classes that include a beginning and ending year begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Classes that are noted by an ending year only conclude June 30. An asterisk in front of the name indicates that the new term will be the individual's final term. The BCO requires regional synod and/or racial/ethnic council nomination for various RCA bodies. These nominees are indicated by the regional synod or racial/ethnic council acronym in parentheses followed by a # sign.)

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Class of 2020–2024
*Chahine, Michelle 
*Cousins, Devonna 
*Moses, Sheila (RNY) 
*Van Es, Kimberly 
*Van Oort, Harris (RSH) 
*Varga, Patricia
Class of 2021–2025
*Davis, Susan 
*Lohre, Kathryn (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)
*Meyer-Veen, Rev. Michael  
*Nichols, Rev. Eric (RSMAt)#  
*Roller, Rev. Neale (RSMAm)#  
*Spyksma, Glenn  
*Vande Voort, Lee

Commission on Christian Action (CCA)
Class ending in 2023
Stephenson, Rev. Mark (interim, to be replaced by new CRCNA Director of Race Relations and Social Justice when hired without further action by GSC appointment or by General Synod to elect the new person) (Ecumenical observer—Reformed)

Class of 2020–2023
*Ennis, Rev. Mark  
Prince, Bradley  
*Winchell, Kim (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)

Class of 2021–2024
Ennis, Rev. Leah  
Smith, Rev. Dianna  
*Van Kooten Laughead, Cameron

Commission on Christian Discipleship and Education (CCDE)
Class ending in 2022
Balk, Rev. Ellen

Class of 2020–2023
Koerselman, Rebecca  
*Van Beek, Pamela

Class of 2021–2024
*Swart, Rev. Mark  
VanderWaal, Rev. Bradley  
White, Jason

Commission on Christian Unity (CCU)
Class ending in 2023
Veldt, Rev. Mark

Class of 2020–2023
Elenbaas, Anthony (Ecumenical observer—another denomination)  
Jackson, Carol (Kitt)  
Lampen, Rev. Jeffery

Class of 2021–2024
Buettner, Rev. Dale  
Busker, Rev. Nathan  
*Corro, Rev. Carlos

Commission on Christian Worship (CCW)
Class ending in 2022
Granlund, Steven  
Grimm, Rev. Cory

Class of 2020–2023
Alvarado, Geimy
*Gieser, Dirk  
Class of 2021–2024  
*Frens, Rev. Kent  
*Van Beek, Rev. Troy

*Commission on Church Order (CCO)*  
Class of 2020–2023  
*Scheid, Rev. Joshua  
*Van Regenmorter, Jennifer  
Class of 2021–2024  
Andrew, Brian  
Jacobsen, Rev. Christopher

*Commission on History (CoH)*  
Class of 2020–2023  
Devos, Rev. Corstian  
*Pierce, Rev. Steven  
Class of 2021–2024  
Meeter, Rev. Daniel  
Shepler, Rev. Douglas

*Commission on Judicial Business (CJB)*  
Class of 2020–2023  
*Breen, Rev. Stephen (RSH)#  
*Van Houten, Rev. Kendra (RSNY)#  
Class of 2021–2024  
Brooks, Rev. Brion (RSMAm)#  
Visser, Carl (RSC)#  
Vacancy (RSMAt)#

*Commission on Nominations (CoN)*  
Class of 2020–2023  
*Enjady, Rainey  
*Mutch, Carol (RSMAt)#  
Schramm, Dean (RSMAm)#  
Class of 2021–2024  
*Byun, Rev. Ock Kee (CPAAM)#  
Garreton, Rev. Jose (RSC)#  
Sealy, Rev. Patricia (RSNY)#

*Commission on Race and Ethnicity (CORE)*  
Class ending in 2022  
James, Earl  
Class of 2020–2023  
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Class of 2021–2024  
Elivo Lopez, Rev. Rolfi (CHM)#
Merino, Janice
*Spooner, Rev. Kelvin (AABC)#

Commission on Theology (CoT)
Class ending in 2022
Church, William Ruggles
Class ending in 2023
*Estes, Rev. Elizabeth
Class of 2020–2023
Baart, Aaron (Ecumenical observer—other Reformed bodies)
Bouma-Prediger, Steven
Lunn, John
*Russell, Rev. William (Ecumenical observer—ELCA)
Class of 2021–2024
McCready, Rev. Micah (RCA seminary faculty)
Whittington, Robert

Commission for Women (CiW)
Class ending in 2022
Dickie, Jane
Class of 2020–2023
Dekker, Rev. Florence
Morgan, Mary
Class of 2021–2024
*Blankenship, Rev. Melisa
Reid, Claudette
Bakelaar, Rev. Philip

Board of Benefits Services (BOBS)—New York
Class ending in 2022
Barnes, Lynn
Class of 2020–2023
Cumings, Timothy
*Doorlag, Rev. Jack
*Struyk, Douglas
Class of 2021–2024
*Chapman, Dana
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Class ending in 2022
Barnes, Lynn
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Class of 2020–2023
Cumings, Timothy
*Doorlag, Rev. Jack
*Struyk, Douglas
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  Bos, Rev. Michael
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  Schneiderman, George
Class of 2021–2024
  Putnam, Anne
  Silberstein, Karl

Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA)
Class of 2020–2023
  *DeVriend, Rev. Dustin
  *Nelson, Rev. Frances
Class of 2021–2024
  *Christiansen, Rev. Scott
  *Lin, San-Yi Shirley

Pastoral Formation Oversight Board (PFOB)
Class of 2020–2023
  Dunlap, Rev. Gregory (NBTS Theological Agent designee)
  Gillett, Rev. Daniel
  Pierce, Rev. Chad
Class of 2021–2024
  Camacho, Israel
  *Johnson, Kristen
  *Taitt, Rev. Cora

New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) Board of Trustees
Class ending in 2022
  McCarty, Therese
Class of 2020–2023
  *Choi, David
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  Cruz, Samuel
  Kaltwasser, Cambria
  *Kapteyn, Rev. John (RSC)
  McGinty, Felicia
  *Paarlberg, Russell (RSMAm)
  *Slaughter, Ronald
  Vis, Rev. Anthony (RSH)
  *Zimmerman, Dean
Class of 2021–2024
  *Dunlap, Rev. Gregory (RSMAt)
  *Kingdom Grier, Rev. Denise (RSGL)
  Morris, Michael (RSFW)
  Rohrer, Rev. Ming-Chen Grace
  Testa, Rev. Elizabeth
Western Theological Seminary (WTS) Board of Trustees

Class ending in 2023
- Izenbart, Rev. David (RSMAm)
- Snyder, Beth

Class of 2020–2023
- Gilbert, Percy
- Johnson, Fred
- Tiénou, Tite
  *Vriesman, Rev. Brian
- Wierda, Emilie Prince
- Vacancy (RSMAm)

Class of 2021–2024
  *Godwin-Stremler, Rev. Andrea
  Haworth, Matthew
  Highstreet, Alden (RSFW)
  Hillegonds, Timothy
  Spoelhof, Steve
  *Taitt, Rev. Cora (RSNY)
  Vermeer, Evan (RSH)

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To elect the above-named appointees, who were appointed ad interim by the General Synod Council, to serve as members of the General Synod commissions, agencies, and boards, and the boards of trustees of RCA-related educational institutions indicated, for the remainder of the terms identified; and further,

To affirm the General Synod Council’s June 9, 2020 ad interim appointment of Rev. Carl Boersma to serve as moderator of the Commission on Nominations for the 2020–2021 term; and further,

To elect Carol Mutch, who was appointed by the General Synod Council on June 22, 2021, to serve as ad interim moderator of the Commission on Nominations, to continue to serve as moderator for the remainder of the term ending in 2022.

Nominees for College Boards of Trustees

The GSC does not have the authority to appoint members ad interim to the Central College, Hope College, or Northwestern College Boards of Trustees. Therefore, the CoN did not include them in its June 2020 or June 2021 annual reports that it asked GSC to approve ad interim.

The GSC received a letter dated September 16, 2020, from Hope College, asking that Rev. Mike Pitsenberger, Rev. Eddy Alemán, and Eugene Sutton be affirmed as members of its Board of Trustees at the GSC’s October meeting. The GSC, at its October 23–24, 2020, meeting, took action to appoint the trustees ad interim and further, to seek ratification of the action at the next regular session of General Synod (GSC 20-38). The GSC will ask General Synod to ratify that action.
The Commission on Nominations recommends to General Synod that it elect the following trustees for the terms identified.

Central College Board of Trustees  
Class of 2020–2021  
Mathonnet-VanderWell, Rev. Sophie  
Sikkink, Steve  
Vogel, Judi  
Class of 2021–2022  
Mathonnet-VanderWell, Rev. Sophie  
Sikkink, Steve  
Vogel, Judi  

Hope College Board of Trustees  
Class of 2020–2023  
Alemán, Rev. Eddy  
Pitsenberger, Rev. Mike  
Sutton, Eugene  
Class of 2021–2025  
*Hart, Rev. Nathan  

Northwestern College Board of Trustees  
Class ending in 2024  
*Brouwer, Rev. Robert  
*Henrich, Julie  
Class ending in 2025  
*Van Heuvelen, Wayne

To affirm the election of the above-named Central College nominees, to serve as General Synod members of the Central College Board of Trustees, for the terms identified; and further,

To elect the above-named Hope College (a) Class of 2020–2023 nominees who were appointed ad interim by the General Synod Council on October 23, 2020, upon the request of Hope College, for the remainder of the term identified, and (b) Class of 2021–2025 nominee, to serve as trustees of the Hope College Board of Trustees; and further,

To approve the election of the above-named Northwestern College nominees, to serve as General Synod trustees of the Northwestern College Board of Trustees, for the terms identified.

Appreciation

The terms of Commission on Nominations members James Steward II and Cary Winn concluded on June 30, 2020, and the terms of members Carl Boersma, Micheal Edwards, and Robert Montgomery concluded on June 30, 2021. The commission wishes to thank these
members for their service. We are grateful for their prayers, insight, and contribution to the commission’s ministry.

The Commission on Nominations acknowledges with deep gratitude Laura Tarbous, our former staff support person, whose work concluded on September 30, 2020. Her dedication to the work of the commission was wholehearted, and she provided tireless attention to detail and diligent service in so many ways. We are grateful for her ministry, serving both our commission and the denomination for many years.

We also thank Angela Worthley, current staff support, for her enthusiasm, positive attitude, quick learning curve, and good nature in adding our numerous responsibilities to her workload, and we are pleased to have her on our team.

The commission wishes to express special words of appreciation to Carl Boersma for the seven years he served on the commission, as well as five years as moderator. During that time, he instituted several significant changes to streamline and improve the selection process. He led us with grace, expressing deep appreciation throughout our time together for the work of commission members to a degree none of us had ever experienced before. Collegiality and congeniality were the hallmarks of his leadership. Carl Boersma’s character, warmth, and commitment are invaluable gifts to the RCA. We are grateful for the journey we have taken with him.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Boersma, 2019–2021 moderator
Carol L. Mutch, 2020–2021 vice moderator and 2021–2022 moderator