CALL TO ORDER
The president called to order the fourteenth meeting of the General Synod at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Upon the request of the president, the Rev. Joel Plantinga, regular delegate from the Classis of California, offered prayer.

General Synod viewed a brief video presentation featuring the work of mission partner personnel the Rev. Dr. Terry Troia. Upon the request of the president, the vice president offered prayer.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF GENERAL SYNOD, CONTINUED
The president called upon the general secretary to review the procedures for electing the vice president of General Synod (GS Workbook p. 33). The general secretary addressed the General Synod. The tellers distributed and collected the ballots for the election of the vice president.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE TO WESTIN LA PALOMA

The following motion was made and supported:

Whereas our time at The Westin La Paloma has been blessed with such wonderful accommodations, helpful and courteous staff, great food, and a beautiful, peaceful, enriching location;

and whereas this location has served to help calm our hearts and contribute to the calm, respectful discussions during the time we have spent together.

We recommend that the General Secretary write a letter of thanks to The Westin La Paloma Hotel expressing the many ways they have contributed to the success of this General Synod.

VOTED: To adopt the motion (voice vote).

ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GENERAL SYNOD, CONTINUED

The president announced that no majority vote was received on the first electing ballot for General Synod vice president. The delegates cast a second electing ballot for General Synod vice president.

NECROLOGY

The president called upon the Rev. David Zomer, corresponding delegate from the Commission on History and the Rev. James Brumm, director of the Reformed Church Center at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, to read the Necrology report (GS Workbook, pp. 163-164).

General Synod viewed a brief video presentation featuring the work of mission personnel Chuck and Jean Van Engen. The Rev. Phillip Assink offered prayer.

TIME OF PRAYER FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES

In response to the General Synod’s adoption of ONB 21-12, the president called upon the Rev. Dr. Andres Serrano, Coordinator for Hispanic Ministries and Church Multiplication Catalyst, to lead General Synod in prayer for Haitians seeking asylum at the southern border of the United
ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GENERAL SYNOD, CONTINUED

The president announced that a majority vote was received on the first electing ballot for General Synod Vice President, declared the Rev. Dwayne Jackson, the newly elected vice president, and invited him to the platform. The Rev. Jackson addressed the synod. The vice president offered prayer.

PRESENTATION OF BELL

The president addressed the Synod and presented a General Synod bell to the president-elect, the Rev. Phillip Assink.

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE

A motion was made and supported to express gratitude for the leadership by President EJ de Waard of the 2021 session of the General Synod.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

A motion was made and supported to adjourn following closing worship.

**VOTED:** To adopt the motion (voice vote).

The president declared the meeting of the 2021 General Synod of the Reformed Church in America adjourned following the closing worship service (including installation of officers). A closing prayer was offered by Susan Davis, corresponding delegate from the General Synod Council and General Synod Council serving as Executive Committee of the General Synod, and regular delegate from the Classis of California. Thereafter the delegates departed from the Arizona Ballroom for closing worship at the Catalina Basin outdoor venue.

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

The delegates gathered in the Catalina Basin at The Westin La Paloma for a closing worship celebration. The service began at 9:13 a.m. followed by prayer by James Nakakihara.

The service was led by: the Rev. Eddy Alemán, the Rev. Philip Assink, the Rev. EJ de Waard, Kathy de Waard, Sebastian Gimenez, Steve Heerema, Ben Keller, James Nakakihara, and the Rev. Arthur Van
The word was preached by Steve Heerema, commissioned pastor of Newton Church of the Way, Newton, Iowa.

Rev. Philip Assink and Rev. Dwayne Jackson were installed as General Synod president and vice president, respectively.

The sacrament of communion was shared, with the Rev. Eddy Alemán and the Rev. EJ de Waard serving as co-celebrants.

An offering was received, and will be distributed in equal shares to three ministries designated by the General Synod president – one in a Canadian context, one in a United States context, and one in a global context. The three ministries are Joy Hamilton in Hamilton, Ontario (a new church planting project in the Classis of Ontario), Highbridge Community Church in the Bronx, New York City, New York (a local church that has had a continuing ministry in the Highbridge section of the Bronx since 1860), and Anchor Church in Vulcan, Romania (a new church plant that has grown out of a climbing gym ministry run by RCA missionaries Felipe and Janelle deWaard-Silva in the Dallas neighborhood of Vulcan).

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Philip Assink. The closing worship service concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Thus, the 214th General Synod of the Reformed Church in America adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.