

**General Synod Council  
Reformed Church in America  
Minutes of August 3, 2021 Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting**

Welcome and Prayer

Ned Beadel, moderator of the General Synod Council (“GSC”), called the meeting to order on August 3, 2021, at 4:33 p.m. (eastern) followed by prayer.

Members Present

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

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| Eddy Alemán, ex-officio | Sheila Moses     |
| Philip Assink           | James Nakakihara |
| Ned Beadel              | Albert Plat      |
| Michelle Chahine        | Neale Roller     |
| Devonna Cousins         | Glenn Spyksma    |
| Susan Davis             | Lee Vande Voort  |
| Bruce Deckinga          | Kimberly Van Es  |
| EJ de Waard             | Leigh Van Kempen |
| Jamie Dykstra           | Harris Van Oort  |
| Hellen Harvey           | Patricia Varga   |
| Michael Meyer-Veen      | Imos Wu          |
| Eric Moreno             |                  |

Members Absent

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

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| Pedro Agudelo        | Kent McHeard |
| Robert Johnson       | Eric Nichols |
| Kathryn Lohre (ELCA) |              |

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*  
Jill Ver Steeg, *Chief Operations Officer*  
Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

## General Synod

The moderator presented the 2021 General Synod special advisory committee membership as follows:

### **Overtures and New Business**

Moderator: Chuck Swoboda (minister, Classis of Cascades)

Vice Moderator: Dwayne Jackson (minister, Classis of Greater Palisades)

#### *Ministers*

Laura Dilley (Classis of North Grand Rapids)

Stacey Duensing (Classis of Orange)

Jon Garbison (Classis of Wisconsin)

Suzanne Vogel (Classis of Central Iowa)

#### *Elders*

Lynne Stenberg (Classis of Montgomery)

June Denny (Classis of Southwest)

Willie Si (Synod of Canada)

Mary Zwart (Classis of Southwest Michigan)

#### *General Synod Professor*

Chad Pierce

### **Church Order and Governance**

Moderator: Ben Lin (minister, Classis of New Brunswick)

Vice Moderator: Jan Van Wyk (elder, Synod of the Heartland)

#### *Ministers*

Doug Evenhouse (Classis of Illinois)

George Grevenstuk (Classis of Great Lakes City)

Gary Jarvis (Classis of Zeeland)

Megan Hodgins (Classis of Schenectady)

Carole Barber (Classis of the Americas)

#### *Elders*

Mertella Munroe (Classis of Rockland-Westchester)

Lorena Serrano (Classis of the Americas)

Hugo Vasquez (Classis of Holland)

#### *General Synod Professor*

Tim Brown

**GSC 21-27** Motion made, supported, and carried:

To approve the 2021 General Synod special advisory committee membership as presented.

The committee membership is subject to change based on delegate availability. GSC will be asked to approve any revisions at a meeting preceding the call to order of General Synod 2021.

**GSC 21-28** Motion made, supported, and carried to adjourn the August 3, 2021 meeting of GSC at 4:43 p.m. (eastern).

Angela Worthley, Recorder