

**General Synod Council
Reformed Church in America
Minutes of January 7, 2022 Meeting
Zoom Videoconference**

Welcome and Prayer

Ned Beadel, moderator of the General Synod Council (GSC), called the January 7, 2022 meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. (eastern) followed by devotions and prayer.

Members Present

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

Pedro Agudelo	Michael Meyer-Veen
Eddy Alemán, <i>ex-officio</i>	Eric Moreno
Philip Assink	Sheila Moses
Ned Beadel	Eric Nichols
Michelle Chahine	Albert Plat
Devonna Cousins	Neale Roller
Susan Davis	Glenn Spyksma
Bruce Deckinga	Lee Vande Voort
EJ de Waard	Kimberly Van Es
Hellen Harvey	Leigh Van Kempen
Dwayne Jackson	Harris Van Oort
Robert Johnson	Patricia Varga
Kathryn Lohre (ELCA)	Imos Wu
Kent McHeard	

Members Absent

The following member of the GSC was unable to attend the meeting:

Carole Barber

Staff

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

Terri Boven, *Recorder*
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, *Associate General Secretary*

Angela Worthley, *Recorder*

Ad Interim Appointment

GSC 22-01 Motion made, supported, and carried to approve the *ad interim* appointment of Jidong Shan (General Synod delegate) to the General Synod Council.

RF 21-1 Restructuring Team

Eddy Alemán, general secretary, presented a proposed membership list for the restructuring team mandated by General Synod in RF 21-1 and the GSC provided feedback.

RF 21-1 reads as follows:

To direct the General Synod Council to appoint a team of at least 10 but no more than 15 people tasked with the specific work of developing a restructuring plan for the denomination with a view to optimizing the RCA's sustained spiritual and organizational health, in consultation with the Commission on Church Order and any other bodies it finds necessary. This team should be composed of several executive RCA staff members, and of representatives from around the RCA drawn from regional or local assemblies that have expressed an intention to remain in the Reformed Church in America, and should be representative of the racial, ethnic, gender, age, socioeconomic, geographic, and other forms of diversity present in the RCA. This team should consider the four principles stated above [see Vision 2020 report to 2021 General Synod] as it does its work and should bring any recommendations for restructuring that require General Synod approval, including any proposed changes to the Book of Church Order, to General Synod 2024; and further,

To approve the \$0.29 per member assessment to fund the work of this team.

GSC 22-02 Motion made, supported, and carried to generally support the RF 21-1 team list proposed by the general secretary, but to ask him to take into account the feedback provided by GSC members and come back to GSC with a revised list for GSC's final approval in early February.

Adjournment

GSC 22-03

Motion made, supported, and carried to adjourn the January 7, 2022 meeting of the GSC at 12:09 p.m. (eastern) following closing prayer by Imos Wu.

Terri Boven, Recorder
Angela Worthley, Recorder