

# Report of the Advisory Committee on Overtures and New Business

## Part 2

### President's Proposals

In response to P-1 from the Report of the President, the Advisory Committee on Overtures and New Business recommends the following:

#### **ONB 22-7**

**To direct the Commission on Christian Action to explore the Alliance for Hope International as a possible partner to equip congregations and members of the Reformed Church in America to support the intervention and prevention of violence, for report to General Synod 2023.**

Reasons

1. It is important to find tangible ways to address and prevent violence.
2. This is an established organization with a proven track record. Through Transformed & Transforming, the RCA's 15-year goal adopted by the General Synod in 2013, the RCA has committed to "working with all the partners that God provides" (*MGS 2013*, R-9, pp. 70-71).

In response to P-2 from the Report of the President, the Advisory Committee on Overtures and New Business recommends the following:

#### **ONB 22-8**

**To urge all classes and congregations that support RCA Global Mission through Partnership-in-Mission shares to maintain those partnerships, and, for congregations that have transferred or are transferring out of the RCA, to consider staying engaged with their RCA mission partners even when they are no longer formally connected to the RCA to sustain this kingdom witness.**

Reasons:

1. RCA Global Mission is doing kingdom ministry that reaches beyond the RCA.
2. General Synod 2021 affirmed the importance of Global Mission.
3. We added "classes" because the classis has direct access and communication with congregations during the process of transferring out of the denomination.