CALL TO ORDER

The Rev. Philip Assink, General Synod president, called to order the fifth meeting of the General Synod at 7:03 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022. Reghan Harms, corresponding seminary student delegate from Western Theological Seminary, offered prayer.

MISSIONARY VIDEO

Delegates viewed a brief video about the missionary work of Cheryl Barnes to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. The Rev. Dirk Gieser, regular delegate from the Classis of Albany, offered prayer.

RESTRUCTURING TEAM UPDATE

The president invited four delegates who are members of the Restructuring Team to address the Synod regarding the work of the Team. The delegates are:

- The Rev. Greg Brower, regular delegate from the Classis of Great Lakes City
- Michelle Chahine, corresponding delegate from the General Synod Council serving as the Executive Committee of the General Synod
- The Rev. Dr. Andrea Godwin-Stremler, regular delegate from the Classis of Central Plains
- Gildo Vieira, regular delegate from the Classis of Ontario

Rev. Brower, Ms. Chahine, Rev. Dr. Godwin-Stremler, and Mr. Vieira provided a verbal update (a written report was not included in the GS Workbook) and led the Synod through a group discernment exercise designed to build leadership discernment by sitting in silence to contemplate the following questions and then by listening, reflecting, and praying as a table group.

- Where do you see God at work in the RCA or in your local ministry context? What can be celebrated?
- How can WE or I join God in that work?
- How is God calling US or ME to join him?
RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 8:36 p.m., following prayer by the Rev. Charles Swoboda, regular delegate from the Classis of Cascades.