Regional Synod Overtures

Encourage Engagement in Cross-Cultural Mission

Overture 6

The Regional Synod of the Great Lakes overtures the General Synod to strongly encourage all churches within the RCA to engage at least 10 percent of their active membership in either a local or global cross-cultural mission by 2024.

Reasons:
1. “The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning.” – Emil Brunner
2. The pivot from crisis and conflict to mission is essential.
3. Seeing the gospel within another cultural context sharpens and enlivens our understanding of the gospel.
4. Cross-pollination of ministry ideas, energy, and understandings promotes learning, faith sharing, and gospel witness.
5. Cross-cultural fellowship is rich because we discover that what we have in common in Christ is far greater than our cultural differences.
6. Our youth are attracted to a noble cause.
7. Our general secretary, our director of Global Mission, and the Regional Synod of the Heartland have all been following the Holy Spirit’s leading, and an amazing work has already begun.