

## Permanent Commissions, Boards, and Agencies

### 2022–2023

Names listed below were accurate as of March 15, 2023. Current lists of individuals who are serving as members of these bodies are found online in the General Synod Directory at [my.rca.org](http://my.rca.org).

An asterisk (\*) indicates serving a final term.

#### GENERAL SYNOD COUNCIL

Pedro Agudelo	2023* CHM
Philip Assink, <i>moderator</i>	2023* PP, GS
Carole Barber	2023
Calvin Brouwer	2026*
Michelle Chahine	2024*
Linda Cline	2025*
Devonna Cousins	2024*
Susan Davis	2025*
Bruce Deckinga	2023* RSGL
Brian Engel	2025*
Dwayne Jackson	2023* P, GS
Randy Karcher	2026* RSA
Bradley Kautz	2026* RSFW
Yong Bok Kim	2026* CPAAM
Michael Meyer-Veen	2025*
Sheila Moses	2024* RSNY
Judith Nelson, <i>second vice moderator</i>	2023* VP, GS
Eric Nichols	2025* RSMAt
Albert Plat	2023* RSC
Neale Roller	2025* RSMAm
Jidong Shan	2023
Kjersten Sullivan	2025* Ecumenical - ELCA
Kimberly Van Es, <i>first vice moderator</i>	2024*
Leigh Van Kempen	2023*
Harris Van Oort	2024* RSH
Patricia Varga	2024*
Maudelin Willock	2026*
Vacancy	2026* AABC
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )	<i>Ex officio</i>

#### RACIAL/ETHNIC COUNCILS

##### African American Black Council Executive Committee

Sharon Atkins, *chairperson*  
Earl James, *vice chairperson*

Regina Reid  
Maudelin Willock

### **Council for Hispanic Ministries Executive Committee**

Gustavo Azar  
Fredy Gutierrez, *president*  
Fabio Sosa  
Martín Torrealba  
Maria Vera

### **Council for Native American Indigenous Ministries Executive Committee**

*[formal reinstatement by GSC not complete as of the date this list was created;  
council bylaws are in development]*

### **Council for Pacific and Asian American Ministries Executive Committee**

Jae Hyun Ahn, *vice president*  
Peihuang Chen  
Felix Fan  
Kelvin Hiu Kong  
Leonardy Poluan  
Ancela Fransisca Rumokoy, *president*  
Kyunghoon Suh, *past president, ex officio*  
Jui-Lin Ou Yang

## **COMMISSIONS**

### **Christian Action**

Anne Elzinga	2023	
Leah Ennis	2024	
Mark Ennis, <i>secretary</i>	2023*	
Rodney Haveman	2025	
Edward Lungu	2025*	
Doug Ogden	2023	Ecumenical observer - ELCA
Bradley Prince	2023	
Dianna Smith	2024	
Cameron Van Kooten Laughead, <i>moderator</i>	2024*	
Mashona Walston	2025	
Vacancy	2023	Ecumenical observer - Reformed

### **Christian Discipleship and Education**

Ellen Balk	2025
Rebecca Koerselman	2023

Patricia Simmons	2025
Mark Swart, <i>moderator</i>	2024*
Pamela Van Beek, <i>secretary</i>	2023*
Bradley VanderWaal	2024
Jason White	2024

### **Christian Unity**

Dale Buettner	2024	
Nathan Busker	2024	
Carlos Corro, <i>moderator</i>	2024*	
Stacey Duensing Pearce	2025*	
Anthony Elenbaas	2023	Ecumenical (CRCNA)
Carol (Kitt) Jackson, <i>vice moderator</i>	2023	
Jeffery Lampen, <i>secretary</i>	2023	
Kim Pavlovich	2025	
S. Mark Veldt	2023*	
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )		<i>Ex officio</i>

### **Christian Worship**

Geimy Alvarado	2023*
Kent Frens	2024*
Dirk Gieser, <i>moderator</i>	2023*
Cory Grimm	2025
Ronald Rienstra	2025
Irving Rivera	2025
Troy Van Beek	2024*

### **Church Order**

Brian Andrew	2024
Christopher Jacobsen	2024
Howard Moths	2025*
Joshua Scheid, <i>moderator; secretary</i>	2023*
Jennifer Van Regenmorter	2023*

### **History**

Corstian Devos	2023
Katlyn DeVries	2025
Daniel Meeter	2024
Steven Pierce, <i>moderator</i>	2023*
Douglas Shepler	2024
David Zomer	2025*

## Judicial Business

Stephen Breen, <i>secretary</i>	2023* RSH
Brion Brooks	2024 RSMAM
Brianne Marriott	2025 RSFW
Erin Parker, <i>vice moderator</i>	2022* RSA
Edward Thornton	2024 RSMAt
Kendra Van Houten, <i>moderator</i>	2023* RSNY
Carl Visser	2024 RSC
Susan Vogel-Vanderson	2025 RSGL

## Nominations

Philip Assink	2023* PP, GS
Tricia Berry	2024 RSH
Ock Kee Byun	2024* CPAAM
Lawrence Dove	2023 AABC
Rainey Enjady	2023* Native Americans/First Nations
Linda Gold	2025 RSA
Eric Moreno	2025 RSFW
Carol Mutch, <i>moderator</i>	2023* RSMAt
Judith Nelson, <i>vice moderator</i>	2023* RSGL
Dean Schramm, <i>secretary</i>	2023* RSMAM
Patricia Sealy	2024 RSNY
Jael Serrano-Altamirano	2025* CHM
Vacancy	2024 RSC

## Race and Ethnicity

June Denny	2023*
Rolfi Elivo Lopez	2024 CHM
Earl James, <i>secretary</i>	2025
Stephen Kim	2025* CPAAM
Young Na	2023
Nathan Pyle, <i>vice moderator</i>	2023
Riana Shaw Robinson	2024
Kelvin Spooner, <i>moderator</i>	2024* AABC

## Theology

John Alfred	2024
Steven Bouma-Prediger	2023
James Brumm	2025
William (Ruggles) Church	2025
Elizabeth Estes, <i>moderator</i>	2023*
John Lunn	2023*
Micah McCreary	2024
William Russell	2023* Ecumenical observer - ELCA

Matthew van Maastricht	2025
Robert Whittington	2024
Vacancy	2025
Vacancy	2023* Ecumenical observer - Reformed body

## Women

Philip Bakelaar, <i>secretary</i>	2024
Kristin Brouwer	2023
Florence Dekker	2023
Cedric Nelms	2025
Claudette Reid	2024
Debra Rensink, <i>moderator</i>	2025*
Barbara Spooner	2024
Mark Waterstone	2025

## AGENCIES

### Board of Benefits Services

Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )	
Philip Assink	2023* GSC designee
Lynn Barnes	2025*
Leanne Bough	2025
Ralph Condis	2024*
Timothy Cumings	2023
Jack Doorlag, <i>president</i>	2023*
Lucio Flavio Rodrigues	2025
Judith Nelson	2023 VP, GS
Douglas Struyk, <i>vice president</i>	2023*

### Church Growth Fund, Inc. Board

Elba Arias-Lopez	2025
Michael Bos, <i>president</i>	2023
Joel Bouwens	2025
Nicole Kouba, <i>secretary</i>	2023*
Anne Putnam	2024
Ronald Rukambe	2025*
George Schneiderman, <i>vice president</i>	2023*
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )	<i>Ex officio</i>

### Ministerial Formation Certification Agency Board of Trustees

Gerald Baraza	2025
Scott Christiansen, <i>moderator</i>	2024*
Norma Coleman-James, <i>secretary</i>	2025*
Susan Converse	2023

Devonna Cousins	2024* GSC representative
San-Yi Shirley Lin	2024*
Frances Nelson	2023*
Cathleen Wolff, <i>vice moderator</i>	2025*
Vacancy	2025
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )	<i>Ex officio</i>

### **Pastoral Formation Oversight Board**

Israel Camacho	2024
Norma Coleman-James	2025* MFCA
Gregory Dunlap	2023 NBTS
Victor Folkert	2025
Daniel Gillett, <i>vice moderator</i>	2023
Kristen Johnson	2024* WTS
Micah McCreary	NBTS president
Carol Mutch, <i>secretary</i>	2025* CPAT
Chad Pierce, <i>moderator</i>	2023
David Schutt	MFCA interim executive director
Cora Taitt	2024*
Felix Theonugraha	WTS president
Kimberly Van Es	2024* GSC designee
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )	<i>Ex officio</i>

### **ECUMENICAL DELEGATIONS**

#### **Christian Churches Together**

S. Mark Veldt

#### **Christian Reformed Church (Reformed Church Collaborative)**

Eddy Alemán  
Sung Kim  
Annalise Radcliffe  
John Paul (JP) Sundararajan  
Christina Tazelaar  
Chad Farrand

#### **Creation Justice Ministries**

Daniel Carlson (board member)

#### **Churches for Middle East Peace**

Laura Osborne (board member)

## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Dale Buettner (Church Council)

## **Formula of Agreement**

Eddy Alemán

## **Global Christian Forum**

Stacey Duensing Pearce (young adult consultant)

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson (executive committee)

## **National Council of Churches**

Eddy Alemán (governing board)

Jeffery Lampen (Christian Education Table)

Carol (Kitt) Jackson (Faith and Order Table)

Laura Osborne (Interreligious Table)

## **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

Fredy Gutierrez (Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations)

## **Reformed-Catholic Dialogue**

Eddy Alemán

Monica Pierce

Laura Osborne

## **World Communion of Reformed Churches**

Lisa Vander Wal (executive committee)

## **World Council of Churches**

Eddy Alemán

Stacey Duensing Pearce (Central Committee and young adult consultant)

## **INSTITUTIONS**

### **New Brunswick Theological Seminary Board of Trustees**

Valerie Arthur	2025*
David Choi, <i>vice moderator</i>	2023*
Brittnee Crawford	2023* RSNY
Samuel Cruz	2023
Henry Davis III	2025

Gregory Dunlap	2024*	RSMAt
Cambria Kaltwasser	2023	
John Kapteyn	2023*	RSC
Denise Kingdom Grier, <i>treasurer</i>	2024*	RSGL
Therese McCarty	2025*	
Felicia McGinty	2023	
Steven Miller	2025	
Michael Morris, <i>secretary</i>	2024	RSFW
Abigail Norton-Levering	2025*	RSA
Russell Paarlberg, <i>moderator</i>	2023*	RSMAm
Zachary Pearce	2025	
Wilfredo Rodriguez	2025*	
Ming-Chen (Grace) Rohrer	2024	
Ronald Slaughter	2023*	
Elizabeth Testa	2024	
Anthony Vis	2023	RSH
Dean Zimmerman	2023*	
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )		<i>Ex officio</i>

### **Western Theological Seminary Board of Trustees**

*While General Synod voted in 2022 to approve a change in the relationship between itself and Western Theological Seminary (WTS), the relationship change must also be reviewed by the seminary's accreditor (Association of Theological Schools). That process is expected to complete in April 2023, but as of the date of this report (March 15, 2023) WTS had not filed the changes to its articles in Michigan.*

Kate Bolt	2025	
Percy Gilbert	2023	
Andrea Godwin-Stremmler	2024*	
Matthew Haworth	2024	
Alden Highstreet	2024	RSFW
Timothy Hillegonds	2024	
David Izenbart	2023	RSMAm
Fred Johnson	2023	
Rebecca Renner Anderson, <i>treasurer</i>	2025	RSGL
Beth Snyder	2023	
Steve Spoelhof, <i>chairperson</i>	2024	
Cora Taitt, <i>vice chairperson</i>	2024*	RSNY
Tite Tiéno, <i>secretary</i>	2023	
Carol Van Andel	2025*	
Lisa Vander Wal	2025*	RSA
Evan Vermeer	2024	RSH
Emilie Wierda	2023	
Eddy Alemán ( <i>general secretary</i> )		<i>Ex officio</i>



## **COLLEGES**

### **Central College Trustees Affirmed by the General Synod**

Sophie Mathonnet-VanderWell	2023
Steve Sikkink	2023
Judith Vogel	2023

### **Hope College Trustees Elected by the General Synod**

Eddy Alemán	2023
Nathan Hart	2025*
Michael Pitsenberger	2023
Matthew Wixson	2023
Vacancy	2023

### **Northwestern College Trustees Approved by the General Synod**

Eddy Alemán	2026*
Michael Hardeman	2025*
Wayne Van Heuvelen	2025*