

GENERAL SYNOD
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

2023 Journal of Actions
Meeting 3
Friday morning - June 9, 2023
H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse

WORSHIP

The worship team, identified in the Journal of Actions for Meeting 1, led the Synod in worship along with representatives from the African American Black Council – Vivian Campbell, Rev. Dr. Michael Edwards, Rev. Dr. Patricia Sealy, Rev. Susanah Wade, and Rev. Maudelin Willock.

The Word was preached by the Rev. Sharon Atkins.

The president called to order the third meeting of the General Synod at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The president called upon the general secretary, the Rev. Eddy Alemán, to present his report.

The general secretary addressed the Synod, and presented his report.

NEW BUSINESS

The president offered the second and final opportunity for the presentation of new business. No new business was presented.

MISSIONARY VIDEO

The General Synod viewed a brief video presentation highlighting RCA missionary Jennifer Lucking. Thais Lima, regular delegate from the Classis of Ontario, led the Synod in prayer for this mission work.

TABLE DISCUSSION – ‘WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?’

The president led the delegates through a guided exercise of sharing with each other what energizes, excites, motivates, and brings joy.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONTINUED

The president called upon the Rev. Philip Assink, moderator of the General Synod Council serving as the Executive Committee of the General Synod, to continue its report (GS Workbook pp. 38-98).

The general secretary explained the process for amendments to the RCA Constitution and the Bylaws of the General Synod.

EC 23-2 was presented to the house.

VOTED: To adopt EC 23-2 (GS Workbook p. 40)
(yes 170, no 3).

EC 23-3 was presented to the house.

VOTED: To adopt EC 23-3 (GS Workbook p. 40)
(yes 172, no 1).

EC 23-4 was presented to the house.

VOTED: To adopt EC 23-4 (GS Workbook p. 40)
(yes 175, no 1).

EC 22-5 was presented to the house.

VOTED: To adopt EC 23-5 (GS Workbook p. 40)
(yes 177, no 1).

EC 23-6 was presented to the house.

VOTED: To adopt EC 23-6 (GS Workbook p. 41)
(yes 176, no 2).

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATION

The president called upon the Rev. Patricia Simmons, corresponding delegate from the Commission on Christian Discipleship and Education, to present its report. Rev. Simmons addressed the Synod (GS Workbook pp. 164-167).

THE REPORTS OF THE RCA'S COLLEGES - NORTHWESTERN

The president called upon Mr. Gregory Christy, president of Northwestern College, to present its report. Mr. Christy addressed the Synod (GS Workbook, pp. 276-279).

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT

The president called upon Larryl Humme, RCA Director of Advancement, to present its report (GS Workbook, pp. 59-60). Mr. Humme addressed the Synod. His presentation included a description of the Van Bunschooten Bequest.

Mr. Humme recognized the following Missional Impact Partner ("MIP") churches for 2022, which are churches that gave annual gifts of at least \$40,000 or a minimum of 10 percent of their income to carry out GSC initiatives locally and globally:

- Addisville Reformed Church, Richboro, PA
- American Reformed Church, Orange City, IA
- Central Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA
- Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- Faith Reformed Church, Zeeland, MI
- Faith Reformed Church, Traverse City, MI
- Faith Reformed Church, Dyer, IN
- Fellowship Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- Fifth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI
- First Reformed Church, Grandville, MI
- First Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- First Reformed Church, Pella, IA
- Meredith Drive Reformed Church, Johnston, IA
- Midland Reformed Church, Midland, MI
- New Hope Reformed Church, Powell, OH
- North Holland Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- Pella Reformed Church, Adams, NE
- Second Reformed Church, Pella, IA
- Third Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, IA
- Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, IA
- Bethel Reformed Church, Leota, MN
- Chandler Reformed Church, Chandler, MN
- Emmanuel Reformed Church, Whitby, ON
- Faith Reformed Church, Slate Hill, NY
- First Reformed Church, Baldwin, WI
- First Reformed Church, Melvin, IA
- Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, Schenectady, NY
- Livingston Memorial Reformed Church, Germantown, NY
- Reformed Church of Holland, Hickman, NE
- Trinity Reformed Church, Rochester, NY
- Washington Reformed Church, Ackley, IA
- Westdale Reformed Church, Hamilton, ON

RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 11:37 a.m., following a closing prayer by Gerri Yoshida, corresponding regional synod women delegate from the Regional Synod of New York.