

GENERAL SYNOD  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

2023 Journal of Actions  
**Meeting 4**  
**Friday afternoon - June 9, 2023**  
**H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse**

CALL TO ORDER

The Rev. Judy Nelson, General Synod vice president, called to order the fourth meeting of the General Synod at 1:32 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023. Rev. Nancy Boote, woman delegate from the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes, offered prayer.

MISSIONARY VIDEO

The General Synod viewed a brief video presentation highlighting Denise Kingdom-Grier, RCA missionary. Rev. Dr. Micheal Edwards, Regional Synod executive delegate from the Regional Synod of New York, led the Synod in prayer for this mission work.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The vice president called upon the Rev. Dwayne Jackson, General Synod president, to present his report to the General Synod. The president addressed the Synod.

TABLE DISCUSSION – “MINISTERING TO YOUR COMMUNITIES”

The president guided the delegates through 10 minutes of table discussion around the question “What could you use to do more for your community and how would you use it?”

BOARD OF BENEFITS SERVICES REPORT

The president invited Doug Struyk, President of and corresponding delegate from the Board of Benefits Services, to present the agency’s report (GS Workbook pp. 127-154). Mr. Struyk addressed the Synod.

BBS 23-1 was presented to the house.

**VOTED:** To adopt BBS 23-1 ( GS Workbook, p. 154)  
(yes 163, no 12).

#### MISSIONARY VIDEO

The General Synod viewed a brief video presentation highlighting Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mathers, RCA missionaries in South Sudan. Rev. Derrick Jones, General Synod Council staff, led the Synod in prayer for this mission work.

#### RESTRUCTURING TEAM INTERIM REPORT

The president invited 2 delegates who are members of the Restructuring Team to address the Synod regarding the work of the team. The delegates are:

- Michelle Chahine, corresponding delegate from the General Synod Council serving as the Executive Committee of the General Synod
- Gildo Vieira, regular delegate from the Classis of Ontario

Ms. Chahine, and Mr. Vieira addressed the Synod.

#### RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 4:22 p.m., following a closing prayer by the Rev. Dr. Pedro Agudelo, corresponding delegate from the General Synod Council serving as the Executive Committee of the General Synod.