

GENERAL SYNOD
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

2023 Journal of Actions
Meeting 8
Saturday evening - June 10, 2023
H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse

CALL TO ORDER

The president called to order the eighth meeting of the General Synod at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023. The Rev. Brian Keepers, regular delegate from the Classis of East Sioux, offered prayer.

APOLOGY TO UPWARD BOUND, CONTINUED

A special offering was collected to provide scholarship funds for the Upward Bound program to use at its discretion.

RESTRUCTURING TEAM INTERIM REPORT DISCUSSION

The president described a process whereby the Synod would discuss for an hour the Restructuring Team's interim report. The hour was to be divided into two segments. During the first half, the Synod would spend time talking around tables and summarizing those thoughts. During the second half, the delegates would report back to the whole body things discussed at their tables. Finally, someone from each table would record the thoughts shared at the table for the Restructuring Team by completing a Google Form designed for that purpose.

A motion was made and supported from the floor to engage in a different process as follows:

For the delegation to take one hour for commenting at microphones.

VOTED: To adopt the motion (voice vote).

The Synod commenced the revised process.

A motion was made and supported from the floor as follows:

That the General Synod instruct the Commission on Theology to study whether the Reformed Church in America should become a global denomination, in consideration of our Doctrine and our established policy for Global Missions, to report to the General Synod of 2025, with recommendations.

The president ruled the motion out of order.

A motion was made and supported from the floor to appeal the president's ruling.

A motion was made and supported from the floor to cease debate.

VOTED: To cease debate (yes 151; no 10).

VOTED: To sustain the president's ruling that the motion was out of order (yes 112; no 48).

The Synod continued providing comments at the microphones until the time allotted had concluded.

The president and general secretary thanked the Synod for their feedback. Delegates were assured that the Restructuring Team would be able to view the video recording of this meeting and were encouraged to add further comments before the end of the following day using a Google Form designed for that purpose.

RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 8:35 p.m., following prayer by the Rev. Drew Yamamoto, regular delegate from the Classis of Central California.