

GENERAL SYNOD
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

2023 Journal of Actions
Meeting 9
Sunday evening - June 11, 2023
H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse

CALL TO ORDER

The president called to order the ninth meeting of the General Synod at 7:02 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2023 and offered prayer.

WOMEN'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Synod was led in a multi-generational and multi-ethnic celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Many memories were shared, in-person or by video, of the ministry, influence, and witness of RCA women over the years along with prayer and song.

The planning team consisted of Rev. Kristin Brouwer, Rev. Florence Dekker, Rev. Katlyn DeVries, Rev. April Fiet, Rev. Dwayne Jackson, Rev. Denise Kingdom Grier, Cedric Nelms, Rev. Judith Nelson, Rev. Dr. Steven Pierce, Barbara Pimentel, Rev. Debra Rensink, and Rev. Elizabeth Testa.

Speakers included many of the planning team members, in addition to Rev. Eddy Alemán, Elba Arias-Lopez, Martha Draayer, Ruth Langkamp, and Melani Situmorang.

The music team included Rev. Jael Serrano-Altamirano, Jeremy Simpson, Erica Simpson, Melani Situmorang, and musicians.

RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 8:23 p.m., following the singing of "For Such a Time as This." Hymn text by the Rev. Dr. Carol M. Bechtel, written for the Celebration of Women's Gifts, Reformed Church in America, General Synod 1998.