GENERAL SYNOD
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

2026 Journal of Actions
Meeting 7
Saturday Evening - June 13, 2026
Hermitage Ballroom

CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Palsma, General Synod president, called to order the seventh meeting of the General Synod at 7:08 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Rev. Dr. Edward Lungu, regular delegate from the Classis of the Southwest, offered prayer.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Delegates watched a brief video about the work of Rev. Grant Mulder at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling, Illinois.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN ACTION

The president called upon Janet Paduano Cardillo, corresponding delegate from the Commission on Christian Action, to present the commission's report, and Rev. Christopher Poest, moderator of the advisory committee on Overtures and New Business to present the advisory committee's advice regarding recommendations in the report (GS Workbook pp. 146-156). Ms. Cardillo and Rev. Poest addressed the Synod.

CA 26-1 was presented to the house.

The advice of the advisory committee was as follows (Report of the Advisory Committee on Overtures and New Business, p. 3):

CA 26-1a
To refer CA 26-1 back to the Commission on Christian Action to ask the commission to write the recommended statement and bring it back for General Synod approval in 2027.

Reason:
It is historical practice that statements of this nature are brought to the synod by the commission, not the General Synod Council, and that they are approved by the General Synod before distribution.

The following motion was made and supported from the floor:

To postpone the motion until later in this General Synod.

A motion was made and supported from the floor to amend the foregoing motion to postpone as follows (additions are underlined):

To postpone the motion until later in this General Synod

<u>And to appoint a small committee to write the appropriate motion.</u>

VOTED: To adopt the amendment to the motion to postpone (yes 100; no 61).

The motion to postpone as amended was before the house.

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

VOTED: To cease debate (yes 147; no 9).

VOTED: To adopt the motion to postpone as amended (yes 138; no 16).

CA 26-2 was presented to the house.

The advice of the advisory committee was to vote in favor of CA 26-2 (Report of the Advisory Committee on Overtures and New Business, p. 3).

VOTED: To adopt CA 26-2 (GS Workbook p. 150) (yes 139; no 17).

RECESS

The president declared the General Synod recessed at 7:59 pm following a closing prayer by Devonna Cousins, Seminarian Seminar Participant.