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To: Consistories of All Canadian and American Reformed Churches

Re: Overtures from RSE 2024 for GS 2025

Esteemed brothers,

Please find enclosed **five (5)** overtures that RSE 2024 is submitting to GS 2025 (Aldergrove) for its consideration. You are receiving these submissions from RSE 2024 in view of the following General Synod Guideline:

F. Since matters on the agenda of general synod involve the churches in common, regional synods shall distribute copies of adopted overtures to all the churches in the federation no later than five months prior to the convening of a general synod.

The overtures are

1. regarding the addition of a footnote to the Apostles' Creed with reference to the article on the descent into hell (with **four (4)** appendices)
2. regarding a change to CO Art. 55 with a view to permitting local consistories to approve songs for local worship services
3. regarding a change to CO Art. 49 with a view to shortening the duration of General Synods
4. regarding a change to CO Art. 49 with a view to having broader representation at General Synods (**two (2)** overtures)

The names of the files are

1. *Overture RSE 2024 re footnote AC - to churches*
2. *Overture RSE 2024 re Art. 55 - to churches*
3. *Overture RSE 2024 re GS Shortening Duration - to churches*
4. *Overture RSE 2024 re GS Broader Representation (CCO) - to churches*
5. *Overture RSE 2024 re GS Broader Representation (CNO) - to churches*

Analogous to the following Synod Guideline, RSE is not distributing paper copies of these overtures.

B. Correspondence from the convening church, including the notice of convocation, agendas, reports, and proposals may be sent to the churches and/or delegates as digital files. However, in order to maintain the confidentiality of potentially sensitive material, personal appeals as well as other documents which contain personal information (e.g., letters of appointment) must be sent from the convening church as password-protected digital files.

May the Lord of the church richly bless you with courage and wisdom in your service to the church.

On behalf of Regional Synod East 2024,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kampen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Rev. Ryan J. Kampen
Clerk at the time