



Third Provisional Agenda – General Synod Dunnville 2016

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3. Election of the officers
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8.1. General Matters

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8.2. Committee Reports

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8.2.9. [Standing Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise \(SCBP\)](#)

8.2.9.1. [Supplementary report](#)

SCBP requests an opportunity to formally present the 2014 Book of Praise to the Synod of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

8.2.10. [Report on the Inspection of Archives for Synod Carman 2013 – Burlington-Rehoboth](#)

8.2.11. [Board of Governors of the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary \(CRTS\)](#)

8.2.12. [Pastoral Training Program Funding Committee Report](#)

8.2.13. [Report re: Days of Prayer Churches at Burlington-Rehoboth & Edmonton-Providence](#)

8.2.14. [Report of the Committee for Bible Translation \(CBT\)](#)

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8.2.16. [Report of the Committee for the Needy Students Fund \(NSF\)](#)

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8.2.18. [Report of the Address Church for the Canadian Reformed Churches](#)

8.2.19. [Report of the Archives for General Synod](#)

8.3. Letters from the Churches regarding the reports

8.3.1. Committee on Relations with Churches Abroad (CRCA)

8.3.1.1. Subcommittee Netherlands

- 8.3.1.1.1. [Church at Burlington-Rehoboth dated February 1, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.2. [Church at Smithers dated February 3, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.3. [Church at Chatham dated February 15, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.4. [Church at Grand Valley dated March 4, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.5. [Church at Langley dated January 16, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.6. [Church at Ancaster dated March 7, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.7. [Church at Fergus – North dated February 26, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.8. [Church at Edmonton – Immanuel dated February 4, 2016](#)



- 8.3.1.1.9. [Church at Fergus - Maranatha dated March 17, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.10. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.11. [Church at Grand Rapids dated March 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.12. [Church at Taber dated March 24, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.13. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#) (letter addresses 2 matters)
- 8.3.1.1.14. [Church at Grassie dated March 24, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.15. [Church at Cloverdale dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.16. [Church at Brampton dated March 23, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.17. [Church at Elora dated March 24, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.18. [Church at Burlington-Ebenezer dated March 28, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.1.19. [Church at Toronto dated March 29, 2016](#)

- 8.3.1.2. [Church at Hamilton – Providence dated February 10, 2016 re: FERC](#)
- 8.3.1.3. [Church at Smithville dated March 7, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.4. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.5. [Church at Hamilton - Blessings dated March 19, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.6. [Church at Flamborough dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.7. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.8. [Church at Toronto dated March 29, 2016](#)
- 8.3.1.9. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#) (letter addresses 2 matters)
- 8.3.1.10. [Church at Abbotsford re: request RCR dated March 10, 2016](#)
 - i. [Appendix 1 Report - Committee Reformed Churches Restored](#)
 - ii. [Appendix 2 From:Deputies Contact Churches Abroad of De Gereformeerde Kerken \(DGK\) dated Oct. 20, 2015](#)
 - iii. [Appendix 3 - call to Liberation dated July 17, 2007](#)

8.3.2. Committee for Contact with Churches in North America (CCCNA)

- 8.3.2.1. [Church at Orangeville dated January 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.2. [Church at Carman West dated February 1, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.3. [Church at Cloverdale date February 15, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.4. [Church at Guelph – Emmanuel dated March 10, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.5. [Church at Ancaster dated March 7, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.6. [Church at Fergus – North dated February 26, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.7. [Church at Smithville dated March 7, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.8. [Church at Edmonton – Immanuel dated February 26, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.9. [Church at Fergus - Maranatha dated March 17, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.10. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.11. [Church at Hamilton - Blessings dated March 19, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.12. [Church at Grand Rapids dated March 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.13. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.14. [Church at Grassie dated March 24, 2016](#)



- 8.3.2.15. [Church at Lynden dated March 21, 2016](#) (letter 1)
- 8.3.2.16. [Church at Lynden dated March 21, 2016](#) (letter 2)
- 8.3.2.17. [Church at Willoughby Heights dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.18. [Church at Elora dated March 24, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.19. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.20. [Church at Toronto re: CCCNA report - EF with RPCNA dated March 29, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.21. [Church at Toronto re: CCCNA not to deal with past issues dated March 29, 2016](#)
- 8.3.2.22. [Church at Toronto re: CCCNA and NAPARC - Report 5 dated March 29, 2016](#)

8.3.3. Committee for Church Unity (CCU)

- 8.3.3.1. [Church at Orangeville dated January 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.3.2. [Church at Fergus Maranatha dated March 17, 2016](#)
- 8.3.3.3. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)
- 8.3.3.4. [Church at Hamilton - Blessings dated March 19, 2016](#)
- 8.3.3.5. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#)
- 8.3.3.6. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)

8.3.4. Board of Governors of the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (CRTS)

- 8.3.4.1. [Church at Dunnville dated January 19, 2016](#)
- 8.3.4.2. [Church at Fergus - Maranatha dated March 17, 2017](#)
- 8.3.4.3. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)
- 8.3.4.4. [Church at Toronto dated March 29, 2016](#)

8.3.5. Committee for the Official Website (CWEB)

- 8.3.5.1. [Church at Winnipeg – Redeemer dated February 1, 2016](#)
- 8.3.5.2. [Church at Cloverdale dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.5.3. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#)
- 8.3.5.4. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)

8.3.6. Committee for the Needy Students Fund (NSF)

- 8.3.6.1. [Church at Winnipeg – Redeemer dated February 1, 2016](#)
- 8.3.6.2. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#) (note: letter addresses 2 matters)
- 8.3.6.3. [Church at Willoughby Heights dated March 7, 2016](#)

8.3.7. Committee for Bible Translation (CBT)

- 8.3.7.1. [Church at St. Albert dated March 14, 2016](#)
- 8.3.7.2. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)
- 8.3.7.3. [Church at Hamilton Cornerstone dated March 29, 2016](#)

8.3.8. Standing Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise

- 8.3.8.1. [Church at Glanbrook - Trinity dated March 5, 2016](#)



- 8.3.8.2. [Church at Cloverdale dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.8.3. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#)
- 8.3.8.4. [Church at Toronto dated March 29, 2016](#)
Supplementary report
- 8.3.8.5. [Church at Spring Creek dated March 15, 2016](#)
- 8.3.8.6. [Church at Lynden dated March 21, 2016](#)
- 8.3.8.7. [Church at Winnipeg - Redeemer dated March 28, 2016](#)

8.3.9. Concern Re: General Synod 2013 Article 30 General Fund

- 8.3.9.1. [Church at Orangeville dated March 21, 2016](#)

- 8.3.10. Letters from the Churches re: Decision of Synod Carman West 2013 regarding Women's Voting for Officebearers
[Church at Grand Rapids dated March 22, 2016](#)

8.4. Overtures

- 8.4.1. [Overture from Regional Synod West dated November 5, 2015, re: care of theological students by their home church and examination of theological students by their home classis](#)
- 8.4.2. [Overture from Grace Canadian Reformed Church at Brampton re: Committee on Bible Translations Report](#)

8.5. Letters from the churches regarding the overtures

- 8.5.1. Overture from RSW (8.4.1)
 - 8.5.1.1. [Church at Burlington-Rehoboth dated February 1, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.2. [Church at Ancaster dated March 7, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.3. [Church at Fergus – North dated February 27, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.4. [Hamilton Providence dated March 9, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.5. [Church at Grand Rapids dated March 22, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.6. [Church at Abbotsford dated March 10, 2016](#) (note: letter addresses 2 matters)
 - 8.5.1.7. [Church at Grassie dated March 24, 2016](#)
 - 8.5.1.8. [Church at Lincoln dated March 22, 2016](#)

8.6. Appeals

- 8.6.1. Appeals re: Article 110, Acts of Synod Carman, Women's voting
 - 8.6.1.1. [Church at Hamilton – Cornerstone dated November 1, 2015](#)
 - 8.6.1.2. [Letter of Support for Hamilton - Cornerstone appeal, from Hamilton - Blessings dated March 19, 2016](#)
 - 8.6.1.3. [Church at Vernon dated August 18, 2014](#)
 - 8.6.1.4. [Church at Smithers dated October 7, 2015](#)



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- 8.6.1.5. [Church at Burlington-Ebenezer dated August 17, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.6. [Church at Burlington-Rehoboth dated September 14, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.7. [Church at Langley dated May 18, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.8. [Church at Ottawa dated January 29, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.9. [Church at Cloverdale dated May 4, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.10. [Church at Guelph – Living Word dated November 9, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.11. [Church at Flamborough dated November 16, 2015](#)
- 8.6.1.12. [Church at Aldergrove dated March 27, 2014](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.1.13. [Church at Edmonton – Providence dated February 13, 2016](#)
- 8.6.1.14. [Church at Burlington – Fellowship dated February 15, 2015](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.1.15. [Church at St. Albert - dated March 12, 2016](#)
- 8.6.1.16. [Church at Brampton - dated March 23, 2016](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.1.17. [Church at Toronto - dated March 29, 2016](#)
- 8.6.2. Appeals re: Article 101, Acts of Synod Carman, Wording of the Subscription Form
- 8.6.2.1. [Church at Dunnville dated May, 2014](#)
- 8.6.3. Appeals re: Article 125, Acts of Synod Carman, Wording in Article 59, CO
- 8.6.3.1. [Church at Burlington-Rehoboth dated September 14, 2015](#)
- 8.6.4. Appeals re: Article 97, Acts of Synod Carman, Bible Translation
- 8.6.4.1. [Church at Burlington – Fellowship dated February 15, 2015](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.5. Appeals re: Article 128, Acts of Synod Carman, Women’s Voting as Local Matter
- 8.6.5.1. [Church at Burlington – Fellowship dated February 15, 2015](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.6. Appeals re: Article 173, Acts of Synod Carman, Hymn Mandate
- 8.6.6.1. [Church at Burlington – Fellowship dated February 15, 2015](#) [\(cover letter\)](#)
- 8.6.6.2. [Church at Toronto dated March 29, 2016](#)
- 8.6.7. Appeals re: Decision of Regional Synod East November 11, 2015
- 8.6.7.1. [Church at Hamilton - Providence dated March 7, 2016](#)
- 8.6.7.2. [Letter from Br. A. Sikkema](#)
- 8.6.8. Appeals re: Article 62, Acts Synod Carman 2013,
- 8.6.8.1. [Liberated Reformed Church at Abbotsford dated February 25, 2016](#)
- 8.6.9. Appeals re: Article 125, Recommendation 4.5 Acts of Synod Carman 2013,
- 8.6.9.1. [Church at Hamilton - Blessings dated March 19, 2016](#)



8.6.10. Appeal re: Ancaster Appeal of a decision made by Regional Synod East Nov.2013

- iv. [Cover Letter](#)
- v. [Summary of Ecclesiastical Process](#)
- vi. [Appendix 1](#)
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- xvi. [Letter from Dr. Jitse M.vanderMeer](#)

- 9. Appointments
- 10. Censure *ad* Article 34 CO
- 11. Publication of the Acts
- 12. Financial Matters - [wages claim](#) (see letter in agenda item 8.1.3)
- 13. Preparation for next General Synod
- 14. Adoption of the Acts
- 15. Approval of the Press Release
- 16. Closing