



**Day 1 — Evening Session**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

**Article 10 – Reopening**

Synod reopened in plenary session. The chairman had the meeting sing Psalm 105:1. He noted all synod members were present.

**Article 11 – ERQ – Fraternal Delegate Address**

Rev. Vandeburgt introduced Rev. Paulin Bédard, credentialed delegate of the Reformed Church in Quebec (ERQ). Rev. Bédard addressed Synod describing the ERQ, especially how it struggled during health restrictions due to Covid-19, and requested that the ERQ be remembered in prayer. He expressed gratitude for our sister church relationship. The full text of his address can be found in Appendix 2. The chairman spoke some words in response.<sup>1</sup>

**Article 12 – URCNA – Fraternal Delegate Address**

Rev. Temple introduced Rev. Steve Swets, credentialed delegate of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA). Rev. Swets addressed Synod describing how the URCNA has not been able to meet in synod since 2018; Synod is now scheduled for October 2022. He expressed gratitude for the patience of the CanRC with the URCNA, as this relationship has been in a holding pattern for 6 years, and spoke appreciatively of the relationship between the URCNA and CanRC. The full text of his address can be found in Appendix 3. The chairman spoke some words in response.

**Article 13 – OPC – Fraternal Delegate Address**

Rev. Vandeburgt introduced Mr. Mark Bube, credentialed delegate of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). Mr. Bube addressed Synod describing the OPC and its ministries in various places in the world. He noted the impact of persecution and the need for labourers in the field. He expressed gratitude for our sister church relationship. The full text of his address can be found in Appendix 4. The chairman spoke some words in response.

**Article 14 – RCUS – Letter of Greetings**

Rev. Temple read a letter of greeting sent by the Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS), declaring gratitude for our relationship and expressing regret at being unable to attend Synod in person. The full text of the letter can be found in [Appendix 5](#).

**Article 15 – GGRI – Letter of Greetings**

Rev. Janssen read a letter of greeting sent by the Reformed Churches of Indonesia (GGRI), declaring gratitude for our relationship and expressing regret at being unable to attend Synod in

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<sup>1</sup> These two sentences have been switched, as in other like articles.



1 person on account of health restrictions and lack of funds. The full text of the letter can be found  
2 in **Appendix 6.**

### 4 **Article 16 – GKN – Letter of Greetings**

5 Rev. Janssen read a letter of greeting sent by the Reformed Churches The Netherlands (GKN),  
6 declaring gratitude for our relationship and expressing regret at being unable to attend Synod in  
7 person. The full text of the letter can be found in **Appendix 8.**

### 9 **Article 17 – DGK – Letter of Greetings**

10 Rev. Janssen read a letter of greeting sent by the Reformed Churches (DGK) in The Netherlands,  
11 declaring gratitude for our relationship and expressing regret at being unable to attend Synod in  
12 person. The full text of the letter can be found in **Appendix 9.**

### 14 **Article 18 – Prayer**

15 Rev. Kampen led in prayer, expressing thanks for our relationships and bringing the needs of the  
16 ERQ, URCNA, OPC, RCUS, GGRI, GKN, and DGK before the Lord.

### 18 **Article 19 – CRTS - Appointment of Professor Ministry and Mission Studies**

19 This matter was dealt with by Synod in closed-restricted session.

#### 20 **1. Material**

- 21 1.1 Letter, with appendices, from the CRTS Board of Governors with a proposal to fill a  
22 vacancy in the department of Ministry & Mission (8.2.4.4).  
23 1.2 Report of the CRTS Board of Governors (8.2.4.1).

#### 24 **2. Admissibility**

25 The submissions were declared admissible.

#### 26 **3. Decisions**

##### 27 **Synod decided:**

- 28 3.1 To approve the retirement of Dr. Arjan deVisser at the conclusion of the 2022/2023  
29 academic year.  
30 3.2 To express its deep gratitude for the many years of faithful service provided by Dr.  
31 Arjan deVisser to the seminary and to the churches.  
32 3.3 To direct the Board of Governors (CRTS) to appoint Dr. Reuben Bredenhof, minister of  
33 the Mt. Nasura Free Reformed Church of Australia, as Professor of Ministry & Mission  
34 Studies.

#### 35 **4. Grounds**

- 36 4.1 In light of the information provided by the Search Committee (as appointed by the  
37 Board of Governors), which clearly testifies to a record of pastoral and academic  
38 excellence, as well as the testimony of a godly character and life, GS 2022 is convinced  
39 that Dr. Reuben Bredenhof is eminently qualified for this position.



1       4.2 The positive assessment of Dr. Reuben Bredenhof’s character and ability was reflected  
2           in the recommendations which came from the churches.

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4       Adopted by secret ballot with members of the Board of Governors abstaining.

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6       Rev. Dick Wynia led in thanksgiving and prayer with respect to this decision.

7       The chairman indicated he would inform the chairman of the Board of Governors of Synod’s  
8       decision, who would in turn inform Rev. Dr. Bredenhof.

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10     **Article 20 – Closing Devotions**

11     The chairman made some announcements regarding agenda items and housekeeping matters.

12     Rev. Kampen read Ephesians 6:10-20, had those present sing Hymn 55:1,2 and led in prayer.

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14     *Synod was adjourned until 9:00am the next day.*