



Day 3 — Morning Session
Thursday, May 12, 2022

Article 34 – Reopening

Synod reopened in plenary session. The chairman observed all synod members were present. He welcomed everyone, including two new fraternal observers. He had those present sing Psalm 67:1,2 and read Philippians 1:12-30. Prior to prayer he informed the assembly that Dr. Reuben Bredenhof had accepted his appointment as Professor of Ministry and Mission Studies. Arrangements were being made to have the CRTS senate, staff and retired professors (with spouses) be hosted at a dinner on Monday evening, and for Dr. Reuben Bredenhof and Dr. Arjan de Visser to address Synod. The chairman also noted with thankfulness that the federal House of Commons had decided to retain opening prayer in its proceedings. He then led in opening prayer.

Article 35 – Acts

Prepared articles of the *Acts* were corrected and adopted.

It was determined that a second review of the acts of Wednesday evening would be done prior to adoption.

Article 36 – Coaldale request re: GS 2019 Art 62 and 64

1. Material

- 1.1 Letter from the Coaldale CanRC addressed to the convening church of General Synod (8.7.1). Coaldale notes inconsistencies in the way GS 2019 dealt with matters on the agenda, as noted in Articles 62 and 64. It recommended that “the convening church of the next General Synod vet matters presented to General Synod to ensure that only matters that are properly before General Synod be placed on the Agenda.”

2. Admissibility

The letter was declared admissible.

3. Decisions

Synod decided:

- 3.1 Not to accede to the request.

4. Grounds

- 4.1 Broader ecclesiastical assemblies themselves decide on admissibility (CO Art. 74, cf. CO Art. 49). Therefore, it is beyond the jurisdiction of a convening church to vet items sent in by the churches (cf. Synod Guidelines I,D,E).

Article 37 – SCBP (Standing Committee for the *Book of Praise*)

Committee 1 presented draft 1 of a report on the Report of the Standing Committee for the *Book of Praise* (8.6.7.1), seeking advice and direction. The report was discussed. The committee took the matter back for further consideration.



1 **Article 38 – Overture RSE 2020 to remove the bracketed qualifier “For the Second**
2 **Service” from the Abbreviated Form for the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

3 Committee 3 presented draft 1 of a report on Overture RSE 2020 to remove the bracketed
4 qualifier. The report was discussed. The committee took the report back for refinement.

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6 *Following some comments from the chairman regarding housekeeping matters, Synod was*
7 *adjourned for committee work until 7:00pm.*