

**Day 2 — Evening Session****Wednesday, May 11, 2022****Article 24 – Reopening**

Synod reopened in plenary session. In the absence of the chairman, who was taking a phone call from Rev. Reuben Bredenhof, the vice chairman had the meeting sing Psalm 138:1,2. He observed that all synod members were present.

Article 25 – KPCK – Fraternal Delegate Address

Rev. Van Dam introduced Rev. HyungTae Kim and Elder BongSik Sim, credentialed delegates of the Kosin Presbyterian Church in Korea (KPCK). Rev. Kim spoke some personal words of reflection on his experience of a CanRC general synod. He then addressed Synod describing the KPCK, and its ministries. He expressed gratitude for our sister church relationship. The full text of his formal address can be found in **Appendix**. The chairman (who had returned) spoke some words in response.

(General Synod was grateful to Rev. KwangYoung Park and Rev. Daniel Shin for providing translation services.)

Article 26 – FRCNA – Fraternal Observer Address

Rev. Temple introduced Rev. Rob Vandoodewaard, credentialed delegate of the Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA), who was accompanied by Rev. David VanBrugge. Rev. Vandoodewaard addressed Synod describing the FRCNA, our common heritage and communal ties, and its ministries. He expressed gratitude for our growing relationship and reflected at times on personal experiences with members of Canadian Reformed Churches in attending his congregation's worship services. The text of his address can be found in **Appendix**. The chairman spoke some words in response.

Article 27 – FRCA – Fraternal Delegate Address

Rev. Janssen introduced Rev. Axel Hagg and Rev. Stephen 't Hart, credentialed delegates of the Free Reformed Churches of Australia (FRCA). Rev. Hagg addressed Synod describing the FRCA and expressing gratitude for our close sister church relationship. He explained how the FRCA are looking at establishing theological education in Australia. The full text of his address can be found in **Appendix**. The chairman spoke some words in response.

Article 28 – FRCSA – Fraternal Delegate Address

Rev. Van Dam introduced Rev. Pieter Boon, credentialed delegate of the Free Reformed Churches in South Africa (FRCSA). Rev. Boon addressed Synod describing the FRCSA. He expressed gratitude for our close sister church relationship, which has intensified in recent years, especially in the area of theological education. He also pleaded for assistance with the work of mission in South Africa. The full text of his address can be found in **Appendix**. The chairman spoke some words in response.



Article 29 – Archives

1. Material

- 1.1 Report of the Burlington-Ebenezer CanRC re: Archives (8.2.3.1).
This report includes a suggestion for an addition to the Synod Guidelines and a Mandate for maintaining the Archives.
- 1.2 Report of the Burlington Waterdown-Rehoboth CanRC re: Inspection of the Archives (8.2.3.2).
- 1.3 Letter from the Willoughby Heights CanRC (8.3.3.1) suggesting some edits to the mandate.
- 1.4 Letter from the Burlington-Ebenezer CanRC informing General Synod of the appointment of a new archivist.

2. Admissibility

All materials were declared admissible.

3. Decisions

Synod decided:

- 3.1 To thank the Burlington-Ebenezer CanRC and Burlington Waterdown-Rehoboth CanRC for fulfilling their mandates.
- 3.2 To add to the Guidelines for General Synod the following addition to the duties of the Second Clerk under the Guidelines for General Synod:
III D 4 He shall ensure that a signed copy of all the correspondence to and from the General Synod and all materials submitted to General Synod be compiled in the order of the agenda and forwarded as soon as possible to the Church responsible for preserving the Archives of General Synod.
- 3.3 To edit the language of the mandate suggested by the Archiving Church (1.1) for clarity and consistency and to address some of the suggestions made by a church (1.3).
- 3.4 To adopt the following Mandate for the Church appointed to maintain the Archives of the General Synods of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

Mandate for the Church appointed to maintain the Archives of the General Synods of the Canadian Reformed Churches

From the first General Synod of the Canadian Reformed Churches, the Synod Homewood in 1954, General Synods have expressed the desirability of maintaining the records of their meetings, the decisions made and all the supporting documents used as rationale for making the decisions. This is in line with the requirements of keeping archives as expressed in Church Order Article 43. In order to consistently preserve and maintain the materials from the General Synods and from the Committees appointed to serve the General Synods, General Synod appoints a church responsible for collecting and preserving the material in an archive. For continuity, the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church is the designated Archive Church, and is to be re-appointed by each General Synod.

The Archive Church shall adhere to the following mandate adopted by General Synod:



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- 2 A. The Archive Church shall appoint a person to be the Archivist, who is responsible for
- 3 the work of collecting and maintaining the archives.
- 4 B. The Archive Church shall provide a suitable secure place for keeping the archives, and
- 5 shall supply filing cabinets and whatever other items are required. Costs are to be
- 6 reimbursed from the General Fund.
- 7 C. The Archive Church shall submit a report on the condition and activity of the archives
- 8 to each General Synod six months prior to convocation.
- 9 D. The Archive Church shall, within three months of the end of each General Synod, send
- 10 a letter to each Committee requesting that they submit for the archives any materials
- 11 more than ten years old, and which they no longer need for their duties as committees of
- 12 General Synod. The materials submitted are left to the discretion of the committees,
- 13 which may decide to keep their own archives to facilitate their duties.
- 14 E. The archives of General Synod shall contain the following materials in hard copy
- 15 pertaining to General Synods:
- 16 - One copy of the acts of each General Synod;
 - 17 - One copy of all the reports of the committees of General Synod and their sub-
 - 18 committees;
 - 19 - One copy of all correspondence regarding the calling of General Synod sent by the
 - 20 church responsible for calling General Synod;
 - 21 - One copy of the credentials of the delegates to General Synod;
 - 22 - One signed copy of all the correspondence to and from each General Synod filed in
 - 23 binders, particular to each General Synod, and in the order of the agenda of the
 - 24 General Synod;
 - 25 - One copy of all material from the committees and their sub-committees, including
 - 26 meeting minutes, correspondence, and documents; and
 - 27 - One copy of each annual yearbook of the Canadian and American Reformed
 - 28 Churches.
- 29 The materials shall be properly catalogued in an index to facilitate reference.
- 30 F. Non-confidential documents of the General Synod archives may be obtained as
- 31 photocopies at the expense of the person requesting them.
- 32 G. The archives shall be made available for inspection by the delegates from the church
- 33 appointed by the previous General Synod to inspect the archives and submit a report to
- 34 the next General Synod.

35 4. Grounds

- 36 4.1 Re 3.2: it will help the first clerk in his task by having the second clerk assist him in this
- 37 manner.
- 38 4.2 Re 3.4: this mandate will provide clarity for the Archive Church in terms of its role and
- 39 accountability.
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Article 30 – Address Church

1. Material

- 1.1 Report of the Address Church, the Burlington-Ebenezer CanRC (8.2.9). No materials were received on behalf of the Federation since the last General Synod. To increase awareness of the presence and function of the Address Church, it was recommended that General Synod instruct the Committee for the Website (CWeb) to use the canrc.org website to direct appropriate correspondence to the Address Church.

2. Admissibility

The report was declared admissible.

3. Decisions

Synod decided:

- 3.1 To thank the Address Church for its readiness to serve;
3.2 To instruct the Committee for the Website (CWeb) to use the canrc.org website to direct appropriate correspondence to the Address Church.

4. Grounds

- 4.1 The recommendation is sensible.

Article 31 – Days of Prayer

1. Material

- 1.1 Report from the Burlington-Rehoboth CanRC and the Edmonton-Providence CanRC responsible for calling Days of Prayer (CO Art. 54) (8.2.10)
1.2 Letter from the Grassie-Covenant CanRC (8.3.10.1), requesting more clarity with regard to the process of calling for a Day of Prayer. It is concerned that the bar is set too high.

2. Admissibility

The materials were declared admissible.

3. Decisions

Synod decided:

- 3.1 To express gratitude to the Burlington-Rehoboth CanRC and the Edmonton-Providence CanRC for their reporting.
3.2 To appoint two churches to implement CO Art. 54 as needed.
3.3 Not to grant the request of the Grassie-Covenant CanRC.

4. Grounds

- 4.1 Re 3.3: The rationale provided by Burlington-Rehoboth and Edmonton-Providence to Grassie for not calling a Day of Prayer is reasonable and balanced.

Article 32 – General Fund

1. Material

- 1.1 Report of the General Fund by the Carman-East CanRC (8.2.13.1) (see appendix #)



1 1.2 Financial Review of the General Fund by the Carman-West CanRC (8.2.13.2). This
2 report indicates that the books were found to be in good order.

3 **2. Admissibility**

4 The reports were declared admissible.

5 **3. Decisions**

6 **Synod decided:**

7 3.1 To receive the reports with gratitude.

8 3.2 To express gratitude to sr. Hilly Kooiker for functioning as treasurer.

9 3.3 To discharge the Carman-East CanRC for the duties completed during the period of
10 February 4, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

11 3.4 To authorize a church to collect funds from the churches for the General Fund, as
12 required, until the time of the next General Synod.

13 3.5 To appoint a church to conduct the financial review of the General Fund.

14 3.6 To require that before any synodical committee submits expenses to the General Fund
15 someone from within that committee must first verify those expenses.

17 **Article 33 – Closing**

18 The first clerk and chairman made some announcements regarding agenda items and
19 housekeeping matters. Rev. Temple read Psalm 133 and led in closing prayer, among others
20 expressing thanks for our relationships and bringing the needs of the KPCK, FRCNA, FRCA,
21 and FRCSA before the Lord.

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