

Synod convened this morning at 8:00 am in First PRC, Grand Rapids, MI.

Present at synod are the 20 delegates and the four professors.

Our sisters churches are represented at this synod by the following delegates:

Rev. John Flores from the PRC in the Philippines

Rev. Martyn McGeown from Covenant PRC in Northern Ireland

Deacon Lee Meng Hsien from Covenant ERC in Singapore

Synod elected the following officers:

President: Rev. Eriks

Vice President: Rev. Key

First Clerk: Rev. Spronk

Second Clerk: Rev. Laning

The following committees of pre-advice were appointed:

Committee 1: Rev. Eriks, Rev. Key, Elder Gary Lanning, Elder Hilgard Goosen, and Prof. Gritters.

This committee will bring advice regarding foreign missions, synodical deputies, and the protest of Mr. Henry Kamps.

Committee 2: Rev. Haak, Rev. Laning, Elder Kevin Van Overloop, Alan Meurer, and Prof. Cammenga.

This committee will bring advice regarding the work of the Theological School Committee, the Student Aid Committee, the Special Committee to Assist Hope PRC, and the overture from Hull PRC.

Committee 3: Rev. Van Overloop, Rev. R. Kleyn, Elder Michael Bosveld, Elder Don Terpstra, and Prof. Dykstra. This committee's task is to bring advice regarding the work of the Contact Committee, the Catechism Book Committee, and the protests of Mr. Henry De Jong and Mr. Ken De Jong.

Committee 4: Rev. Huizinga, Rev. Griess, Elder Peter VanderSchaaf, Elder Bert Worries, and Prof. Kuiper. Synod appointed this committee to treat domestic missions and the protests of Miss Sara Doezema and Mr. Wes Koops.

Committee 5: Rev. Spronk, Rev. Brummel, Elder Rick Gritters and Elder Brian Gritters. This committee will bring advice regarding various financial matters.

Synod has the privilege of examining two seminarians this year. Today synod approved the specimen sermons of Seminarian Matt Kortus and Seminarian Jacob Maatman. After the approval of the students' sermons synod adjourned for the day, so that the pre-advice committees could begin their work.

Synod is scheduled to reconvene tomorrow morning at 8:00. After morning devotions, synod will begin with the oral examination of the two students. Live-streaming of the examinations will be available.