Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates June 2021

Advisory Committee 3A

Chair: Rev. John R. Lee Vice Chair: Rev. Samuel Cooper

I. Convening church of Synod 2022

A. Materials: Deferred Agenda 2020, Council of Delegates Report, section I, K (pp. 149, 151)

B. Observation

An opportunity to host Synod outside of Michigan in the near future is desired. The cancelation of Synod 2021, to be held in Iowa, resulted in missing this important rotation to other areas in our denomination.

C. Recommendation

That the COD, on behalf of synod, accept the invitation of Encounter CRC in Kentwood, Michigan, to serve as the convening church of Synod 2022, scheduled to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the campus of Calvin University (COD Supplement section I, K).

Ground: Encounter CRC was appointed as, and had prepared to serve as, the convening church of Synod 2020; however, Synod 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Report of COD Appeal Review Committee

A. Materials: Agenda 2021, Council of Delegates Report, section II, A, 14 (pp. 26-27, 40)

B. Observation

The COD committee experienced discomfort approving work previously approved by the COD, but understood the reason for having to doing so.

C. Recommendation

That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the COD with regard to the personal appeal submitted to Synod 2020 by D. Lowe and M. Szto (Queens CRC, Jamaica, N.Y.) regarding a decision of Classis Hudson (II, A, 14).

The following negative vote is registered within the advisory committee: Rev. Tyler J. Wagenmaker (Zeeland).