

United Reformed Churches in North America
Synod Calgary 2026
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With gratitude to God, delegates gathered in Calgary, Alberta, for the 14th synod of the United Reformed Churches in North America. Synod was convened by the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church of Lethbridge, Alberta at the Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre.

A prayer service was held Monday evening, led by Rev. John van Eyk of Trinity Reformed Church. The delegates sang several psalms, and Rev. van Eyk gave a message on Colossians 1:15-20, celebrating the glory of Christ and joyfully exhorting the delegates to prize and proclaim Christ.

Following the prayer service, the chairman *pro tem*, Rev. John van Eyk, called the meeting to order and led opening devotions. The roll was called, the delegates stood to indicate their agreement with the form of subscription, and the chairman *pro tem* declared synod to be duly constituted.

Fraternal delegates and observers from many different churches in North America and around the world were welcomed by the chairman *pro tem*, an encouraging expression of the unity of the body of Christ. Officers were then elected: Rev. Joel Dykstra as chairman, Rev. Bradd Nymeyer as vice-chairman, Rev. James Sinke as first clerk, and Rev. Nick Smith as second clerk.

Synod ratified the decision of Classis Central US to provisionally admit Redeemer Reformed Church of Golden Valley, MN, in accord with Church Order Article 32, welcoming and seating the delegates from Golden Valley. After the adoption of the provisional agenda, the advisory committee assignments, and the time schedule, the newly elected officers were seated and the chairman offered words of encouragement to the delegates. After closing devotions, synod recessed until 8:00 AM Tuesday.