

The United Reformed Churches in North America
Synod Wheaton 2018
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Opening Devotions

Friday morning at 8 A.M., Synod reconvened jointly with the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). Rev. Ted Gray read and exhorted from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, led the joint assemblies in prayer, and called for the singing of *O Word of God Incarnate*.

Missions

Much of the day was spent in discussing matters related to missions. While there was great unity in the zeal for missions, there was a diversity of thought of how best to move forward as a federation. An hour-long open and fruitful discussion was held regarding missions.

Closing Matters

The 2019 and 2020 budgets were approved, resulting in estimated askings per family of \$46.93 (Canada) & \$34.14 (USA) for 2019 and \$48.25 (Canada) & \$35.11 (USA) for 2020.

Rev. Ralph Pontier was re-appointed as Stated Clerk, and Rev. Greg Lubbers was appointed as the alternate Stated Clerk.

The Wellandport United Reformed Church in Wellandport, Ontario was appointed to serve as the convening Consistory for the next Synod, which is to take place in the summer of 2020, the Lord willing.

The delegates to Synod expressed their appreciation to the church whose Consistory convened the Synod (Oak Glen URC), the Wheaton College staff, the accompanists, the Stated Clerk, and the officers of Synod.

Joint Worship Service

The URCNA delegates and the OPC commissioners met together for one more joint meeting, a worship service. With that, the delegates and commissioners returned home.