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Mission Reports

The third day of Synod Wyoming began with a focus upon the mission work of the Church as exercised through the URCNA. This focus included the hearing of a report from our Missions Coordinator, Rev. Richard Bout, highlighting the labors of the past, the joys of the present and the goals for the future in the work of missions. In addition, Synod adopted a foreign missions manual, "URCNA Foreign Missions Manual," which the Missions Committee has authored "as helpful guidelines to assist consistories, missionaries and church planters in the day-to-day activity of foreign missions."

Fraternal Addresses

Synod Wyoming also had the continued privilege of hearing fraternal addresses from delegates representing the Church of our Lord manifested within the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Church in the United States, the United Reformed Church in Congo, the Calvinist Reformed Churches of Indonesia, and the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (GKv). A letter of fraternal address was read to the Synod on behalf of the Reformed Churches in Indonesia. These addresses continue to remind Synod Wyoming of the glorious universality of our Lord's body, the Church.

Confessional Texts

Throughout the day, one significant action Synod took was the adopting of official translations of the texts of the Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism and Canons of Dort. This gives the federation an official text of these standards.

Liturgical Forms

Throughout the afternoon, time was spent by Synod in reviewing the product of the Liturgical Forms Committee. This committee has spent innumerable hours over the past years reviewing and editing the forms used in the worship services of our churches. These forms generated much discussion and deliberations both in regard to the procedure of adopting them as well as the content and language within them. The night ended with these forms having been re-committed to the synodical advisory committee for further consideration in future sessions.

Joyful Praises

It ought to be noted that one of the most enjoyable and encouraging actions of Synod is its singing of songs of praise to the Lord during its times of devotions. Led by accompanists Mrs. Denise Marcusse, Mrs. Angeline Vanderboom, and Mr. Bob Huisjen and employing selections from the new hymn selection, the delegates humbly and fervently express the glories of our Lord God through song. In the late evening hours, Synod recessed with the hope of completing its work on its final day of Friday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Greg Lubbers

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