

## RESOLUTIONS

**Be it resolved** that the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America, meeting March 24-26, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, offers thanks to God for years of competent and faithful service to the ministries of the Reformed Church in America by Mary Clark who began serving as coordinator of women's ministries for the RCA in April 2004. As coordinator she provided leadership and direction to the denominational commitment to encourage and support RCA women in carrying out ministry in the church and the world. Mary was instrumental in organizing the Triennial gathering of RCA women in 2004 and the RCA Women's Conference in 2007. She also worked creatively and passionately as an advocate for women. Mary organized and promoted Sister Share, a women's ministries initiative that helps fund five projects that assist women and children in need around the world; and,

be it further resolved that the General Synod Council invites its delegates and guests to join in expressing to Mary its gratitude, admiration, affection, and prayers for years of health and joy in continuing service to Christ and his church.

**Be it resolved** that the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America, meeting March 24-26, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, offers thanks to God for years of competent and faithful service to the ministries of the Reformed Church in America to Irene Delgado who served on GSC staff for nineteen years. She joined the staff in December 1989 as an administrative assistant for the finance department. In 1999 she was promoted to investment accountant and began recording accounting transactions for investments and endowments, as well as working on the contribution management team. She carried out her responsibilities with dedication, detailed accuracy, deliberateness, and a strong sense of due diligence; and,

be it further resolved that the General Synod Council invites its delegates and guests to join in expressing to Irene its gratitude, admiration, affection, and prayers for years of health and joy in continuing service to Christ and his church.

**Be it resolved** that the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America, meeting March 24-26, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, offers thanks to God for years of competent and faithful service to the ministries of the Reformed Church in America to Bruce Menning who joined the RCA's Global Mission program as director in 1996. Since then, he has built on the RCA's rich heritage of sharing the good news throughout the world. New mission areas have opened, and under Bruce's leadership, Global Mission has strengthened its connection to mission partners around the globe. Nearly half of RCA missionaries now work directly with partner organizations, aiding them in their ministries. Until his retirement in March, Bruce crafted new strategies for mission outreach, evaluated programs, raised funds, and interpreted the work of Global Mission to the church; and,

be it further resolved that the General Synod Council invites its delegates and guests to join in expressing to Bruce its gratitude, admiration, affection, and prayers for years of health and joy in continuing service to Christ and his church.

**Be it resolved** that the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America, meeting March 24-26, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, offers thanks to God for years of competent and faithful service to the ministries of the Reformed Church in America to Dick Welscott who served the Reformed Church for over twenty years, including many years as director of congregational services and evangelism. He led the denomination's efforts in new church development and congregational revitalization and was instrumental in organizing the 98 by '98 campaign to plant RCA churches in the 1990s. The current success of the RCA church multiplication movement owes much to the foundation of church planting that Dick helped lay. Beginning in September 2007 and until his retirement in March, Dick served as director of the RCA's development office. His leadership helped communicate the denomination's increasing need for funds from individuals and organizations to support the ministries and mission of the Reformed Church in America; and,

be it further resolved that the General Synod Council invites its delegates and guests to join in expressing to Dick its gratitude, admiration, affection, and prayers for years of health and joy in continuing service to Christ and his church.