Report of the Commission on Judicial Business

The RCA’s Commission on Judicial Business (CJB) has eight members, one representing each of the regional synods. Regional synods are required to nominate laypersons and ministers in alternating six-year cycles in order to ensure that the commission’s membership includes at least three laypersons and three ministers. A broad knowledge of and background in the structure, government, and function of the RCA is required of all members; legal training and experience is required of lay members.

The responsibilities of the CJB are to carry out the responsibilities assigned to it in the RCA’s Disciplinary and Judicial Procedures (Chapter 2 of the Book of Church Order).

Since the 2016 General Synod, no charge, notice of intent to complain, or notice of intent to appeal has been referred to the CJB. Accordingly, the CJB has conducted no meetings since the 2016 General Synod other than one conference call to elect a moderator and secretary for the period from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. Because the CJB has no business to bring before the General Synod this year, it has decided not to appoint one of its members as a corresponding delegate to the 2017 General Synod.

The General Synod receives this report for information only.