

Advisory Committee 1, Synodical Services and Structure I, Rev. Joseph Vanden Akker reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Overture 1: Amend the Council of Delegates Governance Handbook to Clarify Their Role in the Nomination Process

A. Materials

Overture 1, pp. 413-18

B. Recommendations

1. That synod not accede to the request of Overture 1 to designate the role of the COD as “administrative and advisory only” in the nomination process.

Ground: The COD has been given the responsibility by synod to apply the standards for COD membership. The current process is appropriate.

2. That synod decline the request to instruct COD to apologize to the nominee for its interpretation and application of the guidelines.

Ground: While we acknowledge the hurt that has occurred in this situation, synod has not been asked to litigate the matter, which would be necessary to determine if any apology is in order.

3. That this be synod’s answer to Overture 1.

II. Response to Overture 2: Grant Permission for Consejo Latino to Report on Its Work and Share Resources at Synod

A. Materials

Overture 2, pp. 418-20

B. Recommendations

1. That synod recognize the good work done by Consejo Latino and commend their ministry to the churches.
2. That synod encourage Resonate Global Mission to work with Consejo Latino with regards to reporting to synod in 2025.

Grounds:

- a. This will offer them encouragement and provide an avenue for accountability.
 - b. Consejo Latino has existing ties to Resonate Global Mission.
3. That this be synod’s answer to Overture 2.