

I. Response to Overture 7: Appoint a Task Force on Multi-Site Churches

A. Materials

Overture 7, pp. 427-28

B. Recommendation

1. That synod appoint a task force to study multisite churches with a mandate to research multisite churches and provide the following by Synod 2026:
 - direction, advice, and guidance on what models best fit Reformed theology and polity
 - direction, advice, and guidance on what models should not be employed in Reformed churches
 - a roadmap for how churches might become a multisite campus or enfold a church as a campus
 - recommended changes to Church Order supplements to facilitate such arrangements and provide clarity for how such churches should properly function in relation to each other, the classis, and synod
 - provide a legal/structural framework for multisite churches
2. That synod task the officers of synod and the advisory committee chair and reporter and one other advisory committee member per the Rules for Synodical Procedure, to complete the appointment of the Task Force on Multi-Site Churches within two weeks following adjournment of synod. This task force should include at least two pastors from multisite congregations, at least one biblical or systematic Reformed theologian, a Church Order expert, and a young adult representative.

Grounds:

- a. CRCNA Church Order does not envision such an arrangement at present.
 - b. Multisite arrangements are currently employed within the North American church context and may provide missional opportunities for CRCNA congregations.
 - c. A task force provides the time to ensure the development of multisite congregations within the CRCNA is done in good order and in accordance with Reformed theological principles.
3. That synod declare this is its response to Overture 7.