

Advisory Committee 6, Global Mission and Ecumenical Matters, Rev. Aaron Greydanus reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Overture 32: Clarify Decisions Concerning “Unchastity” in Q&A 108 and How This Definition Functions in the Life of the CRC

A. Materials:

Overture 32, pp. 498-501

B. Preamble

Advisory Committee 6 spent several hours discussing Overture 32 and its implications on the life of CRC members and officebearers. This was a healthy discussion. We recognize the importance of the issues that Classis Alberta North raises, and had originally intended to present several recommendations for synod’s consideration. However, due to the overlapping nature of many overtures and communications addressed to this synod, we believe that synod has sufficiently addressed the issues raised in Overture 17.

C. Recommendation

That synod declare its response to Overture 17, “Articulate What Is Expected of Confessing Members When Agreeing with the Confessions,” to be its answer to Overture 32 as well.

Grounds:

Synod has already tasked the Office of General Secretary to provide theological reflection and advice on the historical, biblical, and theological aspects of membership, and encouraged councils to work out situations in their own context and in submission to our creeds and confessions [reference].