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Abstract

The General Program Council (after 1993 called the General Synod Council) administered the affairs of the RCA between sessions of the General Synod, and especially studied and evaluated policies, communications and strategies, and reviewed commissions. The collection contains newsletters, articles, agendas, reports, and program schedules. Topics include church planning, development of world missions, Christian discipleship, and world hunger. The collection consists of agendas and minutes of the General Synod Executive Committee, the General Program Council and its Trustees and Coordinating Committee. Also included are the minutes and agendas of the various boards and divisions of the General Program Council, the Boards of Direction and Pensions, the Divisions of Christian Discipleship, Church Planning and Development, and World Missions. Various articles, booklets, brochures and newsletters published by the General Program Council are included, such as, articles from the Church Herald, Reformed Church Peace Sunday Resources, the Third Watch, World Hunger, and The Western Regional Center Newsletter.

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History

General Synod of the RCA replaced the General Program Council with the General Synod Council in July 1993. Like its replacement, the General Program Council administered the affairs of the RCA between sessions of the General Synod, and especially studied and evaluated programs, policies, communications, and strategies, and reviewed commissions.

Scope and Content

The bulk of the collection consists of agendas and minutes of the General Synod Executive Committee, the General Program Council and its Trustees and Coordinating Committee. Also included are the minutes and agendas of the various boards and divisions of the General Program Council, the Boards of Direction and Pensions, the Divisions of Christian Discipleship, Church Planning and Development, and World Missions. Various articles, booklets, brochures and newsletters published by the General Program Council are included, such as, articles from the Church Herald, Reformed Church Peace Sunday Resources, the Third Watch, World Hunger, and The Western Regional Center Newsletter.
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