

Synod Commissioners Report

The Synod of the Rocky Mountains (SRM) Assembly, composed of two commissioners from each of the synods 8 presbyteries and three synod officers met in Denver on March 8-9, 2015.

One major item of discussion synod mergers. This was in response to the GA's mandate to reduce the number of synods from 16 to no more than 10-12.

The Synod of the Pacific sent an invitation for five members of the SRM to meet with them in late April to discuss the possibility of a merger. The Assembly accepted that invitation and a report on the discussion will be available in mid-July.

The Assembly also voted to invite representatives of the other western synods to its July meeting to talk about the possibility of merger.

A second major item of discussion was the Synods fiscal policy(s). Because of decreased income to SRM and the fact that synod assets need to be considered in any structural change (merger or reduced function).

A part of the discussion on fiscal policy dealt with the current formula for support to the presbyteries. This will be discussed further at the Assembly meeting in July.

Additionally, the Assembly talked about the future of the Western National Leadership Training program.

The Assembly created four committees/task groups to work on the above items and report to the Assembly at its July meeting. These were:

- A Budget Committee.
- A Synod of the Pacific meeting Task Group.
- A planning Committee for the expected meeting with the 5 other western synods in July, and
- A WNLTL Review Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

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