

# Convocation – 1951

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In all likelihood this June issue will find its way into the hands of our readers just at the time our 1951 Synod will convene in our Fourth Church. To all of us the annual Synod registers the conclusion of one and the beginning of another ecclesiastical year. Every phase of our denominational church life is here reviewed and appraised; committee reports are studied and acted upon, important decisions are reached.

For the most part the impact of the decisions taken by any Synod lives on through the years to color the thinking and guide the deliberations of those that follow. Synods write history—church history. The Synod of 1951 should be no exception.

In fact it would be difficult, we believe, for anyone not to agree that this year's annual meeting of the Protestant Reformed churches on its broadest ecclesiastical level—with its agenda numbering well over 90 pages—will be a singularly important gathering.

In all probability, with all the important matters before Synod and with interest running so high, we believe some special arrangements will have to be made to accommodate the large group of our people who will wish to attend Synod's meetings. We urge this matter be given special consideration in view of the large attendance at the February session of the January Classis (East) which filled to overflowing the largest basement room in Fuller Ave. Church.

We also want to suggest to all of our young people to improve on every opportunity they might have to sit in on these interesting meetings. You will surely find them diverting but above all, we are convinced, they will prove to be very stimulating and beneficial. And besides, to see and hear the delegates as they express themselves earnestly and sincerely on matters of utmost concern to them and to the churches in general far surpasses the reading of the concise—strictly for the record—history which the Acts provide.

On the evening preceding the official opening of the 1951 Synod which will occur Wednesday morning, June 6, a synodical prayer-meeting will be held. We especially call attention to this important meeting and again urge all our people to attend.

How fitting it is, and how Reformed, that as we once again take up the important tasks concerned with the governing of the institutionalized body of Christ that we come together first of all to confess our dependence upon Him Who has established us and to express our humble thanks for all His tender mercies. How becoming it is that we manifest unitedly the desire to be led in our thoughts and motivated in our every act by the power of the Spirit.

With the earnest prayer that our 1951 Synod may be permeated with the love of Christ and love for His brethren and that it may be used of God for the continued extension of His kingdom and the preservation of the truth of His Sovereign grace and mercy we commit the delegates and their advisors to His keeping.

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