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[Page 17](#) **Recommendation 1: Classical Committee of Home Missions**

That synod direct each classis to establish (or maintain where already existing) a Classical Committee on Home Missions (CCHM) for promoting and strengthening evangelism and church planting throughout classis.

[Page 18](#) **Recommendation 2: Synodical Committee of Home Missions**

That synod establish a Synodical Committee on Home Missions composed of one representative from each classis, for the purpose of developing church planting resources and promoting communication and support between the classes of the federation.

[Page 19](#) **Recommendation 3: Home Missions Coordinator**

That synod create a full-time position for a Home Missions Coordinator who serves the Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

[Page 20](#) **Recommendation 4: Hiring Rev. Paul Murphy**

That Synod approve the hiring of Rev. Paul Murphy as the interim Home Missions Coordinator, pending his receiving a call to this work from a URCNA congregation.

[Page 21](#) **Recommendation 5: Nominations Process**

That Synod invite the churches to bring nominations to the following Synod for the Home Missions Coordinator position using the already approved procedure for nominating a Missions Coordinator.

[Page 23](#) **Recommendation 6A: Synodical Committee on Foreign Missions**

That Synod appoint a Synodical Committee on Foreign Missions (or direct one half of the current Synodical Missions Committee to become the SCFM) to advise the federation, classes, Consistories, and mission works in starting, strengthening, and at times closing foreign mission fields.

[Page 24](#) **Recommendation 6B: Field Committees**

That Synod approve the creation of Field Committees which will integrate resources and personnel in the URCNA in the supervision of particular foreign mission fields. A foreign mission field is a geographic and cultural region where the URCNA is seeking to establish and strengthen local congregations for the glory of God (for example: Mexico, Ecuador, Italy, Romania, etc.).

[Page 25](#) **Recommendation 6C: Affirmation of consistency**

That Synod affirm that the local Consistory has exclusive authority to:

a) call and send ordained missionaries and missionary helpers, and to oversee the missionary in his life and doctrine.

[Page 25](#) **Recommendation 6D: Participation voluntary**

That Synod encourage but not mandate involvement in the new plan for foreign missions for all sending churches of the federation.

[Page 27](#) **Recommendation 7: Mission Coordinator Reassigned**

That Synod reassign the current Missions Coordinator to become the interim full-time Foreign Missions Coordinator who works alongside the Synodical Committee on Foreign Missions.

[Page 28](#) **Recommendation 8: Nominations**

That Synod invite the churches to bring nominations to the following Synod for the Foreign Missions Coordinator position using the already approved procedure for nominating a Missions Coordinator.

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That Synod approve the concept of two national Missions Funds as outlined above, and task committees (one for the U.S. and one for Canada) with financial knowledge in their respective nation to explore the potential establishment of these funds, and report back to the next Synod for final consideration by the churches.

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[Page 2](#) **Recommendation 1: Mission Visitors**
Synod directs every classis to appoint at least two Mission Visitors.

[Page 3](#) **Recommendation 2: Synodical Mission Committee**
Synod directs all classes to appoint one Mission Visitor to the Synodical Missions Committee, to shape our broader Missions Strategy and create a Mission Order.

Recommendation 3: Local Joint Venture Committee
Synod encourages consistories overseeing a missionary (church planter) to form a Local Joint Venture Committee to help send out coworkers.

[Page 4](#) **Recommendation 4: Foreign Joint Venture Committee**
Synod encourages consistories overseeing a foreign missionary to overture classis to form a Foreign Joint Venture Committee to help send out coworkers.

[Page 5](#) **Recommendation 5: Mission Advocates**
Synod encourages every classis to appoint and support a Mission Advocate with a particular focus on training and networking.

[Page 6](#) **Recommendation 6: Mission Clerk**
Synod shall retire the Missions Coordinator with thanks and replace the position with a Mission Clerk, overseen by the Synodical Missions Committee.

[Page 7](#) **Recommendation 7: Federation Matching Fund**
Synod directs the corporation of the URCNA in each country to create a “Federation Matching Fund.”

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