

Overture from the Reformed Church of Silverstream **Oversight of Students Studying for the Ministry in North** **American Seminaries**

The Session of the Reformed Church of Silverstream respectfully overtures Synod 2014 as follows:

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That synod encourage the Deputies for Students to the Ministry to arrange at least one visit per inter-synodical period, where practicable, to RCNZ students studying for the ministry at North American seminaries.

Grounds:

1. This is in line with the Deputies' observations about the need for more oversight of students studying at MARS (p. 4-170, "Student Oversight").
2. It would enable better supervision of, and rapport with, RCNZ students studying in North America.
3. It would enable better evaluation of North American seminaries by the RCNZ.
4. Since it is frequently the case that delegates from the RCNZ visit North America during the inter-synodical period, it is feasible for the Deputies to delegate this task to one of other of the RCNZ ministers, without incurring significant additional costs. The word "arrange" is intended to leave open the possibility of the Deputies delegating this task to one of the other ministers, where appropriate.