

**RCA STAFF, ECUMENICAL GUESTS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS**



**Don Poest**  
**Interim General Secretary, Reformed Church in America**

Don is the interim general secretary for the RCA (2017-2018). He previously served for 38 years as pastor of Brunswick Reformed Church in Brunswick, Ohio. Don was president of General Synod from 2010 to 2011 and GSC moderator in 2012. He also served as president of Lake Erie Classis, the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes, and Great Lakes City Classis. He has been active on numerous boards and committees. He is a graduate of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary.



**Jill Ver Steeg**  
**Director of Transformational Engagement, RCA**

Jill Ver Steeg is the Director of Transformational Equipping at the Reformed Church in America. She is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the RCA. She received her Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary. She has a DMin from Fuller Theological Seminary in Adaptive Leadership and Spiritual Formation. Jill is married to Shane Ver Steeg. They live in downtown Grand Rapids with their 4 boys.



**Eliza Cortés Bast**  
**Coordinator for Local Missional Engagement, RCA**

As leader of the RCA local missional engagement team, Eliza Bast works to equip churches with resources and support as they seek to do creative ministry with their communities. She comes to the RCA from Centerpoint Church (RCA) in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she served as pastor of outreach. She also launched and served as executive director of The Point Community Center in Kalamazoo.



**Derrick Jones**  
**Supervisor of RCA Mission in Africa, RCA**

Derrick Jones is the supervisor of RCA mission programs in Africa. He has served in this role for over 12 years. Currently he is also serving as the co-interim director of RCA Global Mission.



**Stephanie Soderstrom**  
**Coordinator for Volunteer Engagement, RCA**

Stephanie became a Christian because of a mission trip. Truly, she understands the impact of service on one's faith. Her desire to serve others has taken her around the globe, working with orphanages, nonprofits, and Youth With A Mission. She has a Masters of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary, and is passionate about connecting people with opportunities to serve God's world through mission.



**Bob Cleveringa**  
**Director of Youth Ministries, Synod of the Heartland / Youth Discipleship Coordinator, RCA**

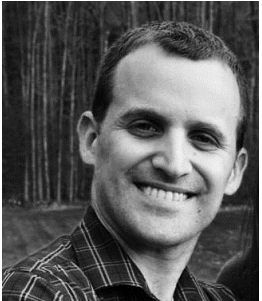
Bob has served in youth ministry professionally for 33 years, including 3 RCA churches as youth pastor. In his current position he provides support & resources for volunteer-led youth ministries and youth pastors throughout the Heartland region. Through the Office of Youth Ministries he plans large events like high school and middle school work camps, middle school retreats, Power Connection for 1,000+ youth and adults, and Rocky Mountain High for 3,000+ high school students and leaders. Bob and his wife Dee Ann have 7 children and are expecting their 20th

grandchild in June. Bob's passion is for the Next Generation and the development of leaders willing to impact the world.



**Tim Vink**  
**Senior Church Multiplication Catalyst, RCA**

Tim has served for 13 years as the RCA's Senior Catalyst for Church Multiplication. He has partnered with God and many others to see over 300 churches start in North America through the Lord's call of church planters to the harvest fields. Tim also works with his former church in Tulare California, where they are planting their 39th church in 19 years. He is a Fuller Seminary graduate and has served churches in Iowa, Michigan and California. He has been engaged in equipping the saints under the empowerment of the Holy Spirit for 32 years. Tim has 3 strong daughters in the Lord all in their 20's, 2 great son-in-laws, and 2 grandchildren.



**Andrew Bossardet**  
**Coordinator for Equipping Thriving Congregations, RCA**

Andy has no problem laughing at life's oddities or finding the perfect internet meme. He also craves authenticity. As an experienced coach, mentor, and pastor, he fundamentally believes that ministry is about staying with people through their dark times (including his own). He's driven by discovery—the "what's next?" conversations that often happen in coaching—and lives to interrupt daily routines in order to inspire growth.



**Annalise Radcliffe**  
**Coordinator to General Secretary's Office, and Associate for Transformational Equipping, RCA**

Anna Radcliffe is the Associate for Transformational Equipping. She is ordained in the RCA. She holds a master of divinity from Western Theological Seminary. She is a graduate of Hope College. She and her husband Ron Radcliffe are planting a dual affiliated congregation between the CRCNA and the RCA called City Chapel. They live in downtown Grand Rapids.



**Liz Testa**  
**Coordinator for Women's Transformation and Leadership, RCA**

Liz has served as coordinator for Women's Transformation & Leadership since 2014. Her focus is to help facilitate the full inclusion of women's gifts and influence in the life of the church. Liz and her team do this through equipping and empowering women in their lives and callings, and helping churches to create healthy ministry environments in which women and men work together, grow and thrive. Liz served a multi-cultural church in NYC for 12 years prior to joining RCA staff. She loves biblical hospitality, spiritual growth, leadership development, worship arts, media ministry and ministry revitalization. Liz holds a BFA from Syracuse University and an MDiv from the Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ.



**Eddy Almán**  
**Director of Strategic Leadership Development & Hispanic Ministries**

Eddy Alemán was born in Nicaragua. At age 16, he became a Christian and moved to Canada as a refugee fleeing civil war. When he was 21, he joined the Toronto La Senda del Amor RCA church plant with his wife, Daysi, and two children. Alemán's experience at La Senda led him to plant several churches, first in Canada and then in California. Eddy served Emmanuel Church in Paramount, California, as pastor of Hispanic ministries and church planting. He joined denominational staff in 2014. He has an M.Div. from Western Seminary, an M.A. in New Testament from Fresno Pacific Seminary, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in New Testament studies at University of Wales Trinity St. David. Eddy is the candidate for General Secretary of the RCA.



**Randy Weener**

**Coordinator of Church Multiplication, RCA**

In addition to his role with RCA church multiplication, Randy is also the classis leader for the Great Lakes City Classis where he hosts a monthly small church forum. Previously he has been a camp counselor, church planter, youth leader, and revitalization pastor.



**Chris DeVos**

**Manager of Church Partnerships & Care, The Colossian Forum**

Chris DeVos has served as a pastor for more than 30 years, most recently a joint RCA/CRC church in Holland, Michigan. For six years he served a church in Kingston, Ontario. In 2015 he joined the staff of Western Seminary to oversee the Ridder Church Renewal project which focused on adaptive leadership development for pastors and church leaders. That work led to his current position at the Colossian Forum. The Colossian Forum exists to help the church transform conflict into opportunity for spiritual formation and discipleship. Chris is a dual US and Canadian citizen and is proud to have grandchildren on both sides of the border.