

Minutes**Classis Holland, Special Session
July 15, 2010
Providence CRC, Holland, MI****Art. 1. Attendance:**

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>
Bethany		Jim Schipper	Mark Brinks
Bravo	Peter DeHaan		
Calvary	Frank Wevers	Mike Dykstra	
Calvin	Chris Cassis	Duane Terpstra	Rick Klompmaker
Cambodian F. Central Ave.	Socheth Na	Sopah Duch Rich Cory Steve Zwiép	
Crosswinds	Jeff Meyer	Darla Robinson	Arnie Bracy
East Saugatuck	Gary Luurtsema	Jeff Edewaard	
Faith	Angela Taylor-Perry	Barbara Brink	Jennie Hampton
Fourteenth St.	Marv Hofman	Mike Pikaart	Amy Luce
Gibson		Jim Dokter	Tom Hoekman
Graafschap	Henry VandenHeuvel	Carl Langejans	Vern Lubbers
Hamilton	John Byker	Chris McDonald	
Harderwyk	Trent Walker		
Holland Heights		John Den Bleyker	
Kibbie	Ron Hassell	Don Bemis	
Lao	Somsay Inthisorn		
Maple Ave.		Gene Laninga	
Maranatha	Matt Stob	Larry Ensing	
Montello Park	Absent		
Niekerk	Wm. Vander Heide		Randy Hoogewind
Noordeloos Park	Jonathan DePoy	Earl Van Klompenberg Biz Ter Haar	Brian Busscher
Pillar	Chris De Vos	Scott Nienhuis	
Providence	Keith Doornbos	Marilyn Swart	
Saugatuck	David Van Der Wiele	Doug DeJonge	
South Bend	Excused		
South Olive	Adam Barton	Mark Maas	
St. Joseph	Absent		
Victory Point	Absent		
West Olive	Absent		

11 signed the Form of Subscription

Art. 2. Devotions: Rev. Keith Doornbos reads from I Kings 19, shares thoughts about Elijah passing the mantle to Elisha, and opens with prayer.

Art. 3. Registration Report: Stated Clerk Rev. Tony Louwerse gives the report.

Art. 4. Classis is Declared Constituted: Host Pastor Rev. Keith Doornbos declares classis constituted.

Convener: Rev. Keith Doornbos

Chair: Rev. Marv Hofman

Vice Chair: Rev. David Van Der Wiele

Clerk: Rev. Tony Louwerse

Art. 5. Welcome: Chairman Rev. Marv Hofman welcomes guests and Synodical Deputies Rev. Henry Admiraal from Classis Grand Rapids North, Rev. Ron De Young from Classis Zeeland and Rev. Matt Palsrok from Classis Georgetown .

Art. 6. Credentials: Motion made, supported and passed to seat the delegates from Bethany CRC.

- Art. 7. **Classis Executive Team Report:** Pastor Socheth Na reports for CET
- a. The Classis Executive Team recommends Classis Holland approve the request of Providence CRC and declare Rev. T. Kauffman released from the Ministry of the Word in the CRCNA according to Church Order Article 17 c, with the concurring advice of the Synodical Deputies.
Grounds:
 1. Rev. Kauffman was released from service to his former congregation, Bethel CRC of Fulton, IL in 2003 and has not received or entertained a call since that time.,
 2. Rev. Kauffman has entered into a non-ministerial vocation and intends to continue his present work as a self-employed contractor.
 - b. Motion is moved, supported and passed to adopt the CET recommendation, and Synodical Deputies concur with Classis' decision.
 - c. Rev. David Van Der Wiele leads Classis in prayer for Tim Kauffman and family.
 - d. Pastor Socheth Na reports Candidate John Burden's credentials are in order. Motion is passed to proceed with the examination.

- Art. 8: **Examination of John Burden:**
- a. Introduction: Rev. Keith Doornbos introduces Candidate John Burden to Classis Holland.
 - b. Practica: Rev. Trent Walker conducts this part of the exam.
 1. Delegates are given opportunity to ask the candidate questions.
 2. Motion passes to proceed with the examination.
 - c. Sermon Critics' Report: Rev. David Van Der Wiele reports for the Sermon Critic Team. The team recommends proceeding with the examination. Motion is supported and passed. The Synodical Deputies concur.
 - d. Biblical and Theological: Rev. Frank Wevers leads this part of the examination.
 1. Delegates are given opportunity to ask the candidate questions.
 2. Synodical Deputies are given opportunity to ask questions.
 - e. Admittance Procedure:
 1. Executive session is declared by Chairman Rev. Marv Hofman.
 2. Motion to admit Candidate John Burden to the Ministry of the Word in the CRCNA is moved and supported.
 3. Prayer for guidance is led by Rev. Jeff Meyer.
 4. The Synodical Deputies are excused to prepare their recommendation.
 5. Classis votes by ballot resulting in the motion passing by a majority vote.
 6. The Synodical Deputies concur with Classis Holland's decision.
 7. Chairman Rev. Marv Hofman informs the candidate of the results and presents the Classical Diploma to him.
 8. The Counselor is authorized to proceed with the ordination.

- Art. 8. **Adjournment:**
- a. Motion is moved, supported and passed to adjourn.
 - b. Rev. Marv Hofman leads in closing prayer, after which the delegates sing the Doxology.
 - c. Delegates and guests congratulate Candidate John Burden.