

**Minutes: Classis Holland CRC
 January 20, 2011
 Hamilton Christian Reformed Church**

Art. 1. Attendance:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>
Bethany	Dan Walcott*	Mike Osterhouse	Doug Klaauw
Bravo	Peter De Haan		Jane Templeton
Calvary	Frank Wevers	Allen Hoekstra	
Calvin	Chris Cassis	Rick Klompmaker	Don Vander Schaaf
Cambodian F.	Socheth Na	Steve Cheung	Sokhorn Pen
Central Ave.	Chad Steenwyk	Steve Zwiep	Steve Buter
Crosswinds	Jeff Meyer	David Gezon	
East Saugatuck	Gary Luurtsema	Tom Overhuizer	Merle Zoerhof
Faith	Angela Taylor Perry	Bruce Hekman	Dirk Van Zalen
Fourteenth St.	Marv Hofman	Bob Kealey	Jerry Veen
Gibson	Vern Swieringa	Tom Boeve	Tom Hoekman
Graafschap	Stan Scripps	Brad Vanden Heuvel	Josiah Genzink
Hamilton	John Byker	Tom Tucker	Blain Zoerhof
Harderwyk	Heidi De Jonge	Tom Hoort	
Holland Heights	Dominic Palacios	John DenBleyker	Dave Klamer
Kibbie	Ron Hassell		
Lao		Cliff Sales	Nang Manosack
Maple Ave.			Phil Coray
Maranatha	Matt Stob	Matt Smit	Gary Wolters
Montello Park	Dan Roels	Mary Tuinema	Nancy Westendorp
Niekerk		Erv Nagelkirk	Paul Bulthuis
Noordeloos	Mark Vande Zande	James Holstege	
Park	Mark Quist	Luann Buikema	
Pillar	Chris De Vos	Glen Vander Ploeg	Tom Alderton
Providence	Keith Doornbos	John Hutt	
Saugatuck	David Van Der Wiele	Bill Lubbers	JoAnn DeJonge
South Bend	Absent with notice		
South Olive	Adam Barton	Glenn Mulder	
St. Joseph	John De Vries		
Victory Point	Steve Rusticus	Vicky Vander Kolk	
West Olive	Scott De Vries	Dwayne Wolters	

25 Signed the Form of Subscription

*Dan Walcott is licensed to exhort in Classis Holland

Art. 2. Opening Devotions: Rev. Byker welcomes the delegates and guests. He speaks from Matthew 6, focusing on not to worry but seek first the Kingdom. He quotes from the minutes of 1857, and references 400,000 by 2000 for the question: what is our attitude and focus? He opens with prayer.

Art. 3. Constitution of Classis: The Stated Clerk reports we have a quorum and Rev. Byker declares classis constituted. Officers of the day:

Chair: Rev. Stan Scripps

Vice Chair: Rev. Adam Barton

Stated Clerk: Rev. Anthony Louwerse

Art. 4. Examination of Mr. Duane Terpstra for Ministry Associate: CET Chairman Mark Vande Zande reports that all the documents of Duane Terpstra are in order.

a. Rev. C. Cassis introduces Mr. D. Terpstra.

b. Rev. C. Steenwyk leads the Practica section of the Ministry Associate exam.

- c. Questions are asked from the floor.
- d. A motion to proceed is moved, supported and passed.
- e. Rev. Mark Quist gives the report for the sermon critics. Delegates are given opportunity to ask questions.
- f. A motion to proceed is moved, supported and passed.
- g. Rev. J. Osterhouse leads the Biblical/Theological section of the exam.
- h. Delegates are given opportunity to ask questions.
- i. Admittance Procedure: Executive session is declared.
 - 1. Motion is made to admit to the Office of Ministry Associate.
 - 2. Rev. A. Barton leads in prayer.
 - 3. Classis votes by ballot. The motion passes by majority vote.
 - 4. Rev. Jim Osterhouse gives an update of the Leadership Development Network.
 - 5. Executive session ceases.
 - 6. Chairman Rev. Stan Scripps announces the result and presents the Classical Certificate and card to signify his ordination to Mr. Duane Terpstra.

Art. 5. Retirement of Rev. Larry Slings: Maple Avenue Ministries requests the retirement of Rev. L. Slings effective January 14, 2011, according to Article 18 of the Church Order. The CET recommends approval of this request for Rev. L. Slings to retire due to age. Moved, supported, and passed. Rev. L. Slings addresses Classis. Rev. K. Doornbos responds and offers a prayer.

Art. 6. Election of Delegates to Synod:

- a. Motion is made to approve Elder Nick Leegwater as second alternate.
- b. Elder delegates: Fred Groen 1st delegate, 2nd delegate to be determined because the elected person is unable to attend.
- c. Elder alternates: Peter Sytsma 1st alternate
- d. Pastor delegates: Rev. Trent Walker 1st delegate, Rev. Chris De Vos 2nd delegate
- e. Pastor alternates: Rev. Mark Quist 1st alternate, Rev. Marv Hofman 2nd alternate

Art. 7. Transfer of Ministerial Credential of Rev. Peter De Haan: The credentials of Rev. Peter De Haan are approved for transfer from Graafschap CRC to the Bravo CRC. Rev. De Haan has accepted the call to serve the Bravo Church.

Art. 8. Supper Break: During supper break Cory Plockmeyer speaks about his ministry at Michigan State University, Rev. and Mrs. Henry De Vries for World Missions, and Roger Brummel for Calvin College.

Art. 9. Overture from Central Avenue Church re Article 59c: The overture is supported and thus on the floor. Rev. A. Barton shares the pre-advice committee report. Rev. C. Steenwyk responds and clarifies the perspective of the Central Avenue Council. The vote is taken and the motion passed to forward this overture to Synod 2011. (Rev. A. Barton is excused to respond to a need in the South Olive congregation. Rev. C. Steenwyk sits in as Vice Chairman the remainder of the evening.)

Art. 10. Overture re the language changes in the three Reformed Confessions from Central Avenue CRC: Rev. S. Scripps gives the pre-advice committee report. Rev. C. Steenwyk offers Central Avenue's proposal to develop a substitute overture. Moved and supported that the proposed substitute of the pre advice committee be added as an amendment. Failed. Motion to table and be dealt with at a special meeting of Classis is supported and passed.

Art. 11. CET Report: CET Chairman gives his report. Motion to approve the work of the CET is supported and is passed.

Art. 12. Faith Formation Report: Dr. D. Schuringa reports as a representative of the denominational Faith Formation Committee. He speaks specifically to the matter of children at the Lord's Supper and provides a printed sheet of information. A time of questions follows his presentation.

Art. 13. Ministries Coordinator Report: Dr. M. Doornbos gives his report as Ministries Coordinator. He

calls attention to the upcoming church visits. Also, he encourages participation in the Pastor/Spouse Retreat. He next distributes an updated budget for the Korean Ministry. Motions accepted and passed:

- a. to approve the work of the CET in authorizing the Discernment Process from December 25, 2010 to January 20, 2011 and providing \$1600 from the 2010 budget.
- b. To approve the continuation of the Discernment Process from January 21 to March 25, 2011 according to the updated budget above.
- c. To approve the request for church offerings for this ministry.

Art. 14. **Stated Clerk Report:** Printed reports are available and the Stated Clerk adds additional comments. Motion is made to approve the work of the Stated Clerk. Passed.

Art. 15. **“Israel” Overture from Faith Church.** The “Israel” Overture is presented for discussion. Rev. Matt Stob presents the pre-advice committee report. The overture reads, “We overture Synod 2011 to permit professors, pastors and teachers to write, preach and teach that in Scripture the word Jerusalem means Jerusalem and the word Israel means Israel.” Motion fails. The author has the privilege to submit this overture personally to Synod 2011.

Art. 16. **Diversity Team Report by Jeff Meyer:** Jeff Meyer gives a report. Please note the date for “Festival of Churches” is changed from February 27 to 6 PM March 6. D.O.R.R. (Dance of Racial Reconciliation) is set for April 30.

Art. 17. **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Cal Hoogstra gives his report. Motion is made to approve the Treasurer’s work.

Art. 18. **CRWRC Report:** Rev. T. Louwse announces Disaster Response Service Sunday to be March 6. He informs of \$1.1 million shortage because of a difficulty with a Canadian government grant. He also commends the churches for their generous support of CRWRC amounting to \$354,300 in year 2010.

Art. 19. **Adjournment:** Motion is passed to adjourn. Chairman S. Scripps thanks the host church and closes with prayer. We sing the Doxology.

Special Session of Classis Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Central Avenue Church, 7:00 PM:

Credential Deadline: March 1, 2011

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Next Regular Classis: May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Noordeloos CRC:

Agenda and Credential Deadline: April 7, 2011

Officers: Rev. Adam Barton, Chairman
Rev. Chad Steenwyk, Vice Chairman
Stated Clerk: Rev. Anthony Louwse