

Classis of North Grand Rapids Meeting Minutes

Special Session

Via Email

July 23, 2021

Opening: Email Vote Only

Business Meeting Voting Closed by Tim Meendering, President at 12:00 AM

Roll Call (completed by signature)

A – Excused Absence U – Unexcused Absence

Church	Clergy	Elder	Elder
Aberdeen Reformed		Ted Myers	Carl Bos
Central Reformed	Steven Pierce	Willa Brown	Jeff DeVree
The Community - Ada	William Norden	Katie Music-Reynhout (U)	
	Mara Joy Norden		
Faith Harvest	David Mayer	Deb Schmidt	
Fourth Reformed	Eric Schalk	Norma Boehm	
Knapp Street Reformed	Les Wiseman	Chuck Bailey	
Oakview Community Church	Vacant	Jane Dykema	
Orchard Hill Reformed	Bob Karel (U)	Robin Noordyke	Dan DeWaal
	Laura Dilley (MUC)		
Remembrance Reformed	Eric Cook	John Jacobitz	Kurt Andrews
	Todd Schmidt	Lynn Samuelson	
Resurrection Reformed	Doug Kiel	(U)	
Richmond Reformed	Christopher Westerbeek	(U)	
Rockford Reformed	Tim Meendering Did Not Vote	(U)	
Servant's Community	Mark Veldt	William Beatty	
Standale	Jessica Shults	Lin Cline	
	Matt Shults (U)		
Third Reformed	Jeff Petersen	Ron Schollaart	
Trinity Reformed	Ben Bruins (U)	(U)	
	Sarah Bruins (U)		
Specialized Ministers/Ministers Without Charge/Inactive			
Katherine Baker	Kathy Bartels	Nancy Claus	Jennifer Holmes Curran (U)
John Delger	Kristi Kiel	Ryan Landt	Steve Luchies
Kristen Meyer (U)	Cheryl Molhoek (U)	Adam Navis	Branson Parler
Rebecca Stegeman Riekse (U)	Robyn Saylor (U)	Matt Rose	Dave Vander Woude
David Veldt (U)	Steve Wolters (U)		
Eric Bogerd	Nancy Boote	Eric Branch (U)	Rachel Bush (U)
Kate Kooyman	Jennifer Petersen (A)	Jonathan Tice (A)	Susan VanderWall (U)
Bill VanderWerp	Aaron Wetzal		
Andre Daley (U)			
Retired Ministers			
Bill Fennema	Lou Lotz	Dennis Wilcox	
Associates In Ministry, Commissioned Pastor			

Willa Brown		George Werkema	
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Executive Committee

The Aberdeen Reformed Church consistory requests that it be superseded by the Classis for the following reasons stated in the Book of Church Order.

- g. Insufficiency of confessing membership to fulfill the purposes and responsibilities of an organized church.
- h. Long-term or rapid decline in participation or membership.
- j. The consistory requests supersession.

Voting begins July 19 and closes at midnight July 22.

The following churches are permitted the number of Elder delegates indicated (all others have one elder delegate):

Aberdeen 2
 Central 2
 Oakview 2
 Orchard Hill 2
 Remembrance 3

Results

By email voting the Classis established a quorum and voted 46-1 to approve the Classis superseding the Consistory of Aberdeen Reformed Church **effective July 23, 2021**.

The email voting results are 46 Yes, 1 No.

The Executive Committee appointed a Board of Trustees to oversee disbanding the congregation and dissolving the Aberdeen corporation with the State of Michigan. These members are Ralph Robrahn, John Jacobitz, Tim Elzinga, and Rob Teitsma (Ex Officio). The immediate intent is to sell the church building and property.

It is always difficult to see the end of a congregation's life. However, we can be comforted by the assurance in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:..." and verses 14-15, "I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him."



Tim
Robert J. Teitsma, Stated Clerk



Meendering, President