

# Classis of North Grand Rapids Meeting Minutes

Special Session – Student Exams

Knapp Street Reformed Church

July 11, 2017

## Opening: Devotion Service led by

Rev. Aaron Wetzel read and meditated on James 3:1-5. He opened with prayer.

Examination Meeting Called to Order by Tammy Schollaart, Vice President at 7:05 PM

## Roll Call (completed by signature)

A – Excused Absence    U – Unexcused Absence

Church	Clergy	Elder	Elder
Aberdeen Reformed	Ryan Landt (A)		
Casnovia	Vacant	Jason Vermeulen	Joan K. Moore
Central Reformed	Vacant	Helen Phillips	Marla Lunderberg
	Katie Baker (A)		Jeff De Vree
Faith Harvest Church	David Mayer	Deb Schmidt (A)	
The Community - Ada	William Norden (A)	(U)	
	Mara Joy Norden (A)		
Fourth Reformed	Eric Schalk	Branson Parler	Steve Wammack
Knapp Street Reformed	Les Wiseman	(U)	
Oakview Community Church	Gerald Vander Velde (MUC) (U)	John Dykema (U)	
Orchard Hill Reformed	Bob Karel (U)	Michael Bart	Bill Hahn
	Kathy Bartels (MUC) (U)		
	Laura Claus (MUC) (U)		
Remembrance Reformed	Eric Cook (A)	Eunice Kooiman (U)	Pam Kragt (U)
	Todd Schmidt (A)	John Jacobitz (A)	
Resurrection Reformed	Doug Kiel (A)	Bruce Holleboom (A)	
	Kristi Kiel (A)		
Richmond Reformed	Christopher Westerbeek (A)	(U)	
Rockford Reformed	Paul Bradford	(U)	
Servant's Community	Vacant	Kurt Reppart (U)	Cindy Bennett
Standale	Jessica Shults (A)	Lin Cline	
Third Reformed	Jeff Petersen (A)	Ron Schollaart	Tam Schollaart
Trinity Reformed	Ben Bruins	Kerri Vryhof	
	Sarah Bruins		
<b>Specialized Ministers/Ministers Without Charge/Inactive</b>			
Lee Ausema (A)	Nancy Boote	Eric Branch (U)	Nancy Claus
Susan Cleveland (A)	John Delger (U)	Lisa Henderson (U)	Sarah Juist
Kate Kooyman	Steve Luchies	Diane Maodush-Pitzer	Tim Meendering (A)
Cheryl Molhoek (U)	Adam Navis	Robyn Saylor (U)	David Veldt (U)
Steve Wolters (U)			
Rachel Bush (U)	Brad Olson (U)	Jennifer Petersen (A)	Jonathan Tice (A)
Susan VanderWall (U)	Bill VanderWerp	Aaron Wetzel	Andre Daley (U)
<b>Retired Ministers</b>			
Marcia Elders (A)	Bill Fennema (A)	Ralph Robrahn (A)	

<b>Associates In Ministry, Commissioned Pastor</b>			
Willa Brown (U)	George VanderHyde (U)		
Joel Bengelink (A)	George Werkema (U)		

## **Committee and Team Report**

### **Student Care Committee**

#### **Introduce Examiners**

Nature and Administration of the Sacraments - Bill VanderWerp

Theology - Adam Navis

Knowledge of and Adherence to the Constitution (the Standards, the Government and Disciplinary Procedures, and the Liturgy) of the RCA - Kate Kooyman

History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to its Mission - Eric Schalk

#### **Introduce Candidates and Announcements Regarding Exam Protocols**

Branson Parler, MFCA student, Approved Alternate Route

Jason Vermeulen, MFCA student, Reformed Candidates' Supervision and Care

#### **Prayer for Students and Examiners**

Aaron Wetzel offered a prayer for the candidates during the examination process.

#### **The Nature and Administration of the Sacraments**

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Jason Vermeulen.

#### **Theology**

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Jason Vermeulen.

#### **Knowledge of and Adherence to the Constitution (the Standards, the Government and Disciplinary Procedures, and the Liturgy) of the RCA**

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Jason Vermeulen.

#### **History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission**

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Jason Vermeulen.

Motion made, supported, and passed to call the meeting into Executive Session. All guests and non-delegates were asked to leave the assembly.

## **Executive Session**

### **Sacraments**

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Sacraments for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Sacraments for Jason Vermeulen.

### **Theology**

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Theology for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Theology for Jason Vermeulen.

### **RCA Constitution, Polity and Standards**

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Polity and Standards for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Polity and Standards for Jason Vermeulen.

### **History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission**

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission for Branson Parler.

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission for Jason Vermeulen.

### **Licensed Candidates**

Motion made, supported, and passed to declare Branson Parler as a licensed candidate.

Motion made, supported, and passed to declare Jason Vermeulen as a licensed candidate.

### **Provisional Preaching License**

Motion made, supported, and passed to renew the provisional preaching license to Nathan Johnson.

Motion made, supported, and passed to end the Executive Session. Non-delegates and guests were invited to return to the meeting.

### **Reading and Signing of the Declaration for Licensed Candidates**

Branson Parler read and signed the declaration for licensed candidates.

Jason Vermeulen read and signed the declaration for licensed candidates.

Rev Eric Shalk offered a prayer of blessing for Branson Parler and Jason Vermeulen and their future ministries.

Derek Dokter requested that the Classis not renew his license to be a candidate of Word and sacrament since he no longer pursuing an ordained ministry position.

## **Particularia**

The Stated Clerk thanked Knapp Street Reformed Church as the host church for the meeting.

## **Resolutions**

Motion made, supported, and approved to excuse the absences of Lee Ausema, Katie Baker, Joe Bengelink, Susan Cleveland, Eric Cook, Marcia Elders, Bill Fennema, Bob Holleboom, John Jacobitz, Doug Kiel, Kristi Kiel, Ryan Landt, Tim Meendering, Billy Norden, Mara Norden, Jeff Petersen, Jennifer Petersen, Ralph Robrahn, Deb Schmidt, Todd Schmidt, Jess Shults, Christopher Westerbeek.

## **Closing**

Motion made, supported, and approved to close the meeting.

Closing Prayer by Tammy Schollaart

## **Next Classis Meetings**

Stated Session – September 19, 2017 Faith Harvest Church, Warren MI, Dinner 5:45 PM; session 6:45 PM  
January 16 2018, Oakview Reformed Dinner 5:45 PM; session 6:45 PM

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Jennifer Petersen, President

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Robert J. Teitsma, Stated Clerk