

Classis of North Grand Rapids Meeting Minutes

Special Session – Student Exams

Third Reformed Church

May 18, 2021

Opening: Devotion Service led by

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen. He opened with prayer. He read from Philipians 2 encouraging the body to dwell in the Word as expounded upon in Anne's Credo. He finished with a prayer of thanksgiving for Anne's call to ministry.

Examination Meeting Called to Order by Tim Meendering, President at 6:43 PM

Roll Call (completed by signature)

A – Excused Absence U – Unexcused Absence VIA ZOOM

Church	Clergy	Elder	Elder
Aberdeen Reformed	Matt Rose (MUC) (U)	Ted Myers (A)	Carl Bos (A)
Central Reformed	Steven Pierce	Willa Brown	Jeff DeVree
The Community - Ada	William Norden (A)	Katie Music-Reynhout	
	Mara Joy Norden (A)		
Faith Harvest	David Mayer (A)	Deb Schmidt (U)	
Fourth Reformed	Eric Schalk	(U)	
Knapp Street Reformed	Les Wiseman (A)	Keith Hinkle (U)	
Oakview Community Church	Vacant	Jerry DeRuiter (U)	(U)
Orchard Hill Reformed	Bob Karel (U)	Michael Bart (U)	Bill Hahn (U)
	Kathy Bartels (MUC) (A)		
	Laura Dilley (MUC)		
Remembrance Reformed	Eric Cook	John Jacobitz (A)	
	Todd Schmidt	Jen Breen (U)	Lynn Samuelson (U)
Resurrection Reformed	Doug Kiel (A)	Katrina Towns (U)	
Richmond Reformed	Christopher Westerbeek	Mark Mulder	
Rockford Reformed	Tim Meendering	Karen Bazen	
Servant's Community	Mark Veldt (A)	Bill Beatty	
Standale	Jessica Shults (A)	Lin Cline	
	Matt Shults		
Third Reformed	Jeff Petersen	Ron Schollaart	
Trinity Reformed	Ben Bruins (A)	Katie Bush (A)	
	Sarah Bruins (A)		
Specialized Ministers/Ministers Without Charge/Inactive			
Katherine Baker	Nancy Claus	Jennifer Holmes Curran	John Delger
Kristi Kiel (A)	Steve Luchies	Kristen Meyer	Cheryl Molhoek
Adam Navis (U)	Branson Parler	Rebecca Stegeman Riekse	Robyn Saylor
Dave Vander Woude (MUC) (A)	David Veldt	Steve Wolters (U)	
Eric Bogerd	Nancy Boote	Eric Branch (U)	Rachel Bush (U)
Kate Kooyman	Ryan Landt (U)	Jennifer Petersen	Jonathan Tice (A)
Susan VanderWall (U)	Bill VanderWerp (A)	Aaron Wetzel	
Andre Daley (U)			
Retired Ministers			
Bill Fennema (A)	Lou Lotz	Ralph Robrahn	

Associates In Ministry, Commissioned Pastor			
Willa Brown	George VanderHyde (U)		
Joel Bengelink (A)	George Werkema (U)		
Guests			
Luke Harkema	Duncan McClean	Jodi McClean	

Committee and Team Report

Student Care Committee

Introduce Examiners

- Theology – Paul Troost (Written Exam)
- History of RCA Missions – Eric Schalk (Written Exam)
- Sacraments – Nancy Claus
- Polity/Standards – Rob Teitsma

Introduce Candidate and Announcements Regarding Exam Protocols

Anne Elzinga, Western Theological Seminary

Prayer for Student and Examiners

Aaron Wetzel offered a prayer for the examiners and candidate during the interviews.

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

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Anne Elzinga.

History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Anne Elzinga.

The Nature and Administration of the Sacraments

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Anne Elzinga.

Theology

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Anne Elzinga.

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

RCA Constitution, Polity and Standards

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Polity and Standards for Anne Elzinga.

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 Anne Elzinga.

Sacraments

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Sacraments for Anne Elzinga.

Theology

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Theology for Anne Elzinga.

Licensed Candidate

Motion made, supported, and passed to declare Anne Elzinga as a licensed candidate.

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

Anne Elzinga read and signed the declaration for licensed candidates.

Rev Steve Pierce offered a prayer of blessing for Anne Elzinga and her future ministry.

Particularia

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

Resolutions

Motion made, supported, and approved to excuse the absences of Kathy Bartels, Joe Bengelink, Carl Bos, Ben Bruins, Sara Bruins, Katie Bush, Bill Fennema, John Jacobitz, Doug Kiel, Kristi Kiel, David Mayer, Ted Myers, Billy Norden, Mara Norden, Todd Schmidt, Jess Shults, Jonathan Tice, Bill VanderWerp, Mark Veldt, Les Wiseman.

Closing

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

Closing Prayer by Steve Pierce.


Next Classis Meetings

Stated Session – September 21, 2021 Location, method TBD; session 6:45 PM

January 18, 2022, Location, method TBD; session 6:45 PM



Tim Meendering, President



Robert J. Teitsma, Stated Clerk