

MINUTES OF CLASSIS GRANDVILLE

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Meeting at:
Lee Street Christian Reformed Church
Wyoming, Michigan

Chairperson: Rev. Dan Kinnas
Stated Clerk: Rev. Dan Mouw

Article 1

OPENING WORSHIP

Rachel Bouwkamp, worship director at Lee Street CRC, opened the meeting with prayer. The worship team of the Hispanic ministry at Lee Street CRC led classis in opening praise.

Article 2

CREDENTIALS

The following individuals were present as delegates:

| CHURCHES | MINISTERS | ELDERS | DEACONS |
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| Byron Center First | | Bob Mast *Scott Van Solkema | |
| Friendship Heritage Pathway Second Dorr | Dan Kinnas Bob Bolt | *Kevin Lanning *Al Smith | *Jeff Tolsma Ron Rodenhouse |
| Grandville Fellowship Hanley Hope Ivanrest | Barb Sanders Joe Vanden Akker | James Bolt Mark TeHennepe Michael Dykstra | |
| South Grandville Wyoming Calvary Faith Community | Mark Van Drunen Rog Groenboom | Don Vander Ploeg Kevin Ilbrink *Elise Van Noord *Tim Bareman | *Dave Jongedrijg *Jill Van Vliet Vickie Lake Steve Felkey |

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Hahn-In

Hispana Emanuel

Lee Street

Kent Rottman

Jerry Sikkema

*Barb Mc Clury

*first time office-bearers who signed the Covenant for Office-bearers

Article 3

CLASSIS OFFICERS

Rev. Dan Kinnas assumed the chair. Rev. Bob Bolt served as vice-chairperson. The chairperson welcomed delegates and guests and he reviewed the schedule for the evening.

Article 4

STATED CLERK REPORT

The stated clerk reported that Candidate Mitchell Sheahan, who successfully sustained his examination during the September 19, 2019 meeting of Classis Grandville, was ordained as a minister of the Word in the CRC on Sunday, September 29, at the Second Byron Center CRC.

Article 5

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE ISRAEL ALVARADO FOR THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF THE WORD IN THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

- a. Rev. Kent Rottman, pastor of Lee Street CRC, the calling church, introduced Candidate Alvarado.
- b. The chairperson introduced the synodical deputies:
Rev. Jerry Blom (Classis Grand Rapids North)
Rev. Al Gelder (Classis Grand Rapids East)
Rev. Dave Spoelma (Classis Holland)
- c. Rev. Bob Bolt examined Candidate Alvarado in the area of *practica*. A motion was made and supported to proceed to the next area of inquiry. **ADOPTED.**
- d. Rev. Dan Mouw reported on the sermon of Candidate Alvarado which Rev. Barb Sanders and he observed at the Lee Street CRC on Sunday, October 20, 2019. The candidate preached on his assigned text of Matthew 5:5.

A motion from the sermon examiners to approve this sermon and proceed to the next area of inquiry was supported and **ADOPTED.**

The synodical deputies concurred.

- e. Rev. Cedric Parsels examined Candidate Alvarado on his biblical and theological position.

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- f. A motion to admit Candidate Alvarado to the office of Minister of the Word was moved and supported. The chairperson declared executive session and led classis in prayer.
- g. Classis delegates voted by ballot and the motion to admit Candidate Alvarado to the office of Minister of the Word was **ADOPTED**.
- h. The synodical deputies concurred with this decision of classis.
- i. The chairperson warmly congratulated Candidate Alvarado and presented him with a classical diploma. He announced that Israel would be ordained on Sunday morning, December 8, 2019, at the Lee Street CRC.

Article 6

ADJOURNMENT

Delegates and guests surrounded Candidate Alvarado and prayers of thanksgiving were offered for him and his family as he begins this new chapter in ministry.

Next meeting of Classis Grandville:

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hahn-In Christian Reformed Church