

MINUTES OF CLASSIS GRANDVILLE

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Meeting at:
Heritage Christian Reformed Church
Byron Center, Michigan

Chairperson: Rev. Bob Huisman
Stated Clerk: Rev. Dan Mouw

Article 1

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Rev. Dale Fopma, chairperson of the Healthy Church Team, opened the meeting by reflecting on the theme of 'future grace', based on Philippians 4:19, 20. Rev. Fopma then led classis in prayer.

Article 2

CREDENTIALS

The following individuals served as delegates to this meeting:

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	ELDERS	DEACONS
Byron Center First		Steve Snyder Scott Van Solkema	
Friendship Heritage Pathway Second	Dan Kinnas Bob Huisman	Stan Jansen *Harry Meyers *Mark Westrate Pete De Vries Randy Bosse	
Dorr Grandville Fellowship Hanley Hope Ivanrest South Grandville	Cedric Parsels Tom Vander Ploeg Joe Vanden Akker Brandon Haan	*Randy Kraker Dan Vander Ploeg Mark Koster Lois Knooihuizen Steve Zuiderveen Marc Faasse	Steve Rus
Wyoming Calvary Faith Community	Rog Groenboom	Elizabeth Westrate *Jeff Vander Hart	*Karli Franken

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Hahn-In
Hispana Emanuel
Lee Street

Samuel Kim

Jim Mc Clurg
Scott Vredevoogd

*First-time delegates who signed the Covenant for Office-bearers

[Notes: Councils were requested to send only two delegates to this meeting.
Pathway CRC did not send delegates due to a previously scheduled Council retreat.]

Article 3

CLASSIS LEADERSHIP

Rev. Bob Huisman served as chairperson. Vice-chairperson was Rev. Dan Kinnas.

Article 4

EXPLANATION OF THE AGENDA

The chairperson introduced the agenda and timeframe for this evening session of classis

Article 5

SYNODICAL DEPUTIES

The chairperson introduced the synodical deputies in attendance:

Rev. Al Gelder (Classis Grand Rapids East)

Rev. Stephen Terpstra (Classis Zeeland)

Rev. Jeffery Scripps (Classis Georgetown)

Article 6

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The chairperson declared that the remainder of this meeting would be held in executive session.

Article 7

REPORT FROM KENT ROTTMAN

Rev. Kent Rottman, Regional Pastor for Classis Grandville, read a written report in which he outlined the nature of several meetings he led that took place with Rev. A. J. Gretz, with Anna Gretz, and with the council members of South Grandville Christian Reformed Church.

Article 8

DISCUSSION

Classis discussed the motions in the printed agenda in the presence of the synodical deputies.

A motion was made and supported to divide the following recommendation into two parts:

“That oversight committees be appointed for both Pastor Gretz and the Council of South Grandville CRC.”

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This motion was ADOPTED.

Article 9

DECISIONS

Classis delegates came to decisions on the following recommendations after the synodical deputies absented themselves:

- A. That Classis Grandville approve the release of Rev. Anthony Joseph Gretz from his ministry at South Grandville CRC in Grandville, Michigan, effective August 15, 2021 in accordance with Article 17a of the Christian Reformed Church Order.**

Ground: This separation will provide Pastor Gretz with the opportunity for him to focus on critical marital and family needs.

ADOPTED.

- B. That an oversight committee be appointed for Pastor Gretz.**

ADOPTED.

- C. That an oversight committee be appointed for the Council of South Grandville CRC.**

DEFEATED.

- D. That the termination agreement between Pastor Gretz and the Council of South Grandville CRC be approved as presented.**

ADOPTED.

The synodical deputies rejoined the meeting and concurred with the decision of Classis Grandville that Rev. Gretz be released from his ministry at South Grandville CRC in accordance with Article 17a of the church order.

Article 10

TIME OF PRAYER

The chairperson informed Pastor Gretz of this decision, and he assured Pastor Gretz of the continued prayers and support of his colleagues in classis for him and for his family at this difficult time. Regional Pastor Kent Rottman closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting of Classis Grandville: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Faith Community CRC, Wyoming, Michigan**