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Agenda for a Special Meeting of Classis Grandville

Worshiping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in four languages

**A gathering of Christian Reformed Churches in Byron Center, Dorr, Grandville
and Wyoming**

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Location: Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church
3777 Ivanrest Avenue
Grandville, Michigan 49418**

Chairperson: Rev. Rick Vanderwal

Stated Clerk: Rev. Dan Mouw

Please note the following:

Classical credentials can be submitted electronically to the stated clerk prior to the meeting (danielbmouw@gmail.com). Paper copies of this agenda will be available at this meeting. Churches are requested to send a minister delegate, an elder delegate and a deacon delegate.

The only item on this agenda is the attached request from the council of South Grandville CRC to release their pastor, Rev. Rod Galindo, according to the provisions of Article 17 of the Christian Reformed Church Order.

It is expected that much of this meeting will be held in executive session. Therefore, besides the delegates, only current CRC office-bearers will be permitted to be in attendance if and when executive session is declared.

1. OPENING

- a. Devotions – led by Classical Prayer Mobilizer Ruth Frederick
- b. Review of classical credentials
- c. Rev. Rick Vanderwal will serve as chairperson; vice-chairperson will be Rev. Brandon Haan.
- d. Welcome to delegates and visitors
- e. Explanation of the agenda and evening schedule
- f. Introduction of synodical deputies: Rev. Jeffery Scripps (Classis Georgetown), Rev. Terry Slagter (Classis Zeeland), and Rev. Gary Bekker (Classis Grand Rapids South)

2. SOUTH GRANDVILLE REQUEST

- a. **Motion:** That Classis Grandville grant the request of the council of South Grandville CRC for its approval of a separation from their pastor, Rev. Rod Galindo, under Article 17 of the church order.

Note #1: Classis minutes must record the grounds for this separation.

Note #2: This motion requires the concurrence of the synodical deputies.

- b. Separation agreement

Classis Grandville must approve a separation agreement between the South Grandville congregation and Pastor Galindo. This separation agreement must include the financial arrangements agreed upon by all parties. If the pastor and council disagree on specific matters, the areas of specific disagreement must be clearly identified, and classis shall adjudicate those matters separately.

- c. If this separation is granted, the Executive Team presents the following motion:

That an oversight committee be appointed for Pastor Galindo and another oversight committee be appointed for the South Grandville congregation.

Note: The committee for the pastor shall develop specific expectations for the minister and shall monitor progress toward established goals. The committee for the council shall monitor a time of evaluation and assistance before the congregation calls another pastor.

3. CLOSING

Next regular meeting of Classis Grandville:

**Thursday evening, May 21, 2026
Second Byron Center CRC**



South Grandville Church

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February 10, 2026

Rev. Dan Mouw
Classis Grandville Stated Clerk

Dear Rev. Mouw,

As recommended by Classis Grandville, the Council of South Grandville CRC met with staff from Thrive on February 9, 2026 to evaluate the current relationship conflicts experienced by Pastor Rod Galindo and the members of SGCRC. The Council considered what actions by the church have contributed to the current conflicts as well as possible opportunities for reconciliation. Thrive representatives Dave Den Haan and Julia Rathbun provided information as to potential paths moving forward and were then excused from the meeting.

The Council continued deliberating on what was in the best interest of Pastor Galindo and for the members of South Grandville CRC. A motion was made and approved to request an Article 17 separation with Pastor Galindo. The grounds for separation include unresolved personal conflicts with the congregation, fractured working relationships with the staff and committees, as well as friction within council that prohibits effective leadership. We also experienced Pastor Rod using the pulpit to exert power over people rather than to serve people in love, with the gospel.

The Council also strongly recommends that classis assign an oversight committee for Pastor Galindo and that the work of oversight include a classis requirement of a formal psychological assessment of Pastor Galindo by a qualified assessor. We continue to be in discussion with Pastor Galindo regarding the potential terms of separation which will be submitted to classis prior to their consideration of this request.

In Christ's Service,

Steve Zuiderveen
Council President
South Grandville CRC