

Agenda

Stated Session of the Classis of Holland September 25, 2018, Starting at 6:30 PM Meeting at First Reformed Church (630 State Street, Holland)

1. CALL TO ORDER.
 - Prayer
 - Introduction of new ministers, new delegates and guests.
 - Approval of the Agenda (Motion/Support needed)
 - Approval of Consent Agenda (Motion/Support needed)
2. CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY
 - Reading/Signing Declaration for Ministers- Carolyn Raar, Marlin Vis
3. WORSHIP, led by First Reformed Church.
4. NOMINATIONS (See the Committee's Report)
 - A. **Election** of President & Vice President
 - Candidates will be presented at Classis.
 - B. **Delegates** to the Synods. Following our procedure for determining the rotation for attendance at the two synods, the following names are recommended to be appointed as delegates and the whole rotation lists, as presented, determine the order for alternates:
 - 1) 2019 General Synod [One-year term] June 6-11, 2019 Hope College Holland MI
Ministers > Jay Lindell, Kent Fry, Jean Lemmenes, and Larry Schuyler.
First Alternates are: Katy Sundararajan, JP Sundararajan, Lorene Duin, Sharon Knibbe, Jon Brown.
Churches sending elder delegates > Intersection Ministries, Fellowship, Maple Avenue Ministries, and LifeTree.
See the complete rotation lists for General Synod. These lists are our approved alternate list.
Recommendation: Approve the General Synod appointments and alternate list.
(Consent Agenda)
 - 2) Delegates to 2019 Great Lakes Regional Synod. The ministers and churches whose turn has come to serve as classis delegates are:
Ministers > David Lantz (2nd year of 2); Dan Gillett, Gretchen Tanis, Terry DeYoung (1st year of 2)
Churches > Third (2nd year of 2); Maplewood, Rose Park, and Christ Memorial (1st year of 2)
See the complete rotation lists for the Great Lakes Synod. These lists are our approved alternate list.
Recommendation: Approve the Great Lakes Synod appointments and alternate list.
(Consent Agenda)
 - 3) Rotation lists as provided determine the order of alternates. The lists for the rotation of ministers and churches are included in this report. The names that follow the designated delegates are the ordered list for alternates. If a decline is received, these will be the next ministers assigned as delegates. Typically, the first alternates this year can expect to be appointed delegates next year or next opening.
 - C. **Committee Composition:**
Recommendation: Approve the committee membership nominations (Consent Agenda)

5. EXECUTIVE (See the Committee's Report)
 - A. **Recommendation:** We recommend approving the Classis session minutes for May 22 Stated Session, and June 3, 17, 24; July 15; August 12, 14 Special Sessions.
 - B. **Recommendation:** We recommend that the Classis approve the proposed Classis budget for 2019. It provides for no increase in the Classis-portion of the assessment.
6. PRESENTATION ON THE GENERAL SYNOD ALTERNATE PLAN FOR ASSESSMENTS.
Jillisa Tietsma, Treasurer for the RCA
7. CHURCH MULTIPLICATION TEAM (See the Committee's Report)
CMT presents highlights of our new church start congregations.
Recommendation: The Holland Classis approves participating in the formation and mission of Holland / Zeeland Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Church in America Classes collaborative Church Multiplication Team. The Holland Classis commits to the three-year process to help establish this collaborative. We also commit to 'earmarking' \$10,000 from our 2019 church planting budget to be used toward the approved initiative(s) by this group which would help fulfill the initiatives listed in the proposal.
8. MINISTER SUPPORT & SUPERVISION (See the Committee's Report)
There have been some minister changes over the summer months. Our report delineates these changes on paper. Please take opportunities to introduce yourselves and build relationships.
Recommendation: Approve up to \$2,000 to provide for DeGraafs to attend Quiet Waters therapy center.
9. COMMISSIONED PASTOR SUPPORT & SUPERVISION
(See the Committee's Report)
Recommendation: that the Classis approve asking this question annually of its consistories: *Do you conduct performance reviews of the ministers and commissioned pastors employed in your church?*
Note: Classis would appreciate receiving a copy of the instrument you use or a description of the process that is followed, so that we have the resources to assist all of our congregations with this responsibility.
10. STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (See the Committee's Report)
Recommendation: That the guidelines as presented from the Great Lakes Synod are approved and adopted as the Holland Classis Minister Compensation Guidelines for 2019. (Consent Agenda)
11. STUDENT SUPPORT & SUPERVISION: See the Committee's Report
We are receiving new candidates under care.
12. CHURCH SUPPORT & SUPERVISION. See the Committee's Report
Recommendation: CSS with the endorsement of the Executive Committee recommends Classis approve the sale of the Hiawatha property to the Harbor Lights Baptist Church via a seven-year land contract as set forth in the report. If approved, and Harbor Lights congregation approves, the sale will be completed by the end of October.
13. OVERTURES & JUDICIAL BUSINESS. No report

14. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer: See Balance Sheet and Budget Comparison reports.
 - Classis Coordinator:
15. PERSPECTIVES COURSE PRESENTATION
16. GREAT LAKES SYNOD REPORT: Judy Nelson
17. CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY
 - Announcements/ Sharing church news
18. PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Next Stated Session: Tuesday, January 22, 2019; 6:30 pm.
We will gather at Central Park Reformed (614 Myrtle Ave.)

Consent Agenda.

A single motion approves all the recommendations listed below. Anyone can request that a recommendation be removed from this list. The item will be handled under the committee report.

1. Nominations Report:
Recommendation: Approve the slate and rotation lists as presented for delegates and alternates to attend the RCA General Synod and the Great Lakes Synod.
The approved rotation list determines order of alternates.
2. Nominations Report:
Recommendation: Approve the committee membership nominations/ appointments as presented.
3. Executive Committee Report:
Recommendation: Approve the Classis session minutes for May 22 Stated Session, and June 3, 17, 24; July 15; August 12, 14 Special Sessions.
4. Stewardship & Finance Report:
Recommendation: Adopt the guidelines as presented from the Great Lakes Synod as the Holland Classis Minister Compensation Guidelines for 2019.