

Stated Session

Classis of Holland, RCA

AGENDA

January 16, 2019

Meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2019
at Central Park Reformed Church
614 Myrtle Avenue, Holland, Michigan
Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

- Prayer
- Welcome
- Introduction of new ministers, new delegates and guests.
- Approval of the Agenda (Motion/Support needed)
- Approval of Consent Agenda (Motion/Support needed)

2. Receive new Members into Classis

- Reading/Signing Declaration for Ministers — Daniel Griswold

3. Worship

- led by Central Park Reformed Church

4. Installation of Officers

- president, vice president, coordinator–clerk

5. Guest Presentation

- Ryan Kilpatrick, Housing Next, Executive Director

6. Reports of the Officers

1. President Kate Meyer

- Recommendation by Executive Committee: to cancel the March 26, 2019 stated session

2. Vice President

3. Coordinator–Clerk

(a) Greetings

ii. Annual reports iii. Requested motion: to direct the coordinator to request Great Lakes Synod and General Synod to forgive the assessment based on the membership of Fourth Reformed Church.

7. Committee Reports

Our classis functions through committees that provide direction, carry out classis policy, and initiate ministry efforts. See the written reports for all committees. The following committees have requested floor time or are presenting recommendations:

a. Overtures & Judicial Business Committee

• The Proposed Amendments to the RCA Constitution. The OJB committee offers advice to the Classis on how to vote for each proposal. See the attachment for details on each proposal.

1. Classes Authorized to Vote on Constitution Amendments. We agree with the proposed amendments and advise the classis to vote in favor.
2. Regional Synod Formation of Classes. We agree with this proposal and advise the classis to vote in favor of proposal.
3. Consistory Responsibility of Costs Borne by Minister: We are troubled by the possibility of a minister's family taking advantage of the church, while we recognize that the proposal addresses the church taking advantage of the minister. Our other issue is the fact that the variety of forms of insurance (tradition vs High-deductible HSA) is not addressed in the Call form. This is step toward better equity for pastors. It doesn't address the issues of insurance possibilities. We advise classis approval of these BCO changes primarily because they are a step in the right direction.

b. Executive Committee: see written report

- Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 stated session and the January 6, 2019 special session. (Consent Agenda)
- Treasurer's reports have been reviewed and included with the agenda packet. Funds from the Bethel fund were limited to designated items.

c. Student Support & Supervision Committee

- Introduction of Candidates.

d. Church Support & Supervision Committee

- Report on ongoing work of the NC/4th Supersession Team

e. Minister Support & Supervision Committee

- see Consent Agenda

8. New Business

9. Celebrating Our Shared Ministry

- Announcements; sharing church news

10. Prayer and Adjournment

Next meeting

- The next stated session will be at Hope Church, 77 W 11th Street, and will start at 6:30 pm.
- If the recommendation of the Executive Committee under the President's report (above) *is* sustained, then the next stated session will be May 28, 2019.
- If the recommendation *is not* sustained, then the next stated session will be March 26, 2019.

Consent Agenda

A motion is automatically before the body to approve all items listed. A member or delegate can request an item be removed from the consent agenda. The item will then be considered with that committee's report. The Consent Agenda items are listed at the end of this agenda.

From Executive Committee:

- Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2018 stated session and the January 6, 2019 special session.

From the Minister Support & Supervision Committee:

- Recommendation: To approve the requests from Mark Poppen, Ciela Tonge, Tom Boogaart, and Larry Schuyler to be declared Retired.
- Recommendation: To approve the request of Wayne Bowerman to demit from ministry.
- Recommendation: To confirm the actions of MSS in changing the status of the following ministers to Without Charge: Eric Nichols, Dawn Vagle, and David VanOpstall.
- Recommendation: To confirm changes of status approved by MSS for the following ministers: Lindsay Bona, Jeff Meyer, JP Sundararajan, and Katy Sundararajan.