

# Stated Session

Classis of Holland, RCA

Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:30 PM

at Central Park Reformed Church  
614 Myrtle Avenue, Holland, Michigan

## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Receive new Members into Classis

- Reading/Signing Declaration for Ministers
  - Daniel Griswold
  - Tito Venegas

### 3. Worship

- led by Central Park Reformed Church

### 4. Installation of Officers

- President Kate Meyer
- Vice President Judy Nelson
- Daniel Griswold, Coordinator–Clerk

## 5. Guest Presentation

- Ryan Kilpatrick, Housing Next, Executive Director

## 6. Reports of the Officers

### a. President

### b. Vice President

### c. Coordinator–Clerk

- Requested motions:
  - 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. Executive Committee

*Daniel Griswold*

- Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 stated session, the January 6, 2019 special session, and the February 10, 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.

### b. Nominations Committee

*Roger DeYoung*

- committee appointments (Consent Agenda)
- Words of Hope board: need for new member; Kent Fry on the work of the board

### c. Overtures & Judicial Business Committee

*Cindi Veldheer DeYoung*

• The Proposed Amendments to the RCA Constitution. The OJB committee offers advice to the Classis on how to vote for 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.

**d. Student Support & Supervision Committee**

*Phil Quinn*

- Introduction of Candidates
- Recommendations:
  - to receive under care of classis the following individuals:
    - \* Katherine Alley
    - \* Kyle Boer
    - \* Renée Jelsma
    - \* Rita Loyola
    - \* Alyssa Meuhmel
    - \* Hannah Nickolay
    - \* Wayne Otten
    - \* Eugene Ryan
    - \* Trey Tirpak

**e. Church Support & Supervision Committee**

*Jeanette Beagley-Koolhaas*

- Report on ongoing work of the NC/4th Supersession Team
- Motion: to authorize the NC/4th Supersession Team, in its capacity as the classis-appointed trustees of all real property of the former New Community/Fourth Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, to approve the sale of the property at 355 Washington Blvd, Holland, MI 49423 and to conduct such actions as needed from them to complete the sale.

**f. Minister Support & Supervision Committee**

*Celaine Bouma-Prediger*

- Recommendation: To approve the request of Wayne Bowerman to demit from ministry.
- Further items: see Consent Agenda

## 8. New Business

## 9. Celebrating Our Shared Ministry

- Announcements; sharing church news

## 10. Prayer

- Classis Prayer Coordinators Jonathan Brownson and Emmett Brown

## 11. Adjournment

- The next stated session will be May 28, 2019 at Hope Church, 77 W 11th Street, with student exams starting at 12:30 pm and the evening session starting at 6:30 pm.

## 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 removed will then be considered with that committee's report.

### **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 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.
- Recommendation: To confirm the transfers approved by MSS for the following ministers: Jim Heneveld, Smirna Postmus, and Austin Vondracek.

### **From Nominations Committee**

- Recommendation: To approve the following committee and synodical appointments:
  - Kama Jongerius to MSS
  - Ned Meurer to MSS
  - Jon Brown to MSS
  - Beth Carroll to SSS
  - Ken Beukelman to SSS
  - Roger DeYoung to Nominations
  - Deb Yurk to RSGE Executive Committee (1st full term)