

Classis Iakota
MINUTES
Special Session on November 16, 2021, at 6:30pm
Shalom Christian Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Art. 3646: Rev. Kurt Monroe, Chair for this special classis meeting, welcomes everyone. Rev. Kyle De Young, pastor of the host church then offers opening devotions. Prior to offering a prayer he reads Philippians 4:5-7 and focuses on the nearness and peace of God which we experience and enjoy as his children through Christ.

Art.3647: Presentation of Credentials and Roll Call

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Corsica	Scott Nichols	Elroy Zomer	George Veenstra*
Harrison	Gary Maas	Harlan Wolbrink*	Jim Lefers
Inwood	Adam Eisenga	Delmer Scholten	Brandon Folkerts
New Holland	--no delegation--		
Platte	Drew Hoekema	Joel Sybesma	Eugene Brondsema*
Rapid City – Hope		Eric Kelderman	
Rock Rapids	Doug De Groot	Ross Loomans	
Rock Valley – Calvin	Gideon Wamala	Jim Vande Kerk	Todd Visser
Rock Valley – First	Matthew Haan	Brian Faber*	Joe Miller*
Rock Valley – Trinity	Henry Lengkeek	Terry Kooima	
Amistad Christiana	--no delegation--		
Sioux Center – Bethel	John Lee	Steve Post*	Timon Rens*
Sioux Center – Bridge of Hope		Glen Boer	
Sioux Center – Covenant	Joel Kok	Melissa Bailey	
Sioux Center – Faith	Bob Pollema		Josh Harmelink*
	Cliff Hoekstra		
Sioux Center – First	Kurt Monroe	Will Maas	Trent Gelenyse*
Sioux Center – Lebanon	Robert Drenten	Daniel Dunn	
Sioux Falls – Cornerstone Prison	Scott Van Voorst	Gordon Dyk	
Sioux Falls – First		Dan Heard	Kyle Bleyenburgh*
		Mark Veurink	
Sioux Falls – Shalom	Kyle De Young	Jeff Brands	Jamie Netjes
Valentine – Lakeview	--no delegation--		

* Indicates first time delegates who signed the Covenant for Officebearers

Art. 3648: Classis is declared constituted. The Chair welcomes the delegates and visitors, including the Synodical Deputies, namely Rev. Russell W. Boersma (Classis Northcentral Iowa), Rev. Scott M. Muilenburg (Classis Minnkota), and Rev. Brad Meinders (Classis Central Plains). Rev. Robert Drenten serves as the Vice-chairperson with Rev. Bernie Haan serving as the stated clerk.

Art. 3649: The joint request of the First Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Cal Hoogendoorn is submitted to release Rev. Hoogendoorn from active ministerial service at First Sioux Falls CRC in accordance with Church Order Article 17.

[The following is a summary of the actions taken by classis. The more detailed minutes of the executive session are on file with the stated clerk and may be accessed only upon request from and approval by the Classical Interim Committee.]

- A. **Motion** that classis support the joint request of First Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Cal Hoogendoorn to release Rev. Hoogendoorn from active ministerial service at First Sioux Falls CRC in accordance with Church Order Article 17. *--Adopted*
- B. **Motion** that classis approve the joint separation agreement between First Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Cal Hoogendoorn in accordance with the guidelines stated in Church Order Article 17, Appendix A. *--Adopted*
- C. **Motion** that oversight committees be formed for Rev. Hoogendoorn and for the First CRC, respectively, and that the CIC be empowered to work out the details. *--Adopted*
- D. The Synodical Deputies concur with the decisions of classis.
- E. Bob Pollema offers a prayer for healing, renewal, and guidance for Cal and Carla Hoogendoorn, and for the First Sioux Falls CRC.

Art. 3650: The request from Covenant CRC of Sioux Center is presented asking that their elders be allowed to administer Communion, when necessary, in accordance with Church Order Articles 53 and 55 (see Agenda, pp. 2-3).

- A. **Motion** is made to grant their request. *--Adopted*

Art. 3651: The request from Covenant CRC of Sioux Center is presented asking that Paul Birnbaum be declared eligible for a call to serve as a hospital chaplain in accordance with Church Order Article 12-b.

- A. **Motion** is made to grant their request. *--Adopted*

Art. 3652: The request from First Sioux Center CRC is presented asking that the work of Rev. Todd Zuidema as the Director of Church Relations for Dordt University be declared as consistent with the calling of a minister in accordance with Church Order Article 12-c.

- A. **Motion** is made to grant their request. *--Adopted*
- B. The Synodical Deputies concur with this decision of classis.

Art. 3653: Both Bob Van Ruler as the Classical Treasurer and Mick Visser as the alternate Classical Treasurer are approved to serve another three-year term in those respective roles.

Art. 3654: The Chair notes the Church Visitor report of the visit made to the Faith CRC in Sioux Center and asks if there are any questions (see Agenda, p. 4).

Art. 3655: Drew Hoekema, as the classical counselor for Hope CRC in Rapid City, shares with classis that this congregation will be having a congregational meeting in December to decide whether or not to disband. He notes that per Church Order Article 38-d, the approval of classis is required if the decision is made to disband.

- A. **Motion** is made to have the Classical Interim Committee act on behalf of classis if consultation is needed regarding the disbursement of assets in the process of disbanding. *--Adopted*
- B. Henry Lengkeek offers a prayer of guidance for Hope CRC as this congregation makes a decision with regard to her future existence.

Art. 3656: Drew Hoekema leads classis in a closing prayer. The delegates sing the Doxology. Classis adjourns at 8:15pm.

Rev. Bernard Haan
Stated Clerk for Classis Iakota