

Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Held at inSpirit Christian Reformed Church

October 28, 2021

7.00 p.m.

A. WE GATHER TOGETHER

1. Arrival- Delegates put on name tags, presented their credentials and enjoyed visiting together. First-time delegates signed their agreement with the *Covenant for Officebearers in the Christian Reformed Church*. (All pastors, elders, & deacons have signed it upon installation as office-bearers.)

2. Roll Call- The Stated Clerk called the roll as indicated on the submitted credentials. Chair Josh Van Drunen declared classis constituted, welcomed guests and the synodical deputies.

3. The Churches and Delegates:

Church	Minister	Elder(s)	Deacon
Alger Park	Stephen De Wit		Laura Veenema
Community	David Struyk	Kim Hawe	Judy Myszek
Covenant	Nelson Haan/Anne Storteboom/Laurie Morren		
Cutlerville East	Ed Visser	Don Cok	Todd Tubbs
Discovery			
Ist Cutlerville	Josh Van Drunen	Glen Walstra/Daryl Dykhouse	
Hillside Community	Ron Kool	Eric VanHofwegen	
Ideal Park	Chris Bouma	Daniel Seif	
inSpirit	Randy Ledeboer	Roger Baas/Kristian VanderArk	
Kelloggsville	Martin Benckhuysen	Melissa Vander Meulen	Stephen DeBoer
LaGrave	Mike Hoozeboom	Marge Penning	Sally Jonker
Moline		Don Westhouse	
Monroe Community			
Providence	Bob Boersma	Dan Netz	
The PIER			
Wayland		Hank Williams/Keith Johnson	

4. Deputies Present- Rev. Thea Leunk-Classis Grand Rapids East

Rev. Doug Fauble-Classis Grandville

Rev. Ron Goudzwaard, Classis Thornapple

5. Opening Devotions- Randy Ledeboer, Pastor of our host church, led us in a consideration of a passage from Corinthians and prayer. The assembled sang songs of praise.

B. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES JESSICA MADDOX AND RYAN PHAN

1. Introduction- The candidates were introduced by David Struyk and Randy Ledeboer.

2. Practica- Rev. Michael Hoozeboom conducted this inquiry, followed by opportunity for questions from the delegates and deputies. A motion to proceed passed.

3. Sermon Evaluation- Rev. Amy Schenkel read the sermon critics' report on Jessica Maddox's sermons and Rev. Evan Heerema read their report on Ryan Phan's sermons. Opportunity was given for questions and comments, followed by a motion to proceed with which the Synodical Deputies concurred.

4. Biblical Theological- Rev. Ron Kool conducted this segment adhering to the time required.

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5. Motion to Admit- The motion to admit was made and opportunity for discussion was provided during the executive session.

6. Prayer for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit was offered and the Synodical Deputies left to prepare their conclusions.

7. Voting-Ballots were distributed and the delegates were instructed to vote on each candidate by indicating a “yes” or a “no.” The chair declared that both had been approved.

8. Synodical Deputies Concurrence- Upon their return and being apprised of the vote to admit both candidates, the deputies indicated their concurrence.

9. The Declaration-The candidates and guests returned and the chair informed them of the decision to admit both candidates into “the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church.” The assembly rejoiced.

10. Documents- The Stated Clerk presented Jessica Maddox and Ryan Phan with their signed Classical Diplomas and the Certificates of Ordination provided by the Executive Secretary.

11. Prayers of Thanksgiving were offered by pastors Dave Struyk and Randy Ledeboer as many gathered to lay hands on the new ministers. Opportunity was given to congratulate them.

12. Conclusion-The chair declared the meeting concluded and invited the assembled to enjoy a variety of refreshments as provided by inSpirit’s gracious hosting.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Vink, Stated Clerk

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 10, 2022 at MOLINE CRC

The meeting will include electing delegates for Synod 2022

Deadline for the March 10 Agenda: February 5, 2022