

# Minutes of Classis Grand Rapids South

Held at inSpirit Christian Reformed Church

September 8, 2022

6.30pm

## 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. Opening Devotions-** Ron Kool, chair of the day, led us in a reflection on “Pure/God’s Love casts out fear” and prayer.

**3. Roll Call-** The Stated Clerk called the role as indicated on the submitted credentials. The chair declared classis constituted, welcomed guests and the synodical deputies.

### 3. The Churches and Delegates:

**\*Absent with Without Notification**

Church	Minister	Elder(s)	Deacon
*Alger Park			
Community	Jessica Maddox		Dennis Howe
Covenant	Henry Schenkel		
Cutlerville East		Peter Dykema/Hank Pluger	
Discovery	Paul Sausser		
*Ist Cutlerville			
Hillside Community	Ron Kool		
Ideal Park	Chris Bouma	Daniel Seif	
inSpirit	Randy Ledebor	Ryan Phan/Carl Boersen	
Kelloggsville	Melissa Vander Meulen/Sara Vander Bie/Ron Geerlings		
LaGrave	Bob Grussing	Rich Nyhof/Eaine De Stigter	
*Moline			
Monroe Community	Jim Boer	Jessica Brummel/Sid Jansma Jr.	
Providence	Bob Boersma	Eric Timmer	
The PIER			
*Wayland			

**4. Deputies Present-** Rev. Alvern Gelder-Classis Grand Rapids East  
Rev. Jerry Blom-Classis Grand Rapids North  
Rev. Ron Goudzwaard, Classis Thornapple

## B. APPROVAL OF INSPIRIT’S JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JESSICA KUNCAITIS (C.O. 23)

The previously-distributed Job Description was moved and approved. The Synodical Deputies present approved its suitability for a Commissioned Pastor position. (C.O. Article 23 as required.)

## C. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES ANTHONY VANDER SCHAAF & JESSICA KUNCAITIS

**1. Introduction-** The candidates were introduced by Pastors Jim Boer and Randy Ledebor.

**2. Practica-** Rev. Henry Schenkel conducted this inquiry, followed by opportunity for questions from the delegates and Synodical Deputies. A motion to proceed passed.

**3. Sermon Evaluation-**Rev. Jessica Maddox summarized their sermon critics’ report on Jessica Kuncaitis’s sermon and Rev. Roger Bouma read their report on Anthony Vander Schaaf’s sermons. Rev’s Erik O’Connel and Mike Hoogenboom were two other evaluators. Opportunity was given for questions and comments. The motion to proceed passed with SD’s concurrence.

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## **B. EXAMINATION OF JESSICA KUNCAITIS AND ANTHONY VANDER SCHAAF-Cont'd**

**4. Biblical Theological-** Rev. Paul Sausser conducted this segment as prescribed.

**5. Motion to Admit-** The motion to admit and approve was made and opportunity for discussion was provided during the now-declared 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 Candidate Vander Schaaf, the deputies indicated their concurrence. *(Theirs not needed for JK's)*

**9. The Declaration-**The candidates and guests returned and the chair informed them of the decision to admit Candidate Vander Schaaf into “the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church” and Jessica Kuncaitis as a “Commissioned Pastor in Classis Grand Rapids South.” The assembly rejoiced.

**10. Documents-** The Stated Clerk presented Jessica Kuncaitis and Anthony Vander Schaaf with Classical Diplomas and their Certificates of Ordination.

**11. Prayers of Thanksgiving** were offered by pastors Jim Boer and Randy Ledeboer as many gathered to lay hands on the new pastors. 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

**FALL REGULAR MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**WAYLAND CRC- 6.30PM**

**Deadline for the October 13<sup>th</sup> is September 27, 2022**