

CLASSIS GRAND SOUTH MARCH MEETING REPORT

Classis

- ~ was hosted by Alger Park CRC and majority of churches had a pastor, elder and deacon delegated.
- ~was chaired by First Cutlerville's pastor, Josh Van Drunen, exercising skill to keep our agenda moving.
- ~ approved Alger Park's Sam Gutierrez' new position at the Eugene Peterson Center as one qualifying for C.O. Article 12c's "minister of the Word." Alger Park CRC will call him to the position.
- ~ approved Monroe Community's Article 17 request to release Katherine Hirschberg.
- ~ examined Candidate Tricia Bosma according to Article 10 of the Church Order and approved her as a "minister of the Word." She'll serve as chaplain at Resthaven Care Ctr in Holland, MI.
- ~had three Synodical Deputies present who concurred with the Church Order decisions as required.
- ~ voted to send to Synod 2023 Pastors Bob Boersma and Dave Struyk, Elder Dan Buist and Deacon Richard Gerndt. Pastors Wim DeVries and Ed Visser and Elder Perrin Rynders serve as alternates. A deacon alternate is to be designated.
- ~considered three overtures related to Synod 2023's decisions regarding the Human Sexuality Report and defeated them. The sending churches may now send them directly to Synod.
- ~ approved LaGrave CRC's Pastor Bob Grussing's retirement, effective Sept. 1 2023, granting him "commissioned pastor emeritus" status and expressing appreciation for his work at LaGrave and classis.
- ~ approved the formation of a "Classis Emerging Generations Ministries Committee." Doing so is a step towards a more active inter-church youth ministry. *(Make sure to ask your delegater about it....)*
- ~ heard or distributed reports from various "Servants of Classis" such as Treasurer, Safe Church, Interim Committee, Regional Disability Advocate, Prayer Coordinator, Regional Pastor and Deaconal Ministries. These and others are working between classis meetings..
- ~ adjourned at 10pm and its delegates headed home, encountering driven snow, but thankful for the opportunity to express our commitment to working together as members of classis of churches.

Please do remember to keep the ministries of Classis GRSouth in prayer.

George Vink, Stated Clerk

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