

**Classis Iakota**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 18, 2018**  
**Lebanon Christian Reformed Church**  
**Rural Sioux Center, Iowa**

**Art. 3438:** Rev. Cory Van Sloten, pastor of the host church, welcomes everyone and leads in opening devotions. Since it happens to be Yom Kippur, the Jewish holiday commemorating the “Day of Atonement,” Rev. Van Sloten shares a brief message about Christ’s atoning work, using Leviticus 23:26-28, John 19:30, and 1 Corinthians 1:18. This is followed by the singing of “The Power of the Cross,” and the offering of prayer.

**Art. 3439:** Presentation of Credentials and Roll Call

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Corsica	Daniel De Graff	Bernard Schelling*	Ron Groeneweg
Harrison	Gary Maas	Keith De Waard	Rod De Lange*
Inwood	Adam Eisenga*	Allen Van Engen	Pierre Folkerts*
New Holland	John Gorter	Alvin Timmermans*	Ben Kroese*
Platte	Drew Hoekema	Leon Sprik	Ron Van Zee
Rapid City – Hope	Paul Birnbaum	Eric Kelderman	
Rock Rapids		John Van Veldhuizen	
Rock Valley – Calvin	Gideon Wamala	Patrick Van’t Hul*	Eric De Jager*
Rock Valley – First	Matthew Haan	Mike Baartman*	
Rock Valley – Trinity	Henry Lengkeek	Marlowe Van Ginkel	Derrick Koedam*
Sioux Center - Amistad Cristiana	Eddy Olguin	Miguel Castelan	
Sioux Center – Bethel	John Lee	Dave Tinklenberg	Travis Feekes*
Sioux Center – Bridge of Hope		Ruth Ruter*	Jeris Vande Zandschulp
Sioux Center – Covenant		Dennis De Jong	Pat Crull*
		Sanneke Kok	
Sioux Center – Faith	Bob Pollema	Leon Van Kley	
Sioux Center – First		Ron Rynders	Phil Maanen*
Sioux Center – Lebanon	Cory Van Sloten	Rick DeBoom	Joe Richardson
Sioux Falls – Cornerstone Prison	Doug De Groot	Gordon Dyk	
Sioux Falls – First	Cal Hoogendoorn	Terril Te Slaa*	Steve Veurink
Sioux Falls – Shalom	Kyle De Young	Scott Vanden Bosch*	Travis Netten*
Valentine – Lakeview	Mark Langenbach	Don Schelhaas	

\*Indicates first time delegates who signed the Covenant for Officebearers

**Art. 3440:** Classis is declared constituted by Rev. Daniel De Graff, the Chairperson of the day, with the following councils having previously recorded their protest of the seating of women delegates, seeing this as a violation of the Word of God: New Holland CRC, Platte CRC, Calvin Rock Valley CRC, First Rock Valley CRC. The credentials of the Corsica CRC council likewise, on behalf of elder Bernard Schelling, registered his protest against the seating of women delegates.

**Art. 3441:** The Chair welcomes the delegates and visitors. The Chair appoints the delegates from the Bethel, Sioux Center CRC to serve as the Credentials and Article 41 Committee, and he appoints Rev. Paul Birnbaum to handle the prayer concerns. It is noted that Gary Maas is serving as the vice-chairperson for this meeting.

**Art. 3442:** The Chair notes the prospective time schedule for the day (9-11:45, lunch, 1-3:15, coffee, 3:30-)

**Art. 3443:** The overture from Corsica CRC (Agenda, pp. 2-3) is presented and acted on.

- A. Rev. De Graff relinquishes the Chair so as to explain and advocate for the overture. Vice-chairperson Maas assumes the Chair.
- B. **Overture:** that Classis Iakota establish and appoint a Safe Church team as recommended by Synod (*Acts of Synod 2018*, p. 475; *Acts of Synod 2014*, pp. 559-60).

**Grounds:**

1. A Safe Church team is an important part of the pastoral care that the church offers to its members (Acts of Synod 2014, p. 559). A classical team, including representatives of each congregation in classis, could encourage care and accountability for all churches in classis.
2. A Safe Church team offers space to share best practices, to cooperate for developing policies, and to pursue mercy and justice across our far-reaching classis, which includes places where resources are scarce.
3. In previous cases throughout the denomination, classical involvement has been necessary when involving clergy. If such a need were to arise in Classis Iakota, this team would be prepared with resources and knowledge of procedures for care.
4. A well-qualified, educated, and compassionate team might also be a resource or encouragement in situations outside of our congregations.
5. A team approach allows each team member to use his or her God-given gifts, knowledge, and skills together in service to the church.

*-Adopted*

- C. The Classical Interim Committee is instructed with the task of finding qualified individuals to serve on this team, using the guidelines found in the “Classis Safe Church Team Member Position Description” document from the CRCNA Safe Church Ministry.
- D. Rev. D. De Graff re-assumes the Chair.

**Art. 3444:** The Stated Clerk’s Report (Agenda, p. 4) is noted and an additional oral report is given, pointing out 5 proposed revisions to the Church Order and Its Supplements (Articles 8, 23, 24, 39, and 42) which the church councils might want to respond to before next year’s synod if they have any concerns about those revisions.

- **Motion** to approve the work of the Stated Clerk *-Adopted*

**Art. 3445:** The Classical Interim Committee Report is presented by Rev. M. Haan (Agenda, pp. 4-5).

- A. Updates have been made to the list of Church Visitors (see Appendix #1 for the updated list of Classical Functionaries).
- B. In view of Synod directing that “each classis should develop a Classical Ministry Plan” to refresh and renew each classis’s culture and effectiveness, the **motion** is made to form an Ad Hoc team led by Rev. Joel De Boer to pursue the development of a Classical Ministry Plan which will include attending a conference in Des Moines with leaders from other classes in Spring 2019. *-Adopted*
- C. **Motion** is made to increase the Classical Expense Fund by \$0.50 per professing member to meet the expenses of the group going to Des Moines for the Classis Renewal meeting as well as help put the balance of this Fund in the black. *-Adopted*
- D. Processed the ecclesiastical credentials for Rev. Ryan Hoekstra, who has been serving as a nursing home chaplain in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Classis Grand Rapids East, for Rev. Chad Van Ginkel (Faith CRC, Sioux Center), who accepted the call to serve as the pastor for the Prairie Lane CRC in Omaha, to Classis Heartland, and for Rev. Adam Eisenga from Classis Minnkota where he was serving the Worthington, Minnesota CRC, and accepted the call to the Inwood CRC.
- E. It is noted that Classical preaching appointments were made for Covenant CRC through the month of October.
- F. **Motion** to approve the work of the Classical Interim Committee *-Adopted*

**Art. 3446:** Elections/action taken throughout the course of the day renders the following results:

- A. Classical Interim Committee – Rev. Matthew Haan is granted a second term
  - B. Classical Interim Committee Alternate – Rev. John Gorter
  - C. Classical Treasurer – Mr. Bob Van Ruler is granted a second term
  - D. Classical Treasurer Alternate – Mr. Mickey Visser is granted a second term
  - E. Classical Home Missions Clergy – Rev. Joel De Boer
  - F. Classical Home Missions Layperson – Mr. Piet Koene is granted a second term
  - G. Classical Ministerial Leadership Team Layperson – Mr. Bob Van Ruler
  - H. Minn-I-Kota Youth Ministry Board – Rev. Henry Lengkeek
- [See Appendix #1 for the updated list of Classical Functionaries]

**Art. 3447:** Classical Home Missions Committee Report is presented by Rev. B. Pollema (Agenda, pp 6-7).

A. Regarding 2019 Ministry Share requests, **motion** to support the following ministries/causes:

- New Roots at \$16,000.00.
- Siouxland Unity Church at \$26,500.00.
- Areopagus Campus Ministry at \$6,000.00.
- Geneva Campus Ministry at \$6,000.00.
- Prairie Light at \$4,500.00.
- Cornerstone Prison Church at \$23,000.00.
- Amistad Christiana at \$21,000.00

*-Adopted*

B. Regarding the request from the Siouxland Unity Church to help pay for the replacement of their parking lot ...

- **Motion** to use \$5,000.00 from the overage in the Siouxland Unity Fund instead of from the Mission Renewal Grant Fund. If Siouxland Unity would need additional monies they can access an additional \$,5000 from the Mission Renewal Grant Fund.

*-Adopted*

C. Rev. B. Pollema and Rev. J. Gray report for the Church Plant sub-committee regarding the possibility of starting a fourth congregation in Sioux Falls and a congregation in the Chamberlain/Oacoma area of South Dakota (see Appendix #2)

- **Motion** to permit the CHMC to proceed with seeking a calling church for a church plant on the West side of Sioux Falls and take steps to establishing the church plant and finding a suitable church planter.

*-Adopted*

D. **Motion** to approve the work of the Classical Home Missions Committee *-Adopted*

**Art. 3448:** Opportunity is given Dr. Steve Timmermans, Executive Director for the CRCNA, to lead classis in a listening/sharing session. Dr. Timmermans uses the findings from the SPACT survey taken 5 years ago, sharing with the delegates the 13 key ministry challenges within the CRCNA and then looking at them in terms of “desired futures” for the areas of Church and Community, Discipleship, Leadership, Identity, and Collaboration. Delegates broke into small groups to talk briefly about these findings and then opportunity was given for the delegates to ask some questions, express some concerns, and share some insights.

**Art. 3449:** Lebanon CRC member Orlan Gulker introduces Sostene & Kara Maletounga (supported by the Lebanon CRC), who are Resonate Global Mission missionaries serving as Christian educators in Guinea, West Africa. They are given the opportunity to address the delegates for a few minutes on the work God is enabling them to do in that country.

**Art. 3450:** The Chair offers a prayer for the meal as the morning session concludes.

- Art. 3451:** Classical Ministerial Leadership Team Report is given by Rev. C. Van Sloten (Agenda, pp. 7-8).
- A. **Motion** to keep the ministry share for CMLT at \$2 per professing member. *-Adopted*
  - B. **Motion** to approve the work of the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team. *-Adopted*

- Art. 3452:** A Church Visitor report is received regarding...
- A. The visit made to the Corsica CRC (on file with the Stated Clerk)
  - B. **Motion** to approve the work of the Church Visitors *-Adopted*

- Art. 3453:** Church Counselor Reports are received from ...
- A. Rev. J. Lee, counselor for the Covenant CRC of Sioux Center, who informs the delegates that Rev. Joel Kok, from Toronto, Ontario, has accepted the call to serve the Covenant congregation and plans are being made to install him on November 26, 2018.
  - B. Rev. D. Heilman, counselor for the Inwood CRC, who reads a written report (on file) whereby he shares with the delegates that Rev. Adam Eisenga accepted the call to serve the Inwood congregation and was installed on June 3, 2018. Rev. Eisenga is asked to stand and he is welcomed by the delegates through a round of applause.
  - C. **Motion** to approve the work of the Church Counselors *-Adopted*

- Art. 3454:** Regional Pastors Reports (Agenda, p. 9)
- A. Rev. J. Gorter adds to his written report as the Regional Pastor for the South Dakota churches, providing an update on Kathy Bruxvoort's battle with cancer.
  - B. Rev. D. Smit gives a brief oral report as the Regional Pastor for the Iowa churches, informing the delegates of Rev. Joel De Boer's current need for hospitalization due to suffering from the West Nile Virus. *-both are Received for Information*
  - C. **Motion** to approve the work of the Regional Pastors *-Adopted*

- Art. 3455:** Siouxland Diaconal Conference Report is given by the director, Rick Droog (Agenda, pp. 10-11).
- A. Various parts of the written report are highlighted.
  - B. **Motion** to grant the request of the SDC to set the ministry share amount for 2019 at \$8.25 per professing member.
  - C. **Motion** to approve the work of this ministry *-Adopted*

- Art. 3456:** Minn-I-Kota Youth Reports
- A. **Motion** to grant the request of the Minn-I-Kota Youth Board (Agenda, p. 12) to receive financial support in 2019 in the amount of \$10,000. *-Adopted*
  - B. The Minn-I-Kota Youth Ministry Report (Agenda, p. 13) submitted by Lee De Groot as well as the report on her participation at the Faith Formation Retreat (Agenda, pp. 14-15) are noted by the Chair.
  - C. **Motion** to approve the work of this ministry *-Adopted*

- Art. 3457:** The letter received from Dordt College asking for continued support is noted by the Chair.
- A. **Motion** to grant the request of Dordt College to be included in our classical budget once again in 2019, supporting the college by way of the ministry share reduction amount approved by Synod 2018 which is \$68.37 per professing member. *-Adopted*

- Art. 3458:** The Classical Treasurer's Report is given by Robert Van Ruler.
- A. **Motion** to approve the classical ministry shares for 2019 in the amount of \$113.88 per professing member (see it posted on the Classis Iakota website): *-Adopted*
  - B. **Motion** to approve the work of the Classical Treasurer *-Adopted*

**Art. 3459:** The Calvin College Board Report (Agenda, p.16) is noted by the Chair.

**Art. 3460:** The Calvin Theological Seminary Board Report (Agenda, p. 17) is noted by the Chair.

**Art. 3461:** The Chair informs the delegates that Rev. J. Lee's nomination to serve on the Council of Delegates as a representative of Classis Iakota was affirmed by Synod.

**Art. 3462:** The synod report (Agenda, p. 18) submitted by Rev. C. Hoogendoorn, one of the delegates from Classis Iakota to this past summer's CRC synod, is noted by the Chair.

**Art. 3463:** The Resonate Global Mission Report (Agenda, pp. 19-20) is noted by the Chair.

**Art. 3464:** The Credentials and Article 41 committee reports that the credentials are in order. The following item is brought to the attention of classis:

- The Platte CRC council asks for advice with regard to dealing with members moving to another denomination not in ecclesiastical fellowship with the CRCNA. Various comments and suggestions were made, one of them being that the words "releasing the member" be used rather than "acquiescing to his/her resignation," and then making sure contact is made with the leadership of the congregation which the former member is attending to confirm that member's involvement in the life of that congregation.

**Art.3465:** The Chair thanks the host church for their hospitality and thanks the delegates for their gracious attention and spirit of unity. Rev. P. Birnbaum then leads the delegates in a closing prayer, prefacing the prayer with the reading of some verses from Isaiah 40. Included in his prayer are items of thanks and praise as well as matters of concern that have been mentioned throughout the day.

**Art.3466:** Classis adjourns, and it is noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting is March 5, 2019, to be held at the Shalom CRC of Sioux Falls. The meeting concludes with the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Rev. Bernie Haan  
Stated Clerk

**Appendix #1**  
**CLASSICAL FUNCTIONARIES**  
**September - 2018**

<b>Classical Interim Committee</b>	<b>Serving Until</b>
Rev. S. Groothof	Sept. 2020 (2)
Rev. M. Haan	Sept. 2021 (2)
Rev. B. Haan, <i>ex officio</i>	Mar. 2021 (2)
Rev. J. Lee	Sept. 2020 (1)
Rev. J. Gorter, alternate	Sept. 2020 (1)
 <b>Stated Clerk</b>	
Rev. B. Haan,	Mar. 2021 (2)
Rev. J. Gray, alternate	Mar. 2020 (1)
 <b>Classical Treasurer</b>	
Mr. Robert Van Ruler	Sept. 2021 (2)
Mr. Mick Visser, alternate	Sept. 2021 (2)
 <b>Classical Home Missions</b>	
Rev. J. De Boer	Sept. 2021 (1)
Rev. M. Haan	Mar. 2021 (2)
Mr. Piet Koene	Sept. 2021 (2)
Rev. R. Pollema	Sept. 2019 (1)
Mrs. Jacklyn Nieuwendorp	Sept. 2019 (1)
Rev. D. Hoekema	Mar. 2020 (1)
Mr. Gord Dyk	Mar. 2020 (1)
_____, Clergy alternate	_____
_____, Lay alternate	_____
 <b>Classical Ministerial Leadership Team</b>	
Mr. Lynn Bleeker	Mar. 2019 (2)
Rev. C. Van Sloten	Mar. 2021 (2)
Mr. Gerald Van Voorst	Mar. 2021 (2)
Rev. D. De Graff	Mar. 2020 (1)
Rev. Doug De Groot	Sept. 2020 (1)
Mr. Robert Van Ruler	Sept. 2021 (1)
Mr. Orlan Gulker, Lay alternate	Mar. 2021 (2)
_____, Clergy alternate	_____
 <b>Synodical Deputy<sup>1</sup></b>	
Rev. Dan De Groot	June 2021 (2)
Rev. G. Wamala, alternate	June 2021 (2)
 <b>Siouxland Diaconal Conference – Pastoral Advisor</b>	
Rev. G. Wamala	Sept. 2020 (1)
 <b>Minn-I-Kota Youth Board – Ministry Representative</b>	
Rev. H. Lengkeek	Sept. 2021 (1)

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<sup>1</sup> Per standard procedure, terms of Synodical Deputies and alternates end with the month that Synod meets.

**CHURCH VISITING TEAMS: 2017-2018**

- Group #1: Bethel, SC / Covenant, SC, / First, SC – Rev. Cal Hoogendoorn
- Group #2: Bridge of Hope, SC / Faith, SC / Lebanon – Rev. Dan De Graff
- Group #3: Inwood / Amistad Cristiana / Rock Rapids – Rev. Gideon Wamala
- Group #4: Calvin, RV / First, RV / Trinity, RV – Rev. John Lee
- Group #5: First, SF / Cornerstone, SF / Shalom, SF – Rev. Robert Pollema
- Group #6: Harrison / New Holland / Platte – Rev. Adam Eisenga
- Group #7: Corsica / Lakeview / Rapid City – Pastor Gary Maas

**REGIONAL PASTORS**

- Dakota Churches – Rev. John Gorter
- Iowa Churches – Rev. David Smit

**DENOMINATIONAL FUNCTIONARIES  
From Classis Iakota or District 8**

**Council of Delegates – CRCNA**

Rev. John Le

**Back to God Ministries**

Mr. Leland Vander Aa

**Calvin College Board of Trustees**

Mr. Jon Kuyers

**Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees**

Rev. Robert Drenten 2021 (1)  
Dr. Charles Veenstra

**Resonate Global Mission Regional Team**

Mr. Rick Droog

**World Renew**

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra 2020 (1)

**Banner Correspondent**

Kyle Hoogendoorn

**MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY  
IN CLASSIS IAKOTA**

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9. Rev. Carl Klompfen
10. Rev. Dr. Wayne Kobes
11. Rev. Dave Smit
12. Rev. Duane Tinklenberg
13. Rev. Marvin Van Donselaar
14. Rev. Norlyn Van Beek
15. Rev. Dr. Carl Zylstra

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These individuals are licensed to exhort in Classis Iakota. The date their licensure expires is listed beside their name as is e-mail contact information. If the email address has been changed, or is no longer valid, please contact the Stated Clerk. It is the responsibility of licensees and their overseeing councils to request an extension (typically granted for a period of 2 years).

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## Appendix #2

### Classis Iakota Classical Home Missions Report: Supplement

The members of Church Plant sub-committee of Classical Home Missions Committee have been patiently waiting for the Holy Spirit to lead. We pray that we will see His footprints and faithfully follow. This report reflects the two places where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading Classis Iakota in its church planting mission.

The Great Commission of Matthew 28 begins in verse 19 with, “Therefore go . . . .” We went to the west side of Sioux Falls and saw significant reasons and support to plant a CRC there. We interviewed two Sioux Falls Seminary students for the church plant we have been calling West Edge. Both were men with deep roots in the Reformed branch of Christianity. One of them, Keith Hoekstra, stood out. He is a son of First Orange City CRC, a Dordt graduate, fifteen-year resident of Sioux Falls, employed by UPS with a real estate license. He along with his wife and family are members of Good News Reformed Church on the west side of Sioux Falls. His goal in going to Seminary is to plant a church. He told us even if he is not the planter, he and his wife will join because it just the kind of church they are looking for: smaller, needs focused, with the primary emphasis of reaching those who still need Jesus as Savior and Lord. On the basis of the Holy Spirit leading us this far the Classical Home Missions Committee brings this motion: Classis Iakota grant permission to proceed with seeking a calling church for the church plant on the west side of Sioux Falls, pending Keith Hoekstra’s or another suitable planter approval by the CHMC and to take steps to establish it. We regret that these developments happened too close to classis to bring this motion in our regular agenda report.

In an effort to keep classis informed so our requests come as part of the regular agenda we inform you that the Church Planting Committee had two members meet with members and the ministers of Corsica, Harrison, New Holland, and Platte to ascertain what support there might be for the Holy Spirit nudging us to Chamberlain/Oacoma. We did this informally over coffee and cookies in the New Holland Fellowship Hall. About 40 people were present.

We shared the preliminary study we have done and the type of church we are seeking to plant. Like the church plant in Sioux Falls our primary goal is to bring new people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. For about 40 minutes we answered questions. The session was concluded as it began, with prayer.

In the coffee time that followed a resident of Chamberlain who had come out of curiosity said that he and his wife along with several other couples were willing to be the Steering Committee if a church were planted in their community. That seemed like a fitting affirmation of the vote the people had taken minutes before that the Church Plant Committee should continue to explore in Chamberlain/Oacoma.

There are two features of this effort of which classis should be aware. First Oacoma is in Classis Iakota and Chamberlain is in Classis Minnkota. Synod split the South Dakota twin cities into separate classes. We have discussed this with the Stated Clerk of Classis Minnkota who said we should proceed because they are currently putting their church plant efforts elsewhere. We sent a letter to their classis which was read so they are aware of the situation. We also had a member of our committee present at their classis should there be any questions that arise. Since they meet before us we can report Minnkota’s response at our session if classis so desires.

Second, when the RCA heard about this they very much wanted to partner with us. It was unanimous at our meeting in New Holland that this plant should be with the RCA so it be a unity church from its inception. The Dakota Classis and Synod of the Heartland of the RCA are being kept aware of the progress and will assist us. The direction we are going we will likely partner with them on this church plant as co-equals. The spirit of cooperation in that part of South Dakota with the CRC and RCA churches makes this partnership possible.

On the next exploratory trip we make we plan to invite an RCA church plant leader along.

We ask for the continued prayers of classis for us all to be discerning and dedicated. We consider it a great privilege classis has given us to be on the cutting edge of expanding Christ's body, the church. We do so humbly and with a deep desire to make our Reformed branch one that really reaches the lost.