

Classis Iakota
MINUTES
Special Session on July 30, 2026, at 6:30pm
First Christian Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Art. 3930: Rev. Bob Drenten, Chair of this special classis meeting, welcomes everyone, reads Psalm 121, and offers a prayer for God's blessing on this meeting.

Art. 3931: Presentation of Credentials and Roll Call

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Corsica	[no delegation present]		
Harrison	Gary Maas	Kent Spoelstra	Micah De Waard
Inwood		Erwin Attema	Jacob Meendering
		Nic Van Engen	
Lakeview	Joshua Stamiis	Vernon Walkling	
New Holland	Greg Dyk	Vic Munneke	
Platte		Anthony Hansum	John Kuipers
Rock Rapids		Ron Vander Veen	
Rock Valley – Calvin		Gary Blom	Nate Hoekstra
		Gaylon Van Holland	
Rock Valley – First	Matthew Haan	Ron Leloux	Carter Vanden Bos
Rock Valley – Trinity		Gary De Vries	Taylor Van Engen
		Dell Faber	
Amistad Cristiana	Eddy Olguin	Daniel Sanchez	
Sioux Center – Bethel	John Lee	Jeff Van Voorst	Brent De Boom
Sioux Center – Bridge of Hope		Christina Postma	Tom Coulander
Sioux Center – Covenant		Jeremy Hummel	Valerie Zonnefeld
		Dennis Vander Plaats	
Sioux Center – Faith	Bob Pollema	Jeff Koops	Mike Broek
Sioux Center – First	Kurt Monroe	Wayne Kobes	Aaron Floen
Sioux Center – Lebanon	Robert Drenten	Myron Gradert	Dan Dunn
Sioux Falls – Cornerstone Prison	Scott Van Voorst		
Sioux Falls – First	Steve Zwart	Ron De Wit	Jayme Lohrenz
Sioux Falls – Shalom		Ryan Mulder	Tanner Overweg
		Terry Schaap	

[Those present who did not sign the Covenant for Officebearers at the 2026 March classis meeting do so at this time in keeping with the 2024 synodical decision that all delegates to a classis meeting sign the Covenant for Officebearers once a year.]

Art. 3932: Classis is declared constituted. The Chair welcomes the delegates and visitors, including the Synodical Deputies, namely Rev. Scott M. Muilenburg (Classis Minnkota), Rev. Steve Mulder (Classis Northcentral Iowa), and Rev. Phil Westra (Classis Heartland). Rev. Kurt Monroe serves as the Vice-chairperson with Rev. Bernie Haan serving as the stated clerk.

Art. 3933: On behalf of the Faith CRC council Rev. Bob Pollema presents their request for classis to approve the Bible and Teacher position at Unity Christian High School in Orange City to be consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word per Church Order Article 12-C.

Motion to table this request to a later date.

-Adopted

Art. 3934: On behalf of the Cornerstone Prison Church Rev. Scott Van Voorst presents their request for classis to approve the calling of a Reformed Church pastor, Rev. Cory Grimm, who currently serves an ARC congregation in Primghar, Iowa, per Church Order Article 8, Supplement G (Joint Ministry of Ministers from Churches in Communion).

A. **Motion** to approve the calling of Rev. Cory Grimm to establish a joint ministry with Cornerstone Prison Church and Christ Community Church of Primghar.

-Adopted

B. The synodical deputies concur with this decision.

Art. 3935: On behalf of the Bethel CRC of Sioux Center Pastor John Lee present their request for classis to recognize the need for and the position for (see Agenda, pp. 8-10) a commissioned pastor per Church Order Article 23-A.

A. Motion to recognize the need for ordained leadership for the spreading of the Gospel and the job description for a Church-planting missionary.

-Adopted

B. The synodical deputies concur with this decision.

C. Rev. Lee introduces the person being considered for this position and offers a prayer.

Art. 3936: The stated clerk reads the letter (on file) from the Shalom CRC council requesting the examination of Eric Aasen for a license to exhort.

A. After being introduced by Ryan Mulder, president of the Shalom CRC council, Eric Aasen delivers a 14-minute message on 1 Timothy 4, focusing on verse 12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

B. Rev. Scott Van Voorst examines the applicant in the areas of Practica, Doctrine, and Holy Scriptures. Delegates are also given the opportunity to ask a question.

C. The Chair declares executive session.

D. **Motion** is made and supported to grant Eric Aasen licensure to exhort.

-Adopted

E. The Chair informs Eric of the decision made by classis and offers a prayer.

[Stated Clerk’s note: this licensure also applies to Classis Heartland.]

Art. 3937: The essential matters on the agenda having been handled, the Chair declares the meeting adjourned. Rev. Monroe closes the meeting in prayer, followed by the delegates singing the Doxology. [The meeting concludes at 8:45pm.]

Rev. Bernard Haaan

Stated Clerk for Classis Iakota