

**Classis Iakota**  
**MINUTES**  
**Special Session on July 16, 2021, at 6:30pm**  
**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

**Art. 3819:** Gary Maas, Chair of this special classis meeting, welcomes everyone. Steve Zwart, pastor of the host church then offers opening devotions. Prior to offering a prayer he reads 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 and focuses on how we have the privilege of being “the aroma of Christ to God,” moving from life to more life.

**Art. 3820:** Presentation of Credentials and Roll Call

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Corsica	Scott Nichols	Dennis Nieuwenhuis	
Harrison	Gary Maas	Keith Vanden Hoek	Dale De Lange
Inwood		Heath Van Voorst	Arie Van Nieuwenhuyzen
		Casey Scholten	
New Holland	Norlyn Van Beek	Larry Van Zee	
Platte	Drew Hoekema	Elmer Visscher	
Rock Rapids	Doug De Groot	Dave Harmsen	
Rock Valley – Calvin		Gaylon Van Holland	Todd Visser
Rock Valley – First	Matthew Haan	Scott Koedam	Jared Leloux
Rock Valley – Trinity	Henry Lengkeek	Dan De Groot	
Amistad Christiana	Eddy Olguin	Miguel Castelan	Wendy Reyes
Sioux Center – Bethel	John Lee	Brian Gulker	Nick Fanning
Sioux Center – Bridge of Hope	Sam Ashmore	Dave Mulder	Andrea Westerbeek
Sioux Center – Covenant	Joel Kok	Bob DeSmith	Lee Mellema
Sioux Center – Faith	Bob Pollema	Henry Kraayenbrink	Peter Hoelsema
Sioux Center – First	Kurt Monroe	Tom DeVries	Jevon Groenewold
Sioux Center – Lebanon	Robert Drenten	Arlo Bonnema	Val Haverhals
Sioux Falls – Cornerstone Prison	Scott Van Voorst	Gordon Dyk	
Sioux Falls – First	Steve Zwart	Justin Snyder	Scott Yoder
Sioux Falls – Shalom		Carl Bootsma	Cameron Stuive
		Cody Lieuwen	
Valentine – Lakeview	[no delegation present]		

[Upon indicating their presence at this meeting each delegate signs the Covenant for Officebearers in keeping with the 2024 synodical decision that all delegates to a classis meeting sign the Covenant for Officebearers once a year.]

**Art. 3821:** Classis is declared constituted. The Chair welcomes the delegates and visitors, including the Synodical Deputies, namely Rev. Scott M. Muilenburg (Classis Minnkota), Rev. Harrison Newhouse (Classis Lake Superior), and Rev. Phil Westra (Classis Heartland). Rev. Dr. Kyle De Young, who is currently in Michigan receiving treatments for cancer, is present via Zoom. Rev. Drew Hoekema serves as the Vice-chairperson with Rev. Bernie Haan serving as the stated clerk.

**Art. 3822:** The mutual request of the Shalom Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Dr. Kyle DeYoung is submitted to terminate Rev. Dr. DeYoung's service to Shalom CRC in accordance with Church Order 17a. The Chair declares Executive Session.

[The following is a summary of the actions taken by classis. The more detailed minutes of the executive session are on file with the stated clerk and may be accessed only upon request from and approval by the Classical Interim Committee.]

- A. **Motion** that classis support the joint request of Shalom Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Dr. Kyle DeYoung to terminate his service to Shalom CRC, effective July 16, 2024, in accordance with Church Order Article 17a. *--Adopted*
- B. **Motion** that classis approve the financial provisions of the separation agreement between Shalom Sioux Falls CRC and Rev. Dr. Kyle DeYoung in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Supplement to Church Order Article 17b. *--Adopted*
- C. **Motion** that an oversight committee be formed for Shalom CRC. This committee shall assist the church in a time of evaluation and discernment before Shalom extends another call. This committee shall make a recommendation to Classis, and Classis is to give approval for Shalom to form a search committee. [Rev. Matthew Haan, Rev. Bob Pollema, and Mr. Dayton Vogel are to serve on this committee.] *--Adopted*
- D. **Motion** that a committee be formed for Rev. DeYoung considering his need for care and support through this period of ministerial transition and going through treatments for cancer. The Classical Interim Committee will consult with Rev. DeYoung as to the composition of this committee. This committee's work shall begin immediately upon its formation and end at the conclusion of his severance package or his acceptance of a new call to a church, whichever comes first. *--Adopted*
- E. The Synodical Deputies concur with the decisions of classis.
- F. Norlyn Van Beek offers a prayer for healing, renewal, and guidance for Kyle and his family, and for Shalom CRC.

[Clerk's note: The CIC appoints Drew Hoekema to serve as counselor for Shalom CRC.]

**Art. 3823:** Kurt Monroe reports on behalf of the Classical Interim Committee.

- A. In light of Rev. DeYoung's departure from our classis, Gary Maas has agreed to serve as the Regional Pastor for the South Dakota pastors.
- B. Approval was given for Mark Tiemersma, who was recently examined and approved to serve as a Commissioned Pastor in Africa, to do a seminary summer internship at the Hawarden CRC, after health complications have delayed his ability to return to his missionary service in Africa.
- C. Upon being asked by denominational officials to invite a minimum of 10 people from our classis to attend Gather Boston, where they will join with groups from four other regional classes for three days of discussing the needs of our denomination, a group is being put together to represent our classis.
- D. **Motion** is made to approve the work of the CIC. *--Adopted*

- Art. 3824:** The Chair notes the Church Visitor report (see Agenda, p. 2) of the visit made to the Lebanon CRC and asks if there are any questions.
- Art. 3825:** Steve Zwart gives a brief oral report on the church visits which he and Matt Haan have had with the Rock Rapids CRC council.
- Art. 3826:** Drew Hoekema gives a detailed report on decisions of Synod 2024. He outlines consequential decisions related to gravamen and human sexuality, the outcome of overtures sent by Classis Iakota, and several decisions that impact the work of classis and its committees.
- Art. 3827:** Matt Haan speaks on behalf of the Rock Valley churches about the devastating flood damage and the recovery efforts underway. In response to questions and concerns raised by the delegates he shares some ways in which churches of classis can offer support to the Rock Valley churches, the Rock Valley Christian School, and to individual church members. Kurt Monroe also distributes a document put together by Hope Haven which explains the damage and needs of that institution.
- Art. 3828:** Gary Maas expresses thanks to the host church, offers some closing remarks, and leads classis in a closing prayer. The delegates sing the Doxology. Classis adjourns at 8:15pm.

*Rev. Bernard Haan*  
Stated Clerk for Classis Iakota