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### Minutes of the Meeting of the First Reformed Church

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3 November 1857

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided and served also as clerk, one couple asked to have their child baptized and Deacon te Roller requested permission from the singing school to sing in the church after the Wednesday evening preaching. A majority of those present approved.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William and Althea Buursma, 2000.

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ARTICLE 4 – The question is asked whether it is necessary to proceed in the case of Wiersma and his wife, since it appears that they are both stubborn. At least, this is a testimony concerning especially the wife. The comment is made that before excommunication takes place, we must seek the advice of classis.

ARTICLE 5 – The meeting was closed with prayer and thanksgiving by Rev. A. C. van Raalte.  
A. C. van Raalte

Meeting Held on November 3, 1857

Present were Elders Apeldoorn, Broek, Keppel, Wilterdink, and Labots; Deacons D. te Roller, de Vries, A. Plugger; and Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – Jan Riemersma and his wife, Jaantje Strabbink, enter the meeting requesting the sacrament of baptism for their child. Request granted.

ARTICLE 3 – Deacon te Roller requests permission from the singing school to sing in the church after the Wednesday evening preaching. This was approved by a majority of votes.

ARTICLE 4 – The meeting was ended with prayer by T. Keppel.

A. C. van Raalte

Meeting Held on November 17, 1857

Present were Elders T. Keppel, W. Apeldoorn, J. Labots; Deacons A. Plugger, D. te Roller, and de Vries; as well as Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte; whereupon the minutes of the two meetings were read.

ARTICLE 2 – Labots and Keppel were assigned to go to the wife of E. Haverkate, who wishes to make profession of faith, and because of circumstances could not come to the meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – Labots and Keppel, and Rev. van Raalte were assigned to visit H. Slaj, who has gone astray.

ARTICLE 4 – Thanksgiving collection will be for the Holland Academy and the poor. Gifts for domestic and foreign missions must be specified.