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

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23 November 1860

Holland, Michigan

In a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, it was decided that the Thanksgiving Day offering would be divided between the academy and benevolence unless otherwise designated. It was reported that Elders Keppel, Wakker, and Labots would be retiring and de Vries and te Roller as deacons. A congregational meeting will be held on that day also.

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

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Note: At the previous meeting, the minutes should have recorded that the delegates, Labots and Wakker, reported that, among other things, Classis Kalamazoo had declared the following: Received the distributed money from the estate of the late Mr. Schenk. There was \$205.47 remaining in that fund. Our congregation requested and received permission to loan this sum under the same conditions as the \$125.00 received earlier. See Article 3 of August 10, 1860. Our delegates presented as grounds for their request that this money could be used to repay the creditors of our congregation and that it could be used for partial funding of our parochial school. This would be accomplished without penalty for the note holders. The consistory expresses its satisfaction and agrees with the actions of the committee. A mortgage document was drawn up in the name of the congregation and signed by the president, A. C. van Raalte, and G. Wakker as clerk. The money is to be repaid in 1885, five years later than the previous mortgage of \$125.00, which is to be repaid in 1880. The interest of 7% annually will be paid on August 10 and October 26 of each year. (Signed) G. Wakker

Consistory Meeting of November 23, 1860

Absent: Brothers Broek, Wilterdink and van de Luyster.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, the Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – A letter was received from P. van Leeuwen in which he resigns his membership.

ARTICLE 3 – A membership transfer was received of Abraham Slaghuis from Grand Haven, dated October 26, 1860.

ARTICLE 4 – The president reports that the controversy between Brothers Broek and van Duiren has been resolved. Received for information.

ARTICLE 5 – It was decided that Thanksgiving, November 29, the offering will be divided between the academy and benevolence, unless otherwise designated by the giver.

ARTICLE 6 – According to regulations this year, Keppel, Wakker, and Labots will retire as elders, and de Vries and te Roller as deacons.

ARTICLE 7 – It was decided that, because of the many responsibilities, the consistory will be enlarged by one deacon.

ARTICLE 8 – It was decided that on Thanksgiving Day, when the congregational meeting will be held, a committee will be appointed for the school of the congregation, because the current committee was appointed by the consistory only temporarily.

ARTICLE 9 – The deacons were instructed to present the financial situation of the school and congregation on Thanksgiving Day.

ARTICLE 10 – At the last celebration of the Lord's Supper, Oonk and wife participated, after they had requested this from Keppel and Wakker. A committee was appointed to inquire concerning the situation of these members. The committee consists of Brothers Kamper and Broek.

ARTICLE 11 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Labots.

G. Wakker