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### Meeting Minutes of the First Reformed Church

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8 February 1858

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided and also served as clerk, several persons made confession of faith and were admitted to the Lord's table and membership statements were received from people who came from Clymer, New York, Grand Haven, and Arnhem, the Netherlands. During the absence of the pastor, Elder Labots would conduct the catechism classes and elderly persons can receive religious instruction from elders Labots or Keppel on Monday morning at 8 a.m.. Four elders were appointed to visit Elder Broek who "had distanced himself from his elder responsibilities."

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

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Meeting Held on February 8, 1858

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

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte. Present in order to request permission to be admitted to the Lord's table were Louis Henrij Bahler, Aaltje van Malsen, K. Buisma, and Martje Beukema. All were admitted upon profession of faith.

ARTICLE 2 – Membership statements were received for Jan Willem Warshuis and Jan Willem te Winkle from Clymer in New York; also Diewerke Vinkers, wife of A. Nijssen, from Grand Haven, and E. Spierings from Arnhem.

ARTICLE 3 – A protest concerning the membership transfer which had been received for Jacob Witte was discussed, and it was judged necessary to interview him before acknowledging it.

ARTICLE 4 – The committee for Brother Slag judges that it must wait until the matter has become more clear to the conscience of all concerned.

ARTICLE 5 – The committee assigned to the matter of the Widow Elfrink found everything to be in good order, and the committee desires that her name be announced to the congregation and received as a member.

ARTICLE 6 – It is proposed and approved that during the absence of the pastor, Elder Labots will continue the catechism classes.

ARTICLE 7 – Monday morning at 8 o'clock will be set aside as the time when elderly individuals can receive religious instruction. In the absence of the pastor, the matter will be handled by Brothers Labots or Keppel.

ARTICLE 8 – The Brothers Wilterdink, Keppel, Labots, and Plugger were appointed to speak with Brother Broek, who has distanced himself from his elder responsibilities.

ARTICLE 9 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Wilterdink.

A. C. van Raalte