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### Statement of Ordination of Van Raalte

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March 4, 1836

A statement by H. P. Scholte, Synod President, and H. De Cock, Synod Secretary, stating that A. C. Van Raalte was examined by the synod and ordained to the ministry. Van Raalte has calls from the congregations of the Gereformeerde Kerk at Gnemuiden and Mastenbroek.

English.

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(by page of Synod of 1836 minutes, see March 2, 1836 file)

L. S.

De algemeene Synode der Gereformeerde Kerk onder  
t' Kruis in Nederland, in naam en op last der gemeente  
Gods vergaderd, om de belangen der gemeenten te behaa-  
tigen, heeft den Heer A. C. Van Raalte, Candidaat in  
de Letteren en Godgeleerdheid aan S Lands Hoogeschool  
te Leyden, die eene wettige beroeping ontvangen heeft  
naar de gemeente Jesu Christi te Genemuiden en Maasten-  
broeks, na doorafgaand onderzoek in de fundamentele  
Stukken des geloofs, daarin, Zowel als in gedrag en  
wandel aldus hebben bevonden, dat wij niet hebben  
mogen aarzelen, hem in de rolle en order der Dienaren  
des Goddelijken woords aantenomen, gelyk wij door deze  
daarvan getuigenis geven, dat wij tot deze Heilige bediening  
welke de Heere God hem wel doo gelikken, deeren onzen voor-  
noemde Broeder in den naame des Heeren, hebben toege-  
laten, gelyk wij ook toelaten in de rolle en order der  
dienaren Christi aangenomen hebben, gelyk wij ook  
aannemen, en hem macht gegeven hebben, gelyk wij ook  
geven " Het Evangelium naar het voorschrift Gods  
" Ziever te prediken, de Heilige Sacramenten des  
" Nieuwen Testaments verbiedig te bedienen, de Sleutelen  
" om het Koninkryk der Hemelen te openen en te sluiten,  
" te weten; de kerkelyke discipline voorzichtich en getrouw  
" te oefenen, en alles wat tot de kerkelyke regering be-  
" hoord, zoo in het openbaar als in het byzonder zittende,  
" ren, gelyk het een getrouw dienstknecht Christi en  
" huisverzorger Gods betaamt, opdat hij alzoo niet  
alleen de gemeenten welke hem geroepen hebben,  
maar ook de gemeenten die hem daartoe zouden  
mogen roepen bediene. - Gevende wij by deze te-  
vens getuigenis, dat de bevestiging in deese dienst  
met oplegging der handen, aan den nieuwen ge-  
promoveerden Dienaar in deese onze vergadering  
heeft plaats gehad, overeenkomstig de aloude  
instellingen onzer Kerke. -

Bidende dat de Drieënen Verbonds God  
van Zijne nitverhoorene Gemeente, hem tot dat  
werk, genade, vrede, en barmhartigheid verleene,  
met drijmoedichheid en kracht hem aangordt;  
hem in Zijne Kerke gebruik tot eenen zitgebri-  
den Legen, en op Zijnen dag tot hem moge  
Leggen, " Gij goede en getrouwe dienstknecht,

over

"over weinige tijt zij getrouwd geweest, over deelen  
"Sal ik in Letten."

Gedaan in onze Vergadering op den  
Vierden Maart achttienhonderd Ses-  
en dertig

H. P. Schotte, Bedienaar des Goddelijken Woords  
Synodi Praesens.

Alle Cook Synod. Leenaar onder d'Kanis  
Synodi Niba. -

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March 4, 1836

L.S.

The general synod of the Reformed Church under the cross in the Netherlands, met in the name of, and by the order of the church of God, to consider the interests by said church. It has examined Mr. A.C. van Raalte, candidate in Letters and Theology at the government school of higher learning at Leyden, who has received a lawful call from the congregation of Jesus Christ at Genemuiden and Mastenbroek. After a preliminary examination in the basic articles of faith, as well as to conduct and walk of life, we have not hesitated to accept him into the rolls and order of the ministers of the gospel, concerning which we hereby witness, and have admitted that aforesaid brother to the sacred office, in which the Lord God will be pleased to use, in the name of the Lord, which we also have admitted, to the rolls and order of minister of Christ, to preach the gospel and its purity according to the precepts of God, to administer the sacraments of the New Testament reverently, to know when to use the keys to open and close the kingdom of Heaven, to exercise church discipline carefully and faithfully, and to execute whatever is involved in the government of the church, in general and in special situations, as is becoming for a faithful servant of Christ and caretaker of the house of God, to serve not only the congregation which has called him but also the congregations which may later call him.

We hereby testify that the ordination to this office by the laying on of hands upon the newly graduated servant has taken place at this meeting, according to the accepted custom of our church.

With our prayers that the triune and covenant God of his chosen Church may grant him grace, peace, and mercy for the task, girding him with courage and strength, and use him in His Church to be a rich blessing, and in his day say to him, "Thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Done in our meeting on March 4, 1836.

H.P. Scholte, minister of the Gospel.

Synod President

H. De Cock, Reformed minister under the cross.

Synod secretary

Signed after having it read to them.

Signed -

A.C. Van Raalte

J.J. Van den Houten

S. H

H. Jekel

C. Scheyde

A. Lubli, notary

Submitted for transcription to the testator

A. Lubli, notary