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### Notes on the Meeting of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church

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7 May 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, a pastoral problem was dealt with and the cost of the pillars was discussed. The company would receive interest on the unpaid balance. Elder Broek requested permission that the children in his district be catechized by an elder because it was often too far to attend classes taught by the pastor. The elders can do this on Sunday afternoons and also read a sermon in the school.

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

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ARTICLE 3 – Profession of faith was made by Hendrik Boeve and his wife, Geertruda Rooks, as well as Pieterke van der Veer, in the presence of the appointed committee.

ARTICLE 4 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Wakker.

A. C. van Raalte

Meeting Held on May 7, 1858

Present were Elders Broek, Ploeg, Labots, Apeldoorn; Deacons de Vries and te Roller; as well as Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte, and the minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – A letter was read from Mr. Nagelkerke asking why he has not been visited and whether he is a member, yes or no. It was decided that the existing committee of Keppel and Labots are to labor with him as before and to tell him that he is loved and important when he returns to a loving fellowship with his wife. If he is not willing to do so, then he must continue to refrain from coming to the table of the Lord.

ARTICLE 3 – The report of the committee for the review of the accounts of Zalsma and Company concerning the columns (pillars) indicates that the subsidy is supposed to be \$154.51, an amount which has been approved by the consistory. The request of the carpenters for interest for the bills not yet paid is approved by the consistory and interest will be given as of today's date.

ARTICLE 4 – Brother Broek presents a request from his district that the children of that district be catechized by an elder. The reason is that frequently the catechumens are not able to be at the classes taught by the pastor because of distance. This assignment is given to the elders, who on Sunday afternoon lead the congregation in the reading of a sermon in the school.

ARTICLE 5 – The meeting was ended with prayer by Brother Ploeg.

A. C. van Raalte