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### Meeting Minutes of the First Reformed Church

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20 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 few matters were dealt with. Since Elder Broek was not present, no decision was made about his request to have Sunday afternoon catechism in the school.

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Meeting Held on May 20, 1858

Present were Elders Ploeg, Labots, Keppel, and Apeldoorn; Deacons te Roller, de Vries, and Wilterdink; 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 – Elders Labots and Broek were delegated to make inquiries in connection with the marriage of Widow Kleijs.

ARTICLE 3 – J. Witte will be asked to justify before the next meeting questions concerning his marriage.

ARTICLE 4 – The request of Broek's district for Sunday catechism classes in the school is postponed until Elder Broek can be present.

ARTICLE 5 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Wilterdink.

A. C. van Raalte

Consistory Meeting Held on June 4, 1858

Present: All members of the consistory.

The president, Rev. A. C. van Raalte opened the meeting with prayer. As a result of a remark made by Mr. Wakker that the president and clerk should not be one person, by motion of the president and an unanimous vote of the assembly, Mr. Wakker was assigned the task of being clerk.

ARTICLE 1 – Mr. J. Witte appeared at the meeting, in harmony with an invitation (see Article 3 of February 8 minutes).

ARTICLE 2 – Mr. M. van Duine and wife and (?) Kroon entered the meeting requesting to be received as members. After the usual inquiry, the majority of the consistory voted not to permit the two first-named to become members; the husband, because of a worldly attitude, and the wife because of her ignorance (of spiritual matters).

Kroon was accepted as a member with the admonishment of continuing to attend catechism classes.

ARTICLE 3 – After having discussed with J. Witte the fact that he has married without having first been lawfully divorced from his wife, it was decided by the consistory to bring this difficult question to the next session of classis.