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

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5 March 1862

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, it was reported the Kommer Schaddelee resigned his membership. A church in Patterson, New Jersey, requested a contribution to help in the building of a new church.

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

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Consistory Meeting of March 5, 1862

Absent: Brothers Broek and Naber.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, the Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – Present were Daniel Jonker and Willem Wakker desiring to make profession of faith and to be admitted to the table of the Lord. After an interview, they were both accepted by an unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – A letter was read, in which Kommer Schaddelee resigns his membership.

ARTICLE 5 – The committee for H. Bottenburg reports. Hubert has indicated that he is very willing to learn some trade. Mr. Binnekant and Vorst are willing to have Hubert until he is 21 years old (5 years from now). The first two years they will accept him for room and board and clothing, and the following years, they will be paying money, which will be determined by contract and signed. Furthermore, the committee says that they have spoken with Mr. Boeve, who appeared to be disappointed, since he had expected to keep Hubert in his home. He asks to keep him, at least until May, and if he is taken away now, he asks for \$4.00 damages.

It was decided that it is not wise to make an arrangement for five years. The same committee will be assigned to offer two years to Mr. Binnekant; the first year for room and board and clothing, and the second year a sum of money in addition. It is recommended that Mr. Boeve receive \$4.00 in damages.

ARTICLE 6 – A letter was read from the congregation of Paterson, New Jersey, requesting a contribution for the building of a new church. Their current building is too small for the many worshipers, and the congregation is too poor to arrange for a necessary church building.

It was decided to present this request at the next classical meeting, since it is not known whether other congregations in Michigan have also received a similar request. If classis so desires, further participation will advance the possibility of building this church.

The meeting was closed by Brother Labots.

A. C. van Raalte  
G. Wakker, clerk