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

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29 December 1854

Holland, Michigan

At his meeting of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church, the censure imposed on J. Hoogenhorst and his wife by the Consistory will be announced to the congregation. These persons have shown persistent slander and bitterness toward the pastor and the Consistory. Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Wilterdink close the meeting with prayer.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William Buursma.

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ARTICLE 5 – The subject of the Thanksgiving Day collection is brought to the table. The consensus is that it should be designated for the education of the youth, because the school treasury is in arrears.

ARTICLE 6 – It was decided to ask a committee from the congregation to serve with advice in the matter of how much the carpenters building the new church will be remunerated.

ARTICLE 7 – Hoogenhorst and wife were given permission to express their grievances with the pastor and consistory.

ARTICLE 8 – An accounting of the poor fund will be made by a committee from the congregation, in addition to the consistory.

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

A. C. van Raalte

Consistory Meeting Held on December 29, 1854

Present were Elders Broek, Apeldoorn, Wilterdink, Hekhuis, and Jonker, and Deacon Plugger, as well as Rev. van Raalte.

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

ARTICLE 2 – The Brothers Wilterdink and Broek inform the consistory that William Mulder has presented an excuse for not

appearing at the congregational meeting because of special circumstances. It was decided to let the matter rest.

ARTICLE 3 – Because of their persistent slander and bitterness toward the pastor and consistory, it was decided that the silent censure previously imposed on J. Hoogenhorst and his spouse will be announced to the congregation, encouraging them to deal with the Hoogenhorsts prayerfully and in love.

ARTICLE 4 – Willem Grootehuis, who has not been attending worship services in the congregation, is to receive a visit. The consistory of Graafschaap will be informed of the situation. This will prevent him (Grootehuis) from removing himself from lawful supervision of the church.

ARTICLE 5 - It was decided to request the congregation to make a judgment about the fairness of a consistorial decision concerning a subsidy for the carpenters for the new church.

ARTICLE 6 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Wilterdink.

A. C. van Raalte

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