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

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6 March 1865

Holland, Michigan

Elder Labots was chosen chairman of the consistory meeting of the First Reformed Church in the absence of Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte. The proposal to build a parsonage on the church grounds was rejected. A committee was appointed to find a suitable location and another committee was appointed to make plans for the parsonage for a building either of wood or stone. The poor fund was in arrears \$200 but the consistory refused to ask the county or township for assistance to share in this responsibility. It was considered the Christian duty of the congregation to take care of its poor.

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Original in the records of the Pillar Christian Reformed Church at the Joint Archives of Holland, vol. II, pp 231a and 231b.

Consistory Meeting of March 6, 1865

Absent: Brothers Kamper, Wilterdink, and de Bruin.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Wakker. Brother Labots was chosen as chairman.

The committee, appointed for the building of the parsonage, was also present, except for Binnekant.

ARTICLE 2 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 3 – After there had been a discussion, a motion was made to build the parsonage on the church grounds. Rejected.

ARTICLE 4 – It was decided to appoint a committee of three persons to look for a suitable place for the proposed parsonage. The committee was appointed by the chairman and consists of K. Schaddelee, Wakker, and Hofman.

ARTICLE 5 – It was decided that the chairman will appoint a committee of four persons to prepare an appropriate plan and a budget for a building of both wood and stone. In any event, the foundation must be of stone. The committee consists of Hofman, Keppel, Kooijers, and Capon.

ARTICLE 6 – It was decided to meet again in fourteen days, at which time both committees will bring in their reports. After Brother Oonk had led in prayer, the committees left the meeting.

ARTICLE 7 - The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 8 – Membership statements were received for Gerrit Dangermond, dated February 25, 1865, and for Jannetje van den Berg, nee Strijker, dated <sup>re 2</sup> January 31, 1865, both from the congregation of Overijssel.

ARTICLE 9 – The deacons report that the needs of the poor in the congregation consistently require more disbursements than funds received. For this reason, there is an outstanding debt of more than \$200.00. A motion to seek from the county or town partial support for our poor was looked upon by most of the brothers as being in conflict with our calling to be a Christian congregation. The majority judged that we would have to inform the congregation and attempt a special collection at the homes of the congregation. It was decided that next Sunday, the congregation will be informed of the situation of the benevolence funds, and the needs of our poor.

In order to meet these needs, the deacons will, in the course of the week, come to the homes, seeking to receive freewill offerings.

ARTICLE 10 – The clerk reports a request from the wife of Havekate to be admitted to the Lord's Supper. This request was received for information, because the normal procedure is that such a matter requires an attendance at the consistory meeting.

The meeting was closed by Brother Naber.

G. Wakker, clerk