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

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21 October 1856

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, several items were taken care of. A woman member of the congregation had again fallen into drunkenness. She is to be informed that she must confess her sin publicly or she will be publicly censured.

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

Original in the records of the Pillar Christian Reformed Church at the Joint Archives of Holland, vol. II, p. 34.

ARTICLE 9 – The membership papers of Trijntje Kwikkel and Gerrit Ijskis were received and accepted from Zaandam, the Netherlands.

ARTICLE 10 – A brief report was made concerning the trip to Pella.

ARTICLE 11 – The collection for the classical evangelism fund was \$39.75.

ARTICLE 12 – The collection for the Kampen Seminary was \$38.00.

ARTICLE 13 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Hekhuis.

A. C. van Raalte, Clerk

Meeting of October 21, 1856

Present were Elders Ploeg, Labots, Keppel, Broek, and Wilterdink; Deacons Wilterdink, and D. te Roller; as well as Rev. van Raalte

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – A membership statement for Gerrit Bax from De Klu<sup>ndert</sup>, the Netherlands, was received.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – Mr. K. de Koning desires to have his child baptized. However, ignorance and negligence make it necessary for us to offer instruction to him; an offer he accepts.

ARTICLE 5 – The stoves in the old church will be sold by the deacons, after informing those interested.

ARTICLE 6 – Since the congregation in Holland has drawn the classical lot for division of land, it was decided to handle the business eight days after today's date; namely, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ARTICLE 7 - \$29.39 was collected for the widow fund.

ARTICLE 8 – Mrs. Meulenbelt, who for a long time has been under the suspicion of drunkenness, has now openly fallen into this sin. She will be informed that she must make confession of her offense publicly; otherwise, she will be publicly censured.

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

A. C. van Raalte, Clerk