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

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1 May 1866

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Elder Labots served as chairman in the absence of Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, several new members were received and routine matters dealt with.

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. 264.

Note: Due to urgent circumstances, a committee, consisting of Labots and Keppel, met with Marie Hoezee, nee Brand, to hear her profession of faith after the previous consistory meeting. They accepted her profession.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of May 1, 1866

Absent: Brothers de bruin, Wilterdink, Oonk, Kieft, and Geerlings.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened by Brother Kamper.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Labots was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – Present at the meeting were Grietje Vaarwerk, nee Meijenhuis, Cristina Kanters, nee Roos, J. Stolp, and Bernardis Wenting; all of whom desired to be admitted to the table of the Lord. All were accepted.

ARTICLE 4 – B. ten Brink was present at the meeting, desiring to speak about the decision to keep J. van Dam from participating in communion. In his judgment, the consistory has handled this matter wrongly. After some instruction and clarification, he appeared to be satisfied and left the meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – Membership statements were received for Pieter J. Dijk from Uithuizermeden, Netherlands, and Aaltje LeFeber, nee Kamper, and Jacob LeFeber, and Johanna Maria de Graaf, nee Adams; all three from Grand Haven, dated March, 1866.

ARTICLE 6 – The minutes were read and approved, including the postscript.

ARTICLE 7 – A membership statement was granted to Maria Hoezee, nee Brand, to Vriesland.

ARTICLE 8 – A letter was received from Joh. Ellenbaas, containing criticism about the celebration of the Lord's Supper, etc. It was decided that this letter will be answered by a committee, consisting of Labots and Keppel.

The meeting was closed by Brother te Roller.

G. Wakker, clerk