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

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7 March 1867

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, it was decided by a vote of 64 to 0 that the new church would be located on the four lots provided by the Van Raaltes.

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

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Congregational Meeting of March 7, 1867

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte, and with the singing of Psalm 25: 2, 10.

ARTICLE 2 – After information had been given concerning the place for locating the (second) church, it was decided to choose the four lots; 64 voted in favor, and none against.

ARTICLE 3 – It was decided that from now on the benches will again be rented, with this condition that it will be done pew by pew and not as before, place by place. The consistory will assess the cost of the pews, and, at a later date, choices may be made. This will take place on Monday morning at 8 o'clock in the store of D. te Roller.

ARTICLE 4 – After there had been an exchange of some more words about the building of the church, by E. van der Veen and K. Schaddelee, who are responsible for implementing the building program, it was decided to meet again in eight days, because they wish to contact the builders, to inform them of the time when they must be present and when it is hoped that further blueprints of the church can be presented.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. van Raalte, and the singing of the last verse of the Ten Commandments.

G. Wakker, clerk