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

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1 April 1867

Holland, Michigan

At a consistory meeting of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided and some members of the building committee also attended, the pastor reported that a sum of about \$4,000 was pledged toward the new church. The plans of the new church were scaled back.

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. 286.

Received by transfer of membership: Johannes Simon de Wit and Janntje Hendriks de Wit, nee Drenth, from Warfun, Netherlands, as baptized members, dated September 3, 1866;

Simon Waling and wife, from Klundert, April 10, 1854;

Geridina van Coeverden, nee Louman, from Amsterdam North, by profession of faith;

Jacob Florijn van Voorst, by profession of faith;

With a membership statement, Schelte Bergsma, from Vriesland, dated March 12, 1867.

The above belongs to the minutes of the previous meeting. *12 March*

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of April 1, 1867  
With the Building Committee of the church

Absent: Some members of the consistory and the committee.

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

ARTICLE 2 – The president reports that the sum of plus-minus \$4,000.00 has been pledged.

ARTICLE 3 – It was decided that in the current circumstances not to include a tower, and in place of a stone foundation, wooden beams will be placed under the church. The church will not be 90 feet but 80 feet long, without a portal, with the intention of later adding a portal and tower.

ARTICLE 4 – It was decided that a committee, consisting of Keppel and C. Werkman, will see to it that there is a written plan to be obtained from the carpenters, J. Klijn or W. Minderhout, with the estimate of cost. This committee, when it has completed its work, is to inform the clerk so that there can be a meeting called speedily.

The meeting was closed by the president.

G. Wakker, clerk