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

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4 June 1868

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Elder Kamper was chosen, it was reported that the consistory received a letter from Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte in connection with article 6 of the 26 [24<sup>th</sup> not the 26<sup>th</sup>, in reference to his salary] April meeting. Due to the late hour, discussion on the letter was postponed.

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, pp. 319-320a.

The meeting was closed with the singing of Psalm 121: 1, and prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

G. Wakker, clerk

Congregational Meeting of May 28, 1868

The assembly, after a period of prayer led by Rev. A. C. van Raalte, balloted for a pastor from the previously announced trio. The opening of the ballots revealed that there were:  
30 votes for Joh. Brummelkamp  
25 votes for R. Pieters  
4 votes for Chr. Oggel and 1 vote for Rev. van Raalte.

When the clerk questioned whether this vote was definitive, it was decided to revote. The ballots revealed that the Rev. Joh. Brummelkamp had received 35 votes; R. Pieters received 25 votes; hence, Rev. Joh. Brummelkamp was elected.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of June 4, 1868

All present, except J. ter Vree.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Pijster.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Kamper was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – Jan Peter Smit requested transfer of membership to Kalamazoo. Granted.

ARTICLE 5 – Wakker presented the letter of call which had been approved by the classical committee, and it was signed. At the same time it was decided to send a letter. The clerk was given this assignment, and he presented a concept letter, with which all agreed.

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ARTICLE 6 – A letter was received from Rev. A. C. van Raalte, containing a request for advice, in connection with Article 6 in the minutes of April 26. It was decided that, because of the late hour, this letter will be discussed at the next meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – Brother Kamper reports that he is compelled to join the Ebenezer congregation, although he feels himself closely tied to this congregation, where he has for so many years enjoyed fellowship and felt at home. Various comments and needs concerning his task as elder were discussed, especially for the people of the area near where he lives. Brother Kamper accepted the fraternal advice to remain for some time in the service of this congregation.

The meeting was closed by the chairman, Brother Kamper.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of June 19, 1868

ARTICLE 1 – Present: Rev. van Raalte with the consistory. Absent: Brother Kamper. Prayer by Brother Broek.

ARTICLE 2 – Christina Kroon wished to make profession of faith. She was admonished to pray and to inquire into the truth. At the same time, a committee, consisting of Keppel and Schrader, was appointed to speak with her further.

ARTICLE 3 – The purchase agreement was not finalized.

ARTICLE 4 – A letter from Brother Wakker was received. He indicates that after mature consideration he must resign from his ecclesiastical service. Given the circumstances, this is accepted.

ARTICLE 5 – The committee of Pijster and Schrader reports concerning Wakker and his wife. After having sincerely invited her to present her complaints, she, nevertheless, declared that she had no accusations to make against her husband.

ARTICLE 6 – A committee was appointed, consisting of Broek, Pijster, Sprietsma, to find out what can be done in this offensive situation.

The meeting was closed with prayer by \_\_\_\_\_.

J. Schrader, clerk