

Sample Forms
for
Synodical Deputies' Reports

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Church Order Article 7: Examination of Required Qualifications for Eligibility to Exhort as the First Step in the Process of Ordination by Way of Church Order Article 7 (Supplement, Article 7 A, 1)

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having examined the written credentials submitted by the council of _____
_____ Christian Reformed Church, with the favorable recommendation
of the Candidacy Committee, and having heard the examination for licensure to exhort
in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7 and its Supplement, concur
in the decision of Classis _____, in session
on _____, to grant _____ the right to
exhort in Christian Reformed churches until _____.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 7: Examination for Eligibility for Call as the Second Step in the Process of Ordination by Way of Church Order Article 7 (Supplement, Article 7 A, 2 and 3)

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),

having considered the gifts of the applicant, having heard the examination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis _____, in session on _____, to declare _____ eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 7: Examination for Ordination as the Final Step in the Process of Ordination by Way of Church Order Article 7 (Supplement, Article 7 A, 4)

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with the provisions of Church Order Article 7, concur in the decision of Classis _____, in session on _____, to admit _____, to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Date of Ordination service: _____
(Note: This information is important for Ministers' Pension Office purposes.)

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 8: Declaration of Eligibility for Call

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of Reverend _____, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis _____, in session on _____, to declare him/her eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is _____.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Date of installation service: _____
(Note: This information is important for Ministers' Pension Office purposes.)

Phone, address, and email for Article 8 minister of the Word: _____

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ___ Stated Clerk ___ Synodical Deputies ___ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 8: Establishing a Joint Ministry of a Minister from a Church in Ecclesiastical Fellowship (see Church Order Supplement, Article 8, G)

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having reviewed the documents specified in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, F, and having heard the discussion of Classis _____, in session on _____, concur with the decision of classis to establish the joint ministry of _____ and _____
(name of church) (name of church)
to call Reverend _____.

State the need(s):

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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Church Order Article 10: Admission of Candidate Who Has Completed the Requirements for the Ministry of the Word

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10,
concur in the decision of Classis _____, in session
_____, to admit candidate _____ to
the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Date of Ordination service: _____
(Note: This information is important for Ministers' Pension Office purposes.)

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ___ Stated Clerk ___ Synodical Deputies ___ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 12-c: Calling a Minister to a Specialized Ministry

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of _____
Christian Reformed Church of _____, and having been satisfied
that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c,
concur in the decision of Classis _____, in session on
_____, to approve the position of _____
as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by Reverend
_____.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 13-c: Loaning a Minister to Another Denomination

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order
Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis _____, in
session on _____, to approve loaning
Reverend _____ to serve _____ Church
of _____.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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Church Order Article 14-b: Release from Office to Enter a Ministry Outside the Christian Reformed Church

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of _____,
in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis
_____, in session on _____,
to declare that _____ is honorably released from the
office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Note: The words released, dismissed, or in the status of one deposed may be substituted for the words honorably released when circumstances warrant.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 14-c: Release from Office to Enter a Non-ministerial Vocation

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having heard the discussion of Classis _____, in session on
_____, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church
Order Article 14-c, that _____ is honorably released
from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North
America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.

Note: The words released, dismissed, or in the status of one deposed may be substituted for the words honorably released when circumstances warrant.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 14-d: Release from Office of One Whose Vocation Is Judged to Be Nonministerial

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),
having heard the discussion of Classis _____,
in session on _____, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in
accordance with Church Order Article 14-d, that _____, having
entered a vocation that is judged to be non-ministerial, is honorably released from the office
of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Note: The words released, dismissed, or in the status of one deposed may be substituted for the words honorably released when circumstances warrant.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 14-e: Return to Office of a Person Who Was Released to Enter a Non-ministerial Vocation

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis
_____, in session on _____, concur in the
decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that
_____ is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in
the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 17-c: Release from the Office of Minister of the Word

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having heard the discussion of Classis _____, in session on _____, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that _____ is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 17-d: Release from the Office of Minister of the Word

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having heard the discussion of Classis _____, in session on _____, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-d, that _____ is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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Church Order Article 23-a: Declaration that a Ministry Associate's Position Fits Synodical Guidelines

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and
_____ (Classis _____),

having examined the written materials submitted by the council of _____
Christian Reformed Church of _____, and having compared
them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of
Classis _____, in session on _____, is in keeping
with synodical guidelines for ministry associates.

This position is to be filled by (Mr./Ms.) _____ (if known).

Position title (if other than ministry associate):

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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Church Order Article 23-b or -c: Service of a Ministry Associate in an Organized Church as Solo Pastor

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having examined the request submitted by the council of _____
Christian Reformed Church of _____, concur with the decision
of Classis _____, in session on _____, that
_____ (ministry associate) may serve the congregation
as its solo pastor.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

Copy submitted: ____ Stated Clerk ____ Synodical Deputies ____ Synodical Services Office

Church Order Article 23-d: Calling a Ministry Associate to Serve an Organized Church as Solo Pastor

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having examined the materials submitted by the council of _____
Christian Reformed Church of _____, and having compared
them with the synodical guideline for calling a ministry associate to an organized
congregation, concur with the decision of Classis _____,
in session on _____, that a ministry associate,
_____ (name if known), may serve the congregation as
its solo pastor.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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Church Order Article 84: Reinstatement of a Deposed Minister of the Word

Synodical deputies _____ (Classis _____),

_____ (Classis _____), and

_____ (Classis _____),
having heard the discussion of Classis _____, in session on
_____, concur in the judgment of classis to declare, in accordance with
Church Order Article 84 and its Supplement, that _____
is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in
North America.

Comments (not printed in the *Acts of Synod*):

Synodical Deputies:

Classis _____

Classis _____

Classis _____

Date: _____

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