

# Synodical Services and Structure

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## **Council of Delegates**

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### *II. Privilege of the floor*

Andy de Ruyter, chair of the Council of Delegates; Michael L. Ten Haken, vice chair of the Council of Delegates; Zachary J. King, general secretary; and members of the executive staff as needed

### *III. Recommendations*

- A. That synod grant all requests for privilege of the floor by the COD, agencies and ministries, educational institutions, standing committees, and study committees of synod contained within the reports to Synod 2023.
- B. That synod approve all requests for special offerings for the agencies, ministries, and educational institutions of the CRC that are contained within the reports to Synod 2023.
- C. That synod thank COD members who are retiring from or concluding service on the Council of Delegates for their faithful service and significant contributions to the denomination (I, D).
- D. That synod approve the interim appointments made by the COD for synodical deputies and alternate synodical deputies (II, A, 1).

- E. That synod accept the invitation of Lee Street CRC in Wyoming, Michigan, to serve as the convening church of Synod 2024, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the campus of Calvin University (II, A, 7).  
*Ground:* Lee Street's multicultural focus with both English and Spanish services, as well as their partnerships with local schools and other ministries, offer synod the opportunity to celebrate diversity and outreach in the CRC.
- F. That synod take note of the Our Journey 2025 (Ministry Plan) resources, including visuals, conversation cards, and other tools to aid in engaging classes and churches in the excitement and ownership of the ministry plan (II, B, 2).
- G. That synod recognize the U.S. Ministry Board's appointment of Dan DeKam to the position of director of U.S. ministry operations and express its gratitude to Joel Huyser for his service as interim director of U.S. ministry operations for the past year, and for his faithful leadership and service to the CRCNA for over 28 years (COD Supplement section I, E).

## **Historical Committee**

### *I. Materials*

- A. Historical Committee Report, pp. 217-27

### *II. Privilege of the floor*

John Bolt, chair, and James A. De Jong, secretary

### *III. Recommendations*

- A. That synod endorse the delineation of the respective duties of the general secretary and the Historical Committee regarding oversight of the denominational archives.  
*Ground:* This provides necessary clarification.
- B. That synod recognize with appreciation the service of retiring member John Bolt, who has served as committee chair for his two terms on the committee.
- C. That synod recognize with appreciation the service of curator William Katerberg and the Heritage Hall staff and volunteers.
- D. That synod recognize that the Historical Committee is adding committee members from the Korean church community and Classis Red Mesa where oral history is being documented.

## **Overtures**

- I. Response to Overture 1: Classis Niagara, Refrain from Reading Repetitious Notes at the Beginning of Synod
  - A. *Materials: Agenda for Synod 2023*, Overture 1, pp. 351-53
  - B. *Observations*  
 Any classis or delegate has the right to written protest. However, the repeated reading of these protests has caused pain to some delegates. Therefore, while not acceding to Overture 1, we make the following recommendation.
  - C. *Recommendations*

1. If a notice on credentials presents a protest about seating female delegates, the president of synod would name the individual or classis (see *Church Order Supplement*, Article 45, b. 1.) protesting and read the following statement:

“We, as delegates, acknowledge that there are a multitude of perspectives and opinions represented among us. We recognize “that there are two different perspectives and convictions on the issue of allowing women to serve in the offices of deacon, elder, minister or [commissioned pastor], both of which honor the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God” (*Acts of Synod 1995*, p. 731). Some object that there are women seated as delegates; others lament that there are not more women among us. We choose to work together despite these differences.”

2. That synod declare this to be its response to Overture 1.

## II. Response to Overture 3: Classis Southeast U.S., Refocus Ecclesiological Communication

### A. *Materials: Agenda for Synod 2023*, Overture 3, pp. 356-58

### B. *Observations*

The advisory committee’s discussion of Overture 3 was robust and often agreed with the concerns noted in the overture. We also recognized that past synods have addressed similar concerns. In response to Overture 14 (*Acts 2018*) entitled, *Instruct CRC Agencies and Ministries to Stop Political, Lobbying on Behalf of the Christian Reformed Denomination*, the 2018 advisory committee noted, “In our calling to be prophetic, we acknowledge that there will not be unanimity and single-mindedness on all political issues and that differences of opinions will arise. We are called to gospel-centered relationships that hold unity as a high value. We are called to the preservation and restoration of unity as the body of Christ. We trust that when differences arise, our means of addressing them will give testimony to our unity in Christ.” This same 2018 advisory committee continued by recommending “that synod instruct the Council of Delegates to create a U.S. committee to provide guidance and support to the Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action” (Article 70, *Acts 2018*). Although this recommendation was adopted, this present advisory committee thinks that the created committee has not done enough to oversee and guide the communications of these agencies. Further, broader guidance is needed for the entire CRCNA organization on how it ought to communicate on social, economic, or political matters. In light of the ongoing restructuring in the CRCNA organization this advisory committee does not believe the timing is right to create a separate content management committee, as requested by Overture 3.

### C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod instruct the office of the General Secretary to report directly back to Synod 2024 how the concerns noted in Overture 3 have been

addressed; namely specifying how and when the CRCNA organization comments and/or makes statements on social, economic, or political matters that synod has not previously specifically addressed.

2. That synod urge the CRCNA organization to exercise discretion when responding to social, economic and/or political matters.
3. That synod declare this to be its response to Overture 3.

## Communication

- I. Response to Communication 1: Classis Minnkota, pp. 599-600

- A. *Recommendation*

That synod receive this for information.

## Miscellaneous

### I. Work of the synodical deputies

- A. *Ministers from other denominations, Church Order Article 8*

1. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jin Sung Ahn**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on September 20, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Love Global Vision CRC of Clifton, New Jersey.
2. Synodical deputies G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Wilson Cunha**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on May 16, 2023, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Cascade Fellowship CRC of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
3. Synodical deputies P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), S. Elgersma (California South), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jordan Hall**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 25, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Bethany CRC of Bellflower, California.
4. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of

**Rev. Jeff Kempton**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on March 2, 2023, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Crossroads CRC of San Marcos, California.

5. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. John J. Kim**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Lifestream CRC of Artesia, California.
6. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W.C. Tuininga (B.C. South-East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Joshua S. Lee**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on November 17, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Kent First Korean CRC of Kent, Washington.
7. Synodical deputies D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), D.L. Recker (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Eun Suk Oh**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on October 18, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is New Westminster CRC of Burnaby, British Columbia.
8. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Han Gyu Park**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 27, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Urim CRC of Laguna Woods, California.
9. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Hunjoon Park**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Hanmi, in session on September 13, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of

the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Springing Fountain CRC of Buena Park, California.

10. Synodical deputies D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), D.L. Recker (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Sungwoo Park**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on October 18, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Nelson Avenue Community CRC of Burnaby, British Columbia.
11. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), W. Davelaar (Northcentral Iowa), and C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Marno Retief**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 20, 2022, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Emo CRC of Emo, Ontario.
12. Synodical deputies M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and B. Lanting (North Cascades), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jason Truell**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on March 7, 2023, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Ladner CRC of Delta, British Columbia.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*B. Classical examination of candidates, Church Order Article 10*

1. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session October 14, 2022, to admit candidate **Sheri L. Admiraal** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies R.E. Grift (Toronto), K.M. deBoer (Quinte), and P.A. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Eastern Canada, in session October 21, 2022, to admit candidate **Brad Bootsma** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), and R.D. Engle (Lake Erie), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session November 17,

2022, to admit candidate **Kristy L. Bootsma** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

4. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session March 9, 2023, to admit candidate **Tricia Bosma** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Northcentral Iowa, in session October 18, 2022, to admit candidate **Stewart J de Jong** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
6. Synodical deputies S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session September 8, 2022, to admit candidate **Mark D. Elffers** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies R.E. Grift (Toronto), M.W. Bootsma (Hamilton), and K.M. deBoer (Quinte), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Eastern Canada, in session March 3, 2023, to admit candidate **Ryan Farrell** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session October 14, 2022, to admit candidate **Rebecca G. Hall** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session October 27, 2022, to admit candidate **Noelle Jacobs** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
10. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session October 4, 2022, to admit candidate **Kiseok D. Kang** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session September 20, 2022, to admit candidate **Jooheyng Kim** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

12. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session October 4, 2022, to admit candidate **Aleah N. Marsden** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
13. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session March 7, 2023, to admit candidate **Seonmok Paul Park** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
14. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session September 29, 2022, to admit candidate **Mario R. Perez** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
15. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), R.T. Vanderwal (Illiana), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session September 21, 2022, to admit candidate **William Roelofs** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
16. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Kalamazoo, in session November 10, 2022, to admit candidate **Kent A Sanders** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
17. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session October 14, 2022, to admit candidate **Ivan K. Santoso** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
18. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), D.W. De Groot (Iakota), and W. Davelaar (Northcentral Iowa), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Minnkota, in session September 15, 2022, to admit candidate **Joseph J. Steenholdt** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
19. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session October 11, 2022, to admit candidate **Rebecca L Tjapkes** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
20. Synodical deputies R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids



South, in session September 8, 2022, to admit candidate **Anthony Vander Schaaf** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

21. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), P.T. Westra (Heartland), and C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Minnkota, in session March 2, 2023, to admit candidate **Ryan VanderWees** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
22. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), and R.D. Engle (Lake Erie), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session November 17, 2022, to admit candidate **Klaas Walhout** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
23. Synodical deputies M. Bouma (B.C. North-West), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session October 18, 2022, to admit candidate **Benjamin H Wimmers** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*C. Ministers in specialized services, Church Order Article 12-c*

1. 1. Synodical deputies D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), D.L. Recker (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of New Westminster Christian Reformed Church of Burnaby, British Columbia, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on October 18, 2022, to approve the position of Head of Formation Conferences as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Ray P. De Lange**.
2. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Faith Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on February 2, 2023, to approve the position of Director of Synodical Services as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Scott DeVries**.
3. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church of Vogel Center, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on February 13, 2023, to approve the position of Classical Coordinator for Safe Church and Disability Concerns as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Abigail DeZeeuw**.

4. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and R.D. Engle (Lake Erie), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Madison Square Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on July 9, 2022, to approve the position of Professor of Theology and Director of Spiritual Formation with The Foundry as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Jeffrey A. Fisher**.
5. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Alger Park Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on March 9, 2023, to approve the position of Associate Director of the Eugene Peterson Center for Christian Imagination at Western Theological Seminary as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Samuel Gutierrez**.
6. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Bauer Christian Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on October 27, 2022, to approve the position of Professor of Theological Studies at Kuyper College as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Timothy Howerzyl**.
7. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Alive Ministries of Jenison, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on October 27, 2022, to approve the position of Campus Minister at Grand Valley State University as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Noelle Jacobs**.
8. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Love Global Vision Christian Reformed Church of Clifton, New Jersey, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on September 20, 2022, to approve the position of Missionary to India as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Tae J. Lee**.
9. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of L.A. Global Mission Church of Los Angeles, California, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 27, 2022, to approve the position of Missionary as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Theodore Lim**.

10. Synodical deputies R.D. Engle (Lake Erie), P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), and G. Besteman (Southeast), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church of Palmyra, New York, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Atlantic North East, in session on March 2, 2023, to approve the position of Campus Pastor as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Nicholas Monsma**.
11. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Grace Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on March 14, 2023, to approve the position of Associate Executive Director for Mission French Africa as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Karis Mpindi**.
12. Synodical deputies S. Cooper (Toronto), M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Hope Christian Reformed Church of Brantford, Ontario, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Hamilton, in session on October 25, 2022, to approve the position of Transitional Executive Director as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Albert Postma**.
13. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), R.T. Vanderwal (Illiana), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Loop Church of Chicago, Illinois, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on September 21, 2022, to approve the position of Chaplain as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. William Roelofs**.
14. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church of Ferrysburg, Michigan, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on October 11, 2022, to approve the position of Spiritual Care Counselor as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Rebecca L. Tjapkes**.
15. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on September 16, 2022, to approve the position of Serge Organization as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Kristopher R. Walhof**.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*D. Loaning a minister to another denomination according to Church Order Article 13-c*

1. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 4, 2022, to approve loaning **Rev. Kiseok D. Kang** to serve Korean United Church of Modesto, California.
2. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 4, 2022, to approve loaning **Rev. C.L.\*** to serve Evangelical Formosah Church of Houston, Texas.

\* Record is protected, and actual name will not be published due to safety concerns.

3. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, to approve loaning **Rev. Daniel J. Rhee** to serve Living Water Church of Houston, Texas.
4. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to approve loaning **Rev. Seonmok Paul Park** to serve Korean Church of North Denver of Northglenn, Colorado.
5. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on January 19, 2023, to approve loaning **Rev. Mitchell R. Sheahan** to serve The Bridge Church of Portage, Michigan.
6. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), J.C. Busscher (Illiana), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on March 8, 2023, to approve loaning **Rev. Mark W. van Stee** to serve International Protestant Church of Zurich, Switzerland.
7. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), G. Besteman (Southeast U.S.), and P. Kornilov (Hackensack), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on May 18, 2023, to approve loaning **Rev. Benjamin H. Spalink** to serve Grace Church of Ridgewood, New Jersey.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*E. Extension of loan of a minister to another denomination according to Church Order Article 13-c*

1. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. Andrew Chun** to serve Korean Christian Church of Denver, Colorado.
2. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. InSuk Hannah Guan** to serve New Gate Church of Aurora, Colorado.
3. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. Daniel Jin Su Hwang** to serve Korean Christian Church of Denver, Colorado.
4. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on October 18, 2022, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. Karis Mpindi** to serve St John Reformed Church of Montreal, Wisconsin.
5. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 27, 2022, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. Byoung Il Song** to serve Korean Christian Church of Denver, Colorado.
6. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 27, 2022, to approve the extension of loaning **Rev. Won Seok Song** to serve Ye Eun Presbyterian Church of Korea of South Korea.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*F. Release from office to enter a ministry outside the Christian Reformed Church under Church Order Article 14-b*

1. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Shu-Min Cheng** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 24, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Shu-Min Cheng** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Jeffrey R. Funk** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision

of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 24, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Jeffrey R. Funk** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

3. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), J.R. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Cary Gephart** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on September 21, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Cary Gephart** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Eunjun Jeong** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Eunjun Jeong** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and P.T. Westra (Heartland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Edward Jiang** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 26, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Edward Jiang** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
6. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and P.T. Westra (Heartland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Jin Young Lee** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Northcentral Iowa, in session on September 13, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Jin Young Lee** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Keith A. Mannes** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 6, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Keith A. Mannes** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Allen Pontarelli** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on September 15, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Allen Pontarelli** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), D.L. Recker (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Charles W. Van Hoffen** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on October 18, 2022, to declare that **Rev.**

**Charles W. Van Hoffen** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

10. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids North), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Richard Visser** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on July 21, 2022, to declare that **Rev. Richard Visser** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Christopher R. Allen** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 25, 2023, to declare that **Rev. Christopher R. Allen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
12. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Katrina J. Olson** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to declare that **Rev. Katrina J. Olson** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
13. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Mark W. Hilbelink** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to declare that **Rev. Mark W. Hilbelink** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
14. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Dominic Palacios** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, to declare that **Rev. Dominic Palacios** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*G. Release from office to enter a nonministerial vocation under Church Order Article 14-c*

1. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on October 6, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Jonathan DeRuiter** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
2. Synodical deputies R.D. Engle (Lake Erie), P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), and G. Besteman (Southeast), having heard the discussion of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in

session on March 2, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Jonathan B. Fischer** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.

3. Synodical deputies W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), M.L. Bouma (B.C. North-West), and R.J. Toornstra (Columbia), having heard the discussion of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 11, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Christopher S. Lee** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
4. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Lake Erie, in session on October 1, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. SangMyung S. Lee** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
5. Synodical deputies P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), S. Elgersma (California South), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the discussion of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 25, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Sam Lee** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*H. Return to office of one who was released to enter a nonministerial vocation under Church Order Article 14-e*

1. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on October 4, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that **Mr. Kyung Lok Jang** is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*I. Release from ministry in a congregation under Church Order Article 17-a*

1. Synodical deputies E.W. Visser (Hamilton), S. Cooper (Toronto), and C.G. Lawson (Eastern Canada), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Quinte, in session on September 27, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Heidi S. De Jonge** is released from ministerial service in Westside Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Kingston, Ontario.
2. Synodical deputies P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M.B. Stegink (Hudson), and G. Besteman (Southeast U.S), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on May 31, 2022, concur in the decision of classis



to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Jonathan B. Fischer** is released from ministerial service in New Hope Church of Bangor, Maine.

3. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grandville, in session on September 15, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. M. Dale Fopma** is released from ministerial service in Hope Christian Reformed Church of Grandville, Michigan.
4. Synodical deputies A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), L.M. Korf (Columbia), and B. Regt (North Cascades), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on May 19, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Edward H. Gerber** is released from ministerial service in Willoughby Church of Langley, British Columbia.
5. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), and R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Wisconsin, in session on March 14, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. James A. Hildebrandt** is released from ministerial service in River Rock Church Reformed Church in America of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
6. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on March 9, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Katherine M. Hirschberg** is released from ministerial service in Monroe Community Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
7. Synodical deputies W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 14, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Ryan Hoogerbrugge** is released from ministerial service in La Glace Christian Reformed Church of La Glace, Alberta.
8. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on February 2, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Lee Khang** is released from ministerial service in Lao Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan.
9. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Northcentral Iowa, in session on October 18, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Seongjun Kim** is released from ministerial service in Korean Christian Reformed Church of Ames, Iowa.
10. Synodical deputies W.C. Tuininga (B.C. South-East), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and K. deKoning (Alberta North), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of

Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, in session on March 10, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Allan R. Kirkpatrick** is released from ministerial service in Maranatha Christian Reformed Church of Calgary, Alberta.

11. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Minnkota, in session on May 6, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Brian M. Kornelis** is released from ministerial service in Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Edgerton, Minnesota.
12. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids North), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on July 21, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Marc Nelesen** is released from ministerial service in Georgetown Christian Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan.
13. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Dominic J. Palacios** is released from ministerial service in Hope Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Denver, Colorado.
14. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and W. Davelaar (Northcentral Iowa), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Central Plain, in session on September 16, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Donald R. Ridder** is released from ministerial service in Grace Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa.
15. Synodical deputies M.W. Bootsma (Hamilton), P.A. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Niagara, in session on October 28, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Darren C. Roorda** is released from ministerial service in Providence Christian Reformed Church of Beamsville, Ontario.
16. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), W. Davelaar (Northcentral Iowa), and P.T. Westra (Heartland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Lake Superior, in session on January 9, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Adam Stout** is released from ministerial service in Faith Christian Reformed Church of New Brighton, Minnesota.
17. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on October 4, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Maurice Vander Veen** is released from ministerial service in Modesto Christian Reformed Church of Modesto, California.

18. Synodical deputies G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), S.J. Datema (Northern Michigan), and T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Muskegon, in session on June 30, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Greg VanderHorn** is released from ministerial service in New Community Church of Newago of Newago, Michigan (credentials held by Trinity CRC of Fremont, MI).
19. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Wisconsin, in session on July 5, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Verlan G. Van Ee** is released from ministerial service in Kenosha Christian Reformed Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*J. Extension of eligibility for call under Church Order Article 17-c*

1. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Aminah Al-Attas Bradford's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
2. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Nathaniel M. Al-Attas Bradford's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
3. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on March 14, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Joshua Amaezechi's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
4. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussion of Classis Zeeland, in session on May 11, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. John Aukema's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
5. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on October 27, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Mark D Bennink's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
6. Synodical deputies K. de Koning (Alberta North), W.C. Tuininga (B.C. South-East), and D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the discussion of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on March 7, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in

accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

7. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Todd H. Hilkemann's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
8. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), L.D. Van Dyke (Muskegon), and R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), having heard the discussion of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on September 27, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Gregory J. Kett's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
9. Synodical deputies G.J. Kamps (Yellowstone), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), having heard the discussion of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 17, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. James H. Kuiper's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
10. Synodical deputies R.E. Grift (Toronto), M.W. Bootsma (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the discussion of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on September 27, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Daryl J. Meijer's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
11. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having heard the discussion of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Joseph W. Nasvytis's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
12. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on March 14, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Timothy Raakman's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
13. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 15, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Katrina M. Schaafsma's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
14. Synodical deputies R.E. Grift (Toronto), P.A. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), and K.M. deBoer (Quinte), having heard the discussion of Classis Huron, in session on September 17, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Stephen D. Tamming's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

15. Synodical deputies P.A. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), E.W. Visser (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the discussion of Classis Toronto, in session on October 4, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Thomas J. van Milligen's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
16. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on October 6, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Bryan J. Van Soelen's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
17. Synodical deputies M.B. Stegink (Hudson), P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), and G. Besteman (Southeast U.S.), having heard the discussion of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 6, 2022, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Daniel J. Vos's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*K. Release from the office of minister of the Word under Church Order Article 17-c*

1. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), J.C. Busscher (Illiana), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the discussion of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on March 8, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Daniel J. Gregory** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*L. Declaration that a commissioned pastor position fits synodical guidelines under Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a*

1. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Crossroads CRC of San Marcos, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, that the position of Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Ruben Aguilar**.
2. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Crossroads CRC of San Marcos, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, that the position of Associate Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Sandra Aguilar**.
3. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Peace Community Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the

synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Luis I. Becerra Leal**.

4. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), G. van Leeuwen (Huron), and R.E. Grift (Toronto), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Covenant Christian Reformed Church of Woodstock, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on May 30, 2023, that the position of Spanish Covenant Ministry Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Julio (Peter) Carrion**.
5. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Filipino-American CRC of New York, New York, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on September 20, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Edwin Dalupan**.
6. Synodical deputies P.A. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), M.W. Bootsma (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Covenant CRC of St. Catharine, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Niagara, in session on October 26, 2022, that the position of Mission Network Developer is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Leah E. DeVos**.
7. Synodical deputies P.T. Westra (Heartland), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and W. Davelaar (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Faith CRC of Pella, Iowa, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on September 16, 2022, that the position of Vermeer Company Chaplain is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Brad Engbers**.
8. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), R.T. Vanderwal (Illiana), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ebenezer CRC of Berwyn, Illinois, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on September 21, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Diego B. Flores**.
9. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New Life Christina Reformed Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Diana Gaggero**.

10. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ttokamsa Mission Church of Monterey Park, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 24, 2022, that the position of Administrative/Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Frances Griffith**.
11. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hope CRC of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, that the position of Chaplain is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Paul Hannemann**.
12. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), S.M. Muilenburg (Minnkota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Northern Light House CRC of Lincoln, Nebraska, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 21, 2022, that the position of Lead Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jeff J. Heerspink**.
13. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary CRC of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 6, 2022, that the position of Pastor of Leadership & Care is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Matthew Hochhalter**.
14. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), P.T. Westra (Heartland), and C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Covenant Christian Reformed Church of Appleton, Wisconsin, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Wisconsin, in session on March 14, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Benjamin Hoekman**.
15. Synodical deputies G.J. Kamps (Yellowstone), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Church Rock CRC of Church Rock, New Mexico, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 17, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Gary Hoeksema**.
16. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hope Christian Reformed Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky

Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Helen Hoogesteyn de Lopez**.

17. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Princeton CRC of Kentwood, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on October 21, 2022, that the position of Connections Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Emily Hull**.
18. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), G. van Leeuwen (Huron), and R.E. Grift (Toronto), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Strathroy East Christian Reformed Church of Strathroy, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on May 30, 2023, that the position of Pastor of Youth and Worship Ministries is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Stefan Human**.
19. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D.D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Palo Alto CRC of Palo Alto, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 4, 2022, that the position of Pastor of Congregational Care is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Annie Jamieson**.
20. Synodical deputies A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), and L.M. Korf (Columbia), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sumas CRC of Sumas, Washington, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis North Cascades, in session on October 27, 2022, that the position of Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Russell Kent**.
21. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), S.M. Muilenburg (Minnkota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Northern Light House CRC of Lincoln, Nebraska, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 21, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jonathan Keyzer**.
22. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Good News Church of New York, New York, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on September 20, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Fred Kim**.



23. Synodical deputies R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of inSpirit Church of Byron Center, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on September 8, 2022, that the position of Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Jessica Kuncaitis**.
24. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hope Christian Reformed Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Wilmer Lopez**.
25. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Peace Community Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Judith Lopez de Becerra**.
26. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Grace Valley CRC of Las Vegas, Nevada, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, that the position of Associate Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Ralph E. Mack**.
27. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bozeman Christian Reformed Church of Bozeman, Montana, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on March 3, 2023, that the position of Educational Consultant and Leader is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Sosthene Maletoungou**.
28. Synodical deputies M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), J.R. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and R.T. Vanderwal (Illiana), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Orland Park CRC of Orland Park, Illinois, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on September 21, 2022, that the position of Campus Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Caley Meza**.
29. Synodical deputies L.D. Van Dyke (Muskegon), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Coit Community Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having

compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session on March 16, 2023, that the position of Senior Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Adriel Morgan**.

*Deputies' comments:* Classis will approve his service as solo pastor of an organized church (CO Art. 24a) at the next meeting following development of a learning plan and approval by the Candidacy Director.

30. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ttokamsa Mission Church of Monterey Park, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 24, 2022, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Miguel Nava**.
31. Synodical deputies C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), D.R. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Peace Christian Reformed Church of Houston, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Sandra Nemecek**.
32. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on October 1, 2022, that the position of Church Planting Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Steven Perry**.
33. Synodical deputies G. van Leeuwen (Huron), R.E. Grift (Toronto), and S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of St Thomas, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on May 31, 2022, that the position of Pastor of Youth and Discipleship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jon Pollnow**.
34. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Manhattan, Montana, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on March 3, 2023, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. James Reed**.
35. Synodical deputies K. de Koning (Alberta North), W.C. Tuininga (B.C. South-East), and D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having examined the written materials

- submitted by the council of Tapestry Christian Reformed Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Spiritual Health Practitioner is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Sandy Reynolds**.
36. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Oasis Community Christian Reformed Church of Moreno Valley, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on September 29, 2022, that the position of Administrative Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Erick A. Rodriguez**.
  37. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Providence Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 6, 2022, that the position of Lead Pastor of the Way Church is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Arturo Rojas**.
  38. Synodical deputies K. de Koning (Alberta North), W.C. Tuininga (B.C. South-East), and D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Duncan Christian Reformed Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on March 7, 2023, that the position of Pastor of Discipleship and Mission is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Daniel Schultz**.
  39. Synodical deputies C. Fluit (Atlantic Northeast), P. Kornilov (Hackensack), and M. Stegink (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sunlight Community Church of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Southeast U.S., in session on October 13, 2022, that the position of Pastor of CIA Boys Club is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Adam Sculnick**.
  40. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bozeman Christian Reformed Church of Bozeman, Montana, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on September 15, 2022, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Reuben C. Sinnema**.
  41. Synodical deputies D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), D.L. Recker (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of The Tapestry of Richmond, British Columbia, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on October 18, 2022, that the position of Director of Congregational

Care and Administrator is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Lucinda Tecson**.

42. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sunrise Community Church of Austin, Texas, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, that the position of Community Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Richard Villarreal**.
43. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), G. Besteman (Southeast U.S.), and P. Kornilov (Hackensack), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Restore Church of Midland Park, New Jersey, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on May 18, 2023, that the position of Pastor of Worship and Mission is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Joey Wright**.
43. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), L.D. Van Dyke (Muskegon), and R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Cadillac Christian Reformed Church of Cadillac, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on September 27, 2022, that the position of Associate Pastor for Watershed is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jared M. Yapple**.
45. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), and C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Denver of Denver, Colorado, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 14, 2022, that the position of Associate Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Kristie Yoo**.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*M. Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a commissioned pastors, filling previously approved positions*

The following commissioned pastors have been examined by the classes indicated for positions previously approved by synodical deputies (in addition to those listed above in the synodical deputy reports for Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a):

Name	Classis	Date
Ruben Aguilar	California South	March 2, 2023
Chris Avery	California South	September 29, 2022
Edwin Dalupan	Hudson	October 13, 2022
Aleke Dekker	Toronto	October 4, 2022
Sean Folkerts	Alberta North	October 15, 2022
Joel Gagnon	Atlantic Northeast	October 6, 2022

Fred Kim  
Ralph Mack  
Adam Sculnick  
Carlos Tamayo

Hudson  
California South  
Southeast  
Arizona

October 13, 2022  
March 2, 2023  
October 13, 2022  
September 16, 2022

*Recommendation:* That synod take note of the above-named persons ordained as commissioned pastors within the classes indicated.

*N. Service of a commissioned pastor in an organized church as solo pastor under Church Order Article 24-a*

1. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the request submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lansing, Illinois, concur with the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on March 7, 2023, that **Mr. Kyle Beckrich** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
2. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having examined the request submitted by the council of Phoenix Korean Presbyterian Church Christian Reformed Church of Phoenix, Arizona, concur with the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 27, 2022, that **Ms. Insuk Dunne** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
3. Synodical deputies G.J. Kamps (Yellowstone), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), having examined the request submitted by the council of Church Rock Christian Reformed Church of Church Rock, New Mexico, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 17, 2022, that **Mr. Gary Hoeksema** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
4. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), S.M. Muilenburg (Minnkota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the request submitted by the council of Northern Light House Christian Reformed Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 21, 2022, that **Mr. Jonathan Keyzer** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
5. Synodical deputies P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), S. Elgersma (California South), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the request submitted by the council of First Bellflower Christian Reformed Church of Bellflower, California, concur with the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on February 23, 2023, that **Mr. Aaron Solomon-Mills** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*O. Calling a commissioned pastor to a specified term under Church Order Article 24-b*

1. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the request submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lansing, Illinois, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Illiana, in session on March 7, 2023, to call **Mr. Kyle Beckrich** to a specified term.
2. Synodical deputies M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having examined the request submitted by the council of Quincy Christian Reformed Church of Quincy, Washington, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Columbia, in session on October 5, 2022, to call **Mr. Benjamin Buckley** to a specified term.
3. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the request submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Manhattan, Montana, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on March 3, 2023, to call **Mr. James Reed** to a specified term.
4. Synodical deputies C.D. Hoekstra (Iakota), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and S. Elgersma (California South), having examined the request submitted by the council of Bozeman Christian Reformed Church of Bozeman, Montana, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Yellowstone, in session on September 15, 2022, to call **Mr. Reuben C. Sinnema** to a specified term.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

*P. Commissioned pastors concluding service under Church Order Article 24-d*

The following commissioned pastors have concluded service in the classes indicated in the positions to which they were appointed:

Name	Classis	Effective Date	Reason
Benjamin Buckley	North Cascades	December 31, 2022	Honorably released
Shaun Buikema	Illiana	September 21, 2022	Released
Brian D. Bylsma	Quinte	September 27, 2022	Honorably released
Byran Choyce	Grand Rapids East	November 17, 2022	Dismissed
Aaron De Boer	North Cascades	October 20, 2022	Honorably released
Lisa A. DeYoung	Grand Rapids East	September 16, 2022	Honorably released
Justin Dudney	B.C. South-East	October 18, 2022	Honorably released
Kimberley W. Masters	Rocky Mountain	October 15, 2022	Honorably released
David Mosterd	Holland	October 6, 2022	Honorably released
Luis R. Quinonez	California South	September 29, 2022	Released
Eudys R. Rivery	Arizona	September 17, 2022	Released
Carrie A. Rodgers	Georgetown	July 24, 2022	Released
Anthony Vander Laan	Ontario Southwest	September 27, 2022	Honorably released
Bryan D. Vander Tuig	California South	September 29, 2022	Honorably released

*Recommendation:* That synod take note that these commissioned pastors have concluded service in the classis indicated.

*Q. Deposition of a minister of the Word under Church Order Article 82-83*

1. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), S.M. Muilenburg (Minnkota), and P.T. Westra (Heartland), having heard the grounds submitted by the council of Lebanon Christian Reformed Church of Lebanon, Iowa, and the discussion of Classis Iakota, in session on March 7, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Cory L. Van Sloten** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Recommendation:* That synod approve the work of the synodical deputies.

## **II. Ministerial retirements**

*A. Information:* Synod has received notice of the following ministerial retirements:

Name	Classis	Effective Date
Sung Chang Choi	Ko-Am	December 27, 2022
Thomas A. De Does	Heartland	November 4, 2022
Gary A. De Vries	Lake Erie	January 3, 2023
Jacob De Vries	Huron	January 1, 2023
William C Hensen	Thornapple Valley	February 8, 2023
Calvin Hoogendoorn	Iakota	April 30, 2023
NamJoong Kang	Ko-Am	December 27, 2022
Michael J. Kooy	Chicago South	January 20, 2023
Loren J Kotman	Heartland	December 15, 2022
Matthew M Le	Greater Los Angeles	December 31, 2022
Douglas M. MacLeod	Grand Rapids East	January 6, 2023
David J. Prince	Grand Rapids East	October 31, 2022
David A. Reynolds	Arizona	June 8, 2023
Albert M. Sideco	Hudson	August 28, 2022
Mark Stephenson	Holland	June 30, 2022
Perry J. Tinklenberg	Columbia	December 31, 2022
Derek Van Dalen	Hamilton	October 28, 2022
Kent A. Van Til	Holland	February 2, 2023
Thomas J. Walcott	Wisconsin	September 27, 2022
Raymond Yeo	Rocky Mountain	October 15, 2022
Randal K. Young	Central California	December 27, 2022

*B. Commissioned pastors having reached retirement age under Church Order Article 24 and emeritus status noted*

Name	Classis	Effective Date
Louis Bosma, <i>emeritus</i>	Ontario Southwest	December 31, 2022
Michael Collins, <i>emeritus</i>	Niagara	May 25, 2022
Robert J. De Vries, <i>emeritus</i>	Muskegon	January 31, 2023
Kathy Kiesser, <i>emeritus</i>	B.C. North-West	October 18, 2022
Chris H. Meehan, <i>emeritus</i>	Grand Rapids North	February 8, 2023
Henry Perez, <i>emeritus</i>	Wisconsin	May 31, 2022
Richard Silversmith, <i>emeritus</i>	Rocky Mountain	October 15, 2022
Anne Vander Hoek, <i>emeritus</i>	Alberta North	March 15, 2023

*C. Recommendations*

1. That synod recognize with gratitude the faithful gospel ministry of the 21 ministers of the Word as noted above.
2. That synod recognize with gratitude the faithful ministry of the nine commissioned pastors who are retiring as noted above.
3. That synod offer a prayer of gratitude for these servants of God, and for the many years of service they represent.