

Synodical Services and Structure

Chair: Derek Zeyl

Reporter: Neil Jasperse

Miscellaneous

I. Work of the synodical deputies

A. 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 D.L. Spoelma (Holland), H. De Vries (Kalamazoo), and J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on January 19, 2023, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Jeffrey S.M. Kroondyk** is released from ministerial service in Cadillac Christian Reformed Church of Cadillac, Michigan.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 Newaygo, Michigan (credentials held by Trinity CRC of Fremont, MI).
20. 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.