

Advisory Committee 2, Synodical Services and Structure II, Rev. Cory Nederveld reporting, presents the following:

I. Response to Appeal 1: Immanuel CRC and Classis Chicago South

A. Materials

Appeal (distributed to advisory committee only)

B. Summary

Hessel Park CRC submitted 3 documents for the March 2, 2024 meeting of Classis Chicago South (CCS): a “Church in Protest” resolution, A Policy on Human Sexuality, and an accompanying letter explaining their process of wrestling and “settled” positions. The positions are summarized in their letter, “...we are united in opposition to the decisions of Synod 2022 and 2023 with regard to human sexuality.”

This communication was sent as information to the classis and distributed in the agenda. No action was requested, such as asking CCS’ Classical Interim Committee to process this for adoption by the classis. Hessel Park also did not intend to send on to Synod from their council.

Immanuel CRC requested that it would be “out of order” for this communication to go before classis on the grounds that the decision to place it on the agenda “conflicts with the Word of God [and] Church Order”. That request was denied. Immanuel is appealing the decision of CCS.

C. Recommendation

That synod not sustain the appeal by Immanuel CRC.

Ground: The Hessel Park CRC Communication was legally placed before Classis Chicago South according to the CCS Rules for Procedure 9.4, p. 17.