

## SYNODICAL SERVICES II

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**Preamble:** The Synodical Deputy Report highlights significant changes in pastoral leadership across our denomination. We give thanks to God for new pastors and commissioned pastors who have entered into ministry, and we pray for God's guidance and blessing as they begin this sacred work. At the same time, we grieve the loss of so many pastors—some called to serve in other denominations, others to vocations beyond the church. We trust that God is leading each of them and pray His continued grace over their journeys. We are saddened when pastors and congregations part ways, and we ask for God's healing and wisdom for all involved. And while we regret that some are stepping away from active ministry, we rejoice with those entering retirement and pray their next season is filled with joy and meaningful service in new ways. May God's faithfulness be evident in every transition.

### I. Ministerial retirements

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

Name	Classis	Effective Date
Philip Apol	Lake Erie	June 15, 2024
Douglas Bratt	Hackensack	July 1, 2024
Daniel Brouwer	Central Plains	September 5, 2023
Randall Buursma	Grand Rapids East	July 1, 2024
David Cheung	B.C. North-West	November 30, 2024
King Fai Choi	Central California	June 5, 2024
Jin Choi	Ko-Am	October 31, 2024
Victoria Verhulst Cok	Huron	May 1, 2025
Joel De Boer	Lake Superior	May 31, 2025
Douglas De Groot	lakota	January 1, 2025
Christopher De Vos	Holland	April 30, 2025
Mark Deckinga	Muskegon	September 26, 2024
Peter DeVries	Yellowstone	August 7, 2024
Joan DeVries	B.C. South-East	October 31, 2024
Charles Geschiere	Hackensack	July 1, 2024
John Greydanus	Red Mesa	March 13, 2025
Timothy Hoekstra	Chicago South	March 4, 2025
Jonathan Huizenga	Grand Rapids North	September 8, 2024
Daniel Hutt	Central California	March 4, 2025
Kyung Soo (Paul) Jho	Southeast U.S.	December 1, 2024
Daniel Jongsma	Northern Illinois	June 30, 2024
Sung Kwan Kim	Pacific Northwest	December 29, 2024
Gerald Koning	Georgetown	May 1, 2025
Leonard Kuyvenhoven	Georgetown	October 17, 2024
Charles Gregg Lawson	Eastern Canada	October 31, 2024

Randall Ledeboer	Grand Rapids South	March 1, 2025
Henry Lengkeek	Iakota	September 30, 2024
Paul Lomavatu	B.C. South-East	July 31, 2024
William Nieuwenhuis	Alberta North	June 30, 2024
DaeWoo Park	California South	March 9, 2025
Cornelius Plantinga	Grand Rapids East	July 1, 2024
Jane Porter	Toronto	August 25, 2024
Daniel Roeda	Chicago South	May 31, 2025
Harvey Roosma	North Cascades	June 30, 2024
Barbara Sanders	Grandville	December 31, 2024
Paul Sausser	Grand Rapids South	December 31, 2024
Al Schaap	Central California	November 16, 2024
Anthony Selvaggio	Atlantic Northeast	January 31, 2025
Jay Shim	Greater Los Angeles	February 25, 2025
Lawrence Spalink	Hudson	December 27, 2024
Roger Sparks	Minnkota	March 8, 2025
Edward Top	Alberta South/Saskatchewan	February 15, 2025
Verlan Van Ee	Wisconsin	June 8, 2024
Joseph Vanden Akker	Grandville	February 3, 2025
Cornelius Vander Veen	Huron	October 31, 2024
Jack VanderVeer	Quinte	September 24, 2024
Michael Wagenman	Ontario Southwest	February 1, 2025
Gideon Wamala	Iakota	March 1, 2025
Harry Winters	Lake Erie	April 27, 2025

B. Synod has received notice of the following commissioned pastor retirements under church order article 24 (emeritus status noted).

Name	Classis	Effective Date
Pablo Gaggero, emeritus	Rocky Mountain	October 12, 2024
Carol Kuipers, emerita	Central California	December 31, 2024
Gerry Muller, emeritus	Columbia	March 1, 2025

*C. Recommendations:*

1. That synod recognize with gratitude the faithful gospel ministry of the forty-nine ministers of the Word listed above.
2. That synod recognize with gratitude the faithful ministry of the three commissioned pastors listed above.

## II. Work of the synodical deputies

A. Article 8-c: Declaration of Eligibility for Call

1. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East) and C. Walters (Georgetown), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Jean Gomes**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on January 16, 2025 to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian

Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, MI.

*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Han Sung Kim**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session on March 4, 2025 to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is San Jose New Hope Christian Reformed Church of Santa Clara, CA.
3. Synodical deputies D. Glassford (Holland), C. Walters (Georgetown), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Kyung Phil Kim**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on August 15, 2024, to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Hahn-in Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, MI.
4. Synodical deputies D. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and J. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Yeon Tae Kim**, 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 17, 2024, to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Ye-Eun Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, CA.
5. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), C. VanderNeut (Yellowstone), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Soonhyuk Kwon**, 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 6, 2025, to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Aruemdawoon Christian Reformed Church of Las Vegas, NV.
6. Synodical deputies D. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and J. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Rev. Inseok Shin**, 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 17, 2024, to declare them eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Hanmin Christian Reformed Church of Fullerton, CA.

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

- B. Article 8, C, 3: Extension of Eligibility for Call Following Specified Term of Service
  1. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown) and B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, concur in the decision of

classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Supplement Article 8, C, 3, that **Rev. Enrique Gomez's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

2. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East) and C. Walters (Georgetown), having heard the discussion of Classis Grandville in session on January 16, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Supplement Article 8, C, 3, that **Rev. Greg Vander Horn's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.  
*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.
3. Synodical deputies J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), B. Persenaire (Central California), and S. Elgersma (California South), having heard the discussion of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 22, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Supplement Article 8, C, 3, that **Rev. Brian Willats'** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

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

- C. Article 10: Admission of Candidate Who Has Completed the Requirements for the Ministry of the Word
  1. Synodical deputies J. Klingenberg (Niagara), J. Tuininga (Quinte), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Eastern Canada, in session October 25, 2024, to admit candidate **Rebecca J. Bokma** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
  2. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session October 11, 2024, to admit candidate **William G. Brouwers** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
  3. Synodical deputies J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), B. Persenaire (Central California), and S. Elgersma (California South), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session October 22, 2024, to admit candidate **Robert Golding** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
  4. Synodical deputies M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), P. Kornilov (Hackensack), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session October 5, 2024, to admit candidate **Caleb Harper** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church North America.
  5. Synodical deputies S. de Jong (Northcentral Iowa), C. Hoekstra (Iakota), and J. Van Marion (Lake Superior), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 18, 2024, to admit candidate **Keith Hoekstra** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

6. Synodical deputies E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), C. Walters (Georgetown), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with the Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on August 15, 2024, to admit **Josiah Huisman** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), R. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and L. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session January 23, 2025, to admit candidate **Jake (Minho) Jeong** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and 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 1, 2024, to admit candidate **Austin Kammeraad** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 19, 2024, to admit candidate **Yohan Lee** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
10. Synodical deputies S. Couperus (Huron), J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Quinte, in session May 27, 2025, to admit candidate **Daniel M. LeForestier** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and 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 1, 2024, to admit candidate **Patrick Y. Lin** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
12. Synodical deputies G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and D. 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 February 26, 2025, to admit candidate **Jeremiah Mitchell** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
13. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), J. Christoffels (Illiana), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session March 25, 2025, to admit candidate **Kevin Moxon** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

14. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M. Kooy (Chicago South), and M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Southeast U.S., in session March 17, 2025, to admit candidate **Erik H. Pluemer** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
15. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), G. Van Leeuwen (Alberta South and Saskatchewan), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session March 7, 2025, to admit candidate **Natasha Specht** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
16. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and 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 1, 2024, to admit candidate **Matthew D. Timms** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
17. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session October 10, 2024, to admit candidate **Daniel Unterkofler** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
18. Synodical deputies J. Ryzebol (Niagara), S. Couperus (Huron), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on September 24, 2024, to admit candidate **Nicholas G. Vander Ploeg** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
19. Synodical deputies J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on September 18, 2024, to admit candidate **Micah Van Dyken** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
20. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 19, 2024, to admit candidate **Sarah VerMerris** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
21. Synodical deputies B. Mensink (Grandville), H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session February 4, 2025, to admit candidate **YanYan (Ruth) Xing** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

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

D. Article 12-c: Calling a Minister to a Specialized Ministry

1. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Madison Christian Reformed Church, 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 May 15, 2025, to approve the position of Executive Director of The Hermitage as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Troy Bierma**.
2. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Church of the Servant 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 September 19, 2024, to approve the position of Good Relations Officer in the Irish Council of Churches as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Karen Campbell**.
3. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), P. Guarracino (Atlantic Northeast), and P. Kornilov (Hackensack), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of East West of NY of Bayside Hills, 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 Hudson, in session on September 19, 2024, to approve the position of orphanage ministry in Haiti as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Henry Cho**.
4. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Shawnee Park Christian Reformed Church, 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 May 15, 2025, to approve the position of Ministry Consultant with Thrive as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Benjamin Van Arragon**.
5. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), S. VanderPloeg (Southeast U.S.), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, 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 Northeast, in session on March 12, 2025, to approve the position of Director of Ecclesiastical Governance as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Joel VandeWerken**.
6. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), S. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, 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 Northeast, in session on October 3, 2024, to approve the position of Adjunct Professor of Theology at Boston College as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Rev. Daniel Vos**.

7. Synodical deputies P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), J. Tuininga (Quinte), and M. Bootsma (Hamilton), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Exeter Christian Reformed Church of Exeter, Ontario, concur in the decision of Classis Huron, in session on September 25, 2024, not to approve the position of Director of Planned Gifts and Investment as consistent with the ministry of the Word.

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

E. Article 13-c: Loaning a Minister to a Church Outside the Christian Reformed Church in North America

1. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana in session on September 18, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Fred De Jong** to serve First Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa (a congregation in the Kingdom Network) (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
2. Synodical deputies C. Walters (Georgetown), E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), and D. Glassford (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 August 15, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Josiah Huisman** to serve First Reformed Church of Zeeland, Michigan for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
3. Synodical deputies N. de Koning (Alberta North), A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan, in session on October 25, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Leon Johnston** to serve Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frontier, Saskatchewan, for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
4. Synodical deputies J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), B. Persenaire (Central California), and S. Elgersma (California South), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 22, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Man Sub (Louis) Kim** to serve Valley Korean Central Presbyterian Church of North Hills, California for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
5. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), B. Persenaire (Central California), and 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 Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 6, 2025, to approve loaning **Rev. Rich (EuiGoo) Kim** to serve Hosanna Presbyterian Church of Korea for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
6. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and 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 1, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Caleb Lai** to serve Evangelical Formosan Church of Houston, Texas for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).

7. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), C. VanderNeut (Yellowstone), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis California South, in session on March 6, 2025, to approve loaning **Rev. Phillip Lee** to serve the Bethany Church of Wayne, New Jersey until March 6, 2027.
8. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), 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 11, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Ahnna Cho Park** to serve Denver Seminary of Denver, Colorado for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).
9. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), 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 11, 2024, to approve loaning **Rev. Daniel Rhee** to serve Hanbit Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas for not more than two years (cf. Supplement, Art. 13-c, Regulation e).

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

- F. Extension of Loan of a Minister to a Church Outside the Christian Reformed Church in North America (Supplement, Article 13-c, Regulation e)
  1. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the discussion of Classis Central California in session on March 4, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to approve the extension of loan, in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 13-c, Regulation e, of **Rev. KyungRyul Lee** to serve The Way Church of San Jose, California until March 4, 2027.
  2. Synodical deputies G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and D. Roeda (Chicago South), having heard the discussion of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on February 26, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to approve the extension of loan, in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 13-c, Regulation e, of **Rev. Mark Van Stee** to serve the Reformed Church of Zurich of Zurich, Switzerland, until February 26, 2027.

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

- G. Article 14-b: Release from Office to Enter a Ministry Outside the Christian Reformed Church
  1. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Andrea Baas, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Andrea Baas** is

honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

2. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Nicholas Baas, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Nicholas Baas** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North), C. Walters (Georgetown), and J. Brower (Kalamazoo), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Amanda Benckhuysen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on March 6, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Amanda Benckhuysen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies T. Kuperus (Northern Michigan), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kenneth R. Bieber Jr., in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 1, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kenneth R. Bieber Jr.** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of James Blankespoor, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. James Blankespoor** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
6. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kristy Bootsma, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kristy Bootsma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Joyce Borger, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Joyce Borger** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies V. Laarman (Huron), B. Gresik (Eastern Canada), and D. Nieuwstraten (Hamilton), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Michael Borgert, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on May 27, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Michael Borgert** is honorably

released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

9. Synodical deputies J. Christoffels (Illiana), J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Timothy Bossenbroek, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on February 22, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Timothy Bossenbroek** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
10. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), N. de Koning (Alberta North), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Richard Braaksma, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan, in session on March 14, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Richard Braaksma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies T. Slachter (Zeeland), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and J. Medendorp (Muskegon), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Christina L. Brinks Rea, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on March 6, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Christina L. Brinks Rea** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
12. Synodical deputies S. Couperus (Huron), J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Daniel G. Brown, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Quinte, in session on May 27, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Daniel G. Brown** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
13. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kelly Buist, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kelly Buist** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
14. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Darren Colyn, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on February 26, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Darren Colyn** is honorably from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
15. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), S. Datema (Northern Michigan), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Julie DeGraaf Feenstra, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on June 3, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Julie DeGraaf Feenstra** is

honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America

16. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Cynthia de Jong, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Cynthia de Jong** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
17. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Nathan DeJong McCarron, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Nathan DeJong McCarron** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
18. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Samantha DeJong McCarron, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Samantha DeJong McCarron** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
19. Synodical deputies V. Laarman (Huron), G. Lawson (Eastern Canada), and M. Bootsma (Hamilton), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Heidi DeJonge, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Quinte, in session on September 24, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Dr. Heidi De Jonge** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
20. Synodical deputies S. Couperus (Huron), J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Timothy De Jonge, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Quinte, in session on January 18, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Timothy De Jonge** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
21. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Erika Dekker, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Erika Dekker** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
22. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Joel C. DeMoor, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Joel C. DeMoor** is

honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

23. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), J. Van Schepen (Columbia), and G. Kamps (Yellowstone), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Daniel DeVries, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, in the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on May 10, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Daniel DeVries** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
24. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), J. Van Schepen (Columbia), and G. Kamps (Yellowstone), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Elisabeth DeVries, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, in the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on May 10, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Elisabeth DeVries** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
25. Synodical deputies J. Ryzebol (Niagara), S. Couperus (Huron), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Steve. J. Dozeman, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on September 24, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Steve J. Dozeman** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
26. Synodical Deputies C. Dickson (Red Mesa), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and P. Westra (Heartland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Joy Engelsman, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 4, 2025 to declare that **Rev. Joy Engelsman** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
27. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Ronald Feenstra, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Ronald Feenstra** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
28. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), T. Slatcher (Zeeland), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Tara Foreman, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 20, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Tara Foreman** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
29. Synodical deputies T. Kuperus (Northern Michigan), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Nathan J. Groenewold, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 1, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Nathan J. Groenewold** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

30. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Chelsey Harmon, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on March 4, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Chelsey Harmon** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
31. Synodical deputies B. Mensink (Grandville) and J. Scripps (Georgetown) having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Steve Hasper, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Stephen M. Hasper** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
32. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Laurie Hogge, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Laurie Hogge** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
33. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Anthony Holmes Curran, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Anthony Holmes Curran** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
34. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of James Holwerda, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. James Holwerda** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
35. Synodical deputies R. Sparks (Minnkota), P. Westra (Heartland), and H. Newhouse (Lake Superior), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Sarah Hoogendoorn, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Iakota's Interim Committee, in session on October 14, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Sarah Hoogendoorn** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
36. Synodical Deputies C. Dickson (Red Mesa), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and P. Westra (Heartland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of William Jensen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on March 4, 2025 to declare that **Rev. William Jensen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

37. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kelsi Jones, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kelsi Jones** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
38. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Rebecca Jordan Heys, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
39. Synodical deputies T. Kuperus (Northern Michigan), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Hong Y. Kim, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 1, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Hong Y. Kim** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
40. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Debra Koster, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Debra Koster** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
41. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Steven Koster, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Steven Koster** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
42. Synodical deputies T. Slachter (Zeeland), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Jeffrey Kroondyk, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on September 24, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Jeffrey Kroondyk** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
43. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of LeRae Kuperus, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. LeRae Kuperus** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

44. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Margaret Jenista Kuykendall, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hackensack in session on March 4, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Margaret Jenista Kuykendall** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
45. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Joshua Lee, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on October 3, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Joshua Lee** is deposed from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
46. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Ruth Lemmen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Ruth Lemmen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
47. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
48. Synodical deputies T. Slachter (Zeeland), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and J. Medendorp (Muskegon), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Jeffrey M. Meyer, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session on March 6, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Jeffrey M. Meyer** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
49. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Lisa Meyer, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Lisa Meyer** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
50. Synodical deputies J. Vanderhooft (Grand Rapids South), T. Slachter (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Marc Nelesen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Marc Nelesen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.



51. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), G. Van Leeuwen (Alberta South and Saskatchewan), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Karen Norris, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decisions of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 7, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Karen Norris** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
52. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Matthew Postma, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Matthew Postma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
53. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Robert Rienstra, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Robert Rienstra** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
54. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), G. VanLeeuwen (Alberta South and Saskatchewan), and H. Newhouse (Lake Superior), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Peter Rockhold, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 18, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Peter Rockhold** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
55. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Adam Rodeheaver-Van Gelder, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Adam Rodeheaver-Van Gelder** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
56. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), N. de Koning (Alberta North), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Daniel Roukema, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan, in session on March 14, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Daniel Roukema** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
57. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Sue Rozeboom, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Sue Rozeboom** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

58. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Katrina Schaafsma, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Katrina Schaafsma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
59. Synodical deputies P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), L.B. Mensink (Grandville) and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Benjamin J. Schaefer, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on October 8, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Benjamin J. Schaefer** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
60. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), T. Slatcher (Zeeland), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Nathaniel Schmidt, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 20, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Nathaniel Schmidt** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
61. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Christopher Schoon, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Christopher Schoon** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
62. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Ryan Schreiber, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Ryan Schreiber** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
63. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Sarah Schreiber, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Sarah Schreiber** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
64. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Kathleen Smith, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Kathleen Smith** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

65. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Benjamin Snoek, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hackensack in session on March 4, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Benjamin Snoek** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
66. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Heather Strooboscher, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session on May 20, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Heather Strooboscher** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
67. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), S. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Samuel Sutter, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast in session on July 17, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Samuel Sutter** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
68. Synodical deputies T. Kuperus (Northern Michigan), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Ryan S. Swieringa, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 1, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Ryan S. Swieringa** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
69. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), T. Slatcher (Zeeland), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Rebecca Tjapkes, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 20, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Rebecca Tjapkes** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
70. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Arianna Tolsma Hiskes, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Arianna Tolsma Hiskes** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
71. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown), D. Fauble (Grandville), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Michelle VanDenBerg, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Zeeland, in session on October 3, 2024, to declare that **Rev. Michelle VanDenBerg** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

72. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Elizabeth Vander Haagen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Elizabeth Vander Haagen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
73. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Geoffrey Vandermolen, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Geoffrey Vandermolen** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
74. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Ellen Van Tongeren, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Ellen Van Tongeren** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
75. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Sarah VerMerris, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Sarah VerMerris** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
76. Synodical deputies J. Vanderhooft (Grand Rapids South), T. Slachter (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Caitlin Visser, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Caitlin Visser** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
77. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Klaas Walhout, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Klaas Walhout** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
78. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Joanna Wigboldy, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Joanna Wigboldy** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

79. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North West), G. Van Leeuwen (Alberta South and Saskatchewan), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South East), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Timothy Wood, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decisions of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 7, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Timothy Wood** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
80. Synodical deputies T. Kuperus (Northern Michigan), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Rhonda S. Workman, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 1, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Rhonda S. Workman** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
81. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Bradly Zwiers, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Bradly Zwiers** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
82. Synodical deputies P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), S. Couperus (Huron), and M. Kang (Hudson), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of Daniel C. Zylstra, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on May 24, 2025, to declare that **Rev. Daniel C. Zylstra** is honorably 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.

#### H. Article 14-c: Release from Office to Enter a Non-ministerial Vocation

1. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Aminah Al-Attas Bradford** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
2. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Nataniel Al-Attas Bradford** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
3. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 19, 2024, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c,

that **Rev. David Bouma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.

4. Synodical deputies C. Hoekstra (Iakota), P. Westra (Heartland), and S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), having heard the discussions of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 8, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
5. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and E. Visser (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on January 16, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Eric Kas** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
6. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), D. Glassford (Holland), and J. Scripps (Georgetown), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on September 12, 2024, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Suzanne McDonald** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
7. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Sarah Roelofs** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
8. Synodical deputies J. Tuininga (Quinte), M. Bootsma (Hamilton), and P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), having heard the discussion of Classis Huron, in session on May 21, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Norman Sennema** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
9. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), G. VanLeeuwen (Alberta South and Saskatchewan), and H. Newhouse (Lake Superior), having heard the discussion of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 18, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Chad Vandervalk** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.
10. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), R. Engle (Lake Erie), and P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 19, 2024, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Aaron Winkle** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.

11. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, **Rev. John D. Witvliet** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a non-ministerial vocation.

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

I. Article 14-d: Release from Office of One Whose Vocation is Judged to Be Non-ministerial

1. Synodical Deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown), D. Fauble (Grandville), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on September 12, 2024, in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-d, that **Rev. Daniel Joo**, having entered a vocation that is judged to be non-ministerial, 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.

J. Article 14-e: Former Minister Declared Re-eligible for Call

1. Synodical deputies J. Klingenberg (Niagara), J. Tuininga (Quinte), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis Eastern Canada, in session on February 28, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that **James A. Broekema** is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis Northern Illinois in session on September 18, 2024 concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that **Daniel Gregory** is eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), having heard the interview of the applicant and the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 11, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-e, that **George Saylor** 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.

K. Article 17-a: Release from a Call

1. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Koll (Greater Los Angeles), having heard the weight reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 14, 2024 concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Ram Aryal** is released

from ministerial service in Maranatha Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Farmington, New Mexico.

2. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown), D. Fauble (Grandville), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Zeeland, in session on October 3, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. John Cleveringa** is released from ministerial service at Haven Christian Reformed Church, Zeeland, Michigan.
3. Synodical deputies M. Bootsma (Hamilton), J. Tuininga (Quinte), and P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Huron, in session on May 21, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Laura de Jong** is released from ministerial service at Community Christian Reformed Church, Kitchener, Ontario.
4. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown), D. Fauble (Grandville), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session on September 12, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Stephen De Wit** is released from ministerial service at Alger Park Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
5. Synodical deputies S. Muilenburg (Minnkota), H. Newhouse (Lake Superior), and P. Westra (Heartland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis lakota, in session on July 16, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kyle DeYoung** is released from ministerial service at Shalom Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
6. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan, in session on May 7, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Paul J. Droogers** is released from ministerial service at Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church, Iron Springs, Alberta.
7. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on February 26, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17- a, that **Rev. Joseph Ellis** is released from ministerial service at Telkwa Christian Reformed Church, Telkwa, British Columbia.
8. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. North-West, in session on February 26, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17- a, that **Rev. Michelle Ellis** is released from ministerial service at Telkwa Christian Reformed Church, Telkwa, British Columbia.



9. Synodical deputies J. Tuininga (Quinte), G. Lawson (Eastern Canada), and P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Huron, in session on February 26, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Robert Hoekstra** is released from ministerial service at Vanastra Community Christian Reformed Church, Vanastra, Ontario.
10. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. Byma (Grand Rapids North), and D. Glassford (Holland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grandville, in session on May 15, 2025, in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Lorie Jonkman** is released from ministerial service at Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
11. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on March 4, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. John Kim** is released from ministerial service at Lord's Grace Christian Reformed Church in Tracy, CA.
12. Synodical Deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 4, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Anthony Matias** is released from ministerial service at El Buen Pastor Christian Reformed Church of Prospect Park, New Jersey.
13. Synodical deputies J. Vanderhooft (Grand Rapids South), T. Slachter (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Jacob Porter** is released from ministerial service at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan.
14. Synodical deputies P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Daniel Roels** is released from ministerial service at Boston Square Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
15. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and B. Lanting (North Cascades), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on October 22, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Michael Vander Laan** is released from ministerial service at Sahali Fellowship of Kamloops, British Columbia.

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

L. Article 17-c: Extension of Eligibility for Call

1. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having heard the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on October 1, 2024 concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Kyung Lok Jang's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
2. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown) and B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, 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.
3. Synodical deputies J. Ryzebol (Niagara), S. Couperus (Huron), and R. Grift (Toronto), having heard the discussion of Classis Ontario Southwest, in session on September 24, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Marcel R. Kuiper's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
4. Synodical deputies J. Christoffels (Illiana), J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the discussion of Classis Chicago South, in session on February 22, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Phillip Leo's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
5. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), having heard the discussion of Classis Central California, in session on March 4, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Peter Oh's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
6. Synodical deputies B. Hofman (Heartland), S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), and R. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the discussion of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 17, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Adam Stout's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

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

M. Article 17-c: Release from the Office of Minister of the Word

1. Synodical deputies, J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), J. Hollendoner (Illiana), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having heard the discussion of Classis Chicago South, in session on September 18, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Phil Covert** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies B. Hofman (Heartland), S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), and R. Sparks (Minnkota), having heard the discussion of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 17, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Joseph Kim** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown) and L. Mensink, (Grandville), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Bryan J. Van Soelen**

is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.

4. Synodical deputies B. Persenaire (Central California), G. Kamps (Yellowstone), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having heard the discussion of Classis Columbia, in session on March 1, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Joshua Van Til** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word In the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 4, 2025, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Robert Wafula** 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.

N. Article 23-a: Declaration that a Commissioned Pastor's Position Fits Synodical Guidelines

1. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Stephenville Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 11, 2024, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Gabriel Amador**.
2. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Trinity Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 10, 2024, that the position of Commissioned Pastor of Trinity Fellowship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **G. Angel Casas**.
3. Synodical deputies S. Couperus (Huron), P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), and J. Tuininga (Quinte), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Willowdale Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on October 9, 2024, that the position of Pastor of Care and Discipleship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Sylvie Charliekaram**.
4. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), B. Persenaire (Central California), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New City Christian Reformed Church, 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 6, 2025, that the position of Worship and Youth Pastor/ Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Timothy Cordova Jr.**

5. Synodical deputies E. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), S. Elgersma (California South), and D. Yi (Ko-Am), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Faith Christian Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on March 4, 2025, that the position of Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Jonathan Coupal**.
6. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Spirit and Truth Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 4, 2025, that the position of specialized minister in Chaplaincy is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Adrienne Croskey**.
7. Synodical deputies D. Glassford (Holland) and L. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Brookside Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on October 15, 2024, that the position of Pastor of Spiritual Formation & Care is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Nicole Davis**.  
*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.
8. Synodical deputies C. Hoesktra (Iakota), S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), and R. Sparks (Minnkota), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hoppers Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on March 8, 2025, that the position of Commissioned Pastor of First Christian Reformed Church is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Matthew Dengler**.
9. Synodical deputies M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), B. Lanting (North Cascades), and W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church 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 February 26, 2025, that the position of Youth Ministry Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Canaan Ee**.
10. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Celebration Fellowship Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, that the position of Missionary Chaplain to the Michigan Department of Corrections is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Crisanto Escabalzeta**.

11. Synodical deputies T. Slachter (Zeeland), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and J. Medendorp (Muskegon), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on March 6, 2025, that the position of Co-Pastor of Las Casa de mi Padre is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Jose Garcia**.
12. Synodical deputies T. Slachter (Zeeland), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and J. Medendorp (Muskegon), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on March 6, 2025, that the position of Co-Pastor of Las Casa de mi Padre is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Linda Garcia**.
13. Synodical deputies C. Hoesktra (Iakota), P. Westra (Heartland), and S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New Life Prison Community Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 8, 2025, that the position of Commissioned Pastor of New Life Prison Community Church is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **David Gritters**.
14. Synodical deputies J. Vanderhooft (Grand Rapids South), T. Slachter (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Fairway Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on May 15, 2025, that the position of Pastor of Children and Youth Ministries is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Joe Gruppen**.
15. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bradenton Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Southeast U.S., in session on September 21, 2024, that the position of Director of Youth is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **James Kostelyk**.
16. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East) and C. Walters (Georgetown), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of South Grandville Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on January 16, 2025, that the position of Leadership and Spiritual Direction Developer is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **James Lee**.
17. Synodical deputies D. Fauble (Grandville), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and S. Datema (Northern Michigan), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Dearborn Christian Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis

Lake Erie, in session on August 25, 2024, that the position of Director of Worship and Family Ministry is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Justin Makowski**.

18. Synodical deputies D. Glassford (Holland) and L. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Encounter Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on October 15, 2024, that the position of Youth and Preaching Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Kyle McRill**.  
*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.
19. Synodical deputies G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and D. Roeda (Chicago South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on February 26, 2025, that the position of Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Dario Mendez**.
20. Synodical deputies C. Hoekstra (Iakota), R. Sparks (Minnkota), and B. Hofman (Heartland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Pease Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on March 4, 2025, that the position of Pastor of Youth and Discipleship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Dylan Moorlag**.
21. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), P. Guarracino (Atlantic Northeast), and D. Roeda (Chicago South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Mission Jersey City Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on September 17, 2024, that the position of Solo Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Daniel Navarro**.
22. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Haitian Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Southeast U.S., in session on September 21, 2024, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Pierre Leclair Paurice**.
23. Synodical deputies J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), B. Persenaire (Central California), and S. Elgersma (California South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Rosewood Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 22, 2024, that the position of Pastor of Preaching and

Next Generation is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Ryan Pelton**.

24. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown) and L. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Harderwyk Ministries, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, that the position of CRC: Local Mission Leader is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Janis Persenaire**.  
*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.
25. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Stephenville Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 11, 2024, that the position of Church Planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Nora Pinero**.
26. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), P. Guarracino (Atlantic Northeast), and P. Kornilov (Hackensack), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Restore Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on September 19, 2024, that the position of Executive Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Christopher Roberts**.
27. Synodical deputies P. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and J. Sideco (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sunlight Church, Lake Worth Beach, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Southeast U.S., in session on September 21, 2024, that the position of Pastor of Sunlight Español Lake Worth Beach is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Andres Sancho**.
28. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), B. Persenaire (Central California), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Long Beach Christian Reformed Church, 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 6, 2025, that the position of Pastor of Outreach and Evangelism/Commissioned Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Ronald Sato**.
29. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown), B. Mensink (Grandville), and D. Glassford (Holland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Thornapple Valley, in session on May 20, 2025, that the position of Worship Leadership is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Micah Shin**.

30. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), J. Hollendonner (Illiana), and P. Westra (Heartland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Brookfield Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Wisconsin, in session on February 22, 2025, that the position of Church Planting Resident is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **MacLowly Sore**.
31. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Chicago South), M. Saville (Atlantic Northeast), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of By Grace Alone Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 4, 2025, that the position of Associate Servant Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Benjamin Soto**.
32. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 1, 2024, that the position of Worship Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **JP Trabbold**.
33. Synodical deputies J. Christoffels (Illiana), J. Huizinga (Northern Illinois), and G. Schuringa (Wisconsin), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on February 22, 2025, that the position of Professor of Moral Theology at Calvin Theological Seminary is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Matthew Tuininga**.
34. Synodical deputies G. Bekker (Grand Rapids South), P. De Vries (Thornapple Valley), and D. Fauble (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Celebration Fellowship Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on May 15, 2025, that the position of Missionary Chaplain to the Michigan Department of Corrections is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Mark Urban**.
35. Synodical deputies J. Scripps (Georgetown) and L. Mensink (Grandville), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Harderwyk Ministries, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 3, 2024, that the position of Children's Pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Becky Visser**.  
*Deputies' comments:* A third synodical deputy was unable to attend the meeting.
36. Synodical deputies S. Couperus (Huron), P. Apoll (Ontario Southwest), and J. Tuininga (Quinte), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Willowdale Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re



office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on October 9, 2024, that the position of Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. This position is to be filled by **Nathan (Nasser) Zand**.

37. Synodical deputies S. Elgersma (California South), D. Yi (Ko-Am), and J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Community Cornerstone Christian Reformed Church, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 1, 2024, that the position of Pastoral Care is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.

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

O. Article 24-a: Service of a Commissioned Pastor in an Organized Church as Solo Pastor or Senior Leadership Position

1. Synodical deputies C. Hoekstra (Iakota), P. Westra (Heartland), and S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), having examined the request submitted by the council of New Life Prison Community Church, concur with the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 8, 2025, that the use of the commissioned pastor office to fill this solo or senior role in an organized church is in keeping with synodical guidelines.

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

P. Article 24-b: Calling a Commissioned Pastor to a Specified Term

1. Synodical deputies C. Hoekstra (Iakota), S. Mulder (Northcentral Iowa), and R. Sparks (Minnkota), having examined the request submitted by the council of Hospers Christian Reformed Church of Hospers, Iowa, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on March 8, 2025, that the use of the commissioned pastor office to fill this solo or senior role in an organized church is in keeping with synodical guidelines (the call is for a specified term, contingent on the individual making accountable progress toward completion of the requirements for ordination as minister of the Word, as explained on page 12-14 of the Commissioned Pastor Handbook). This position is to be filled by **Mr. Matthew Dengler**.
2. Synodical deputies B. Bierma (Central Plains), C. Dickson (Red Mesa), and C. Hoekstra (Iakota), having examined the request submitted by the council of New Life Christian Reformed Church, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 11, 2024, that the use of the commissioned pastor office to fill this solo or senior role in an organized church is in keeping with synodical guidelines (the call is for a specified term, contingent on the individual making accountable progress toward completion of the requirements for ordination as minister of the Word, as explained on page 12-14 of the Commissioned Pastor Handbook). This position is to be filled by **Pastor Doug Felts**.
3. Synodical deputies B. Lanting (North Cascades), B. Persenaire (Central California), and M. Borst (Pacific Northwest), having examined the request submitted by the council of Christ

Community Christian Reformed Church, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Columbia, in session on September 28, 2024, that the use of the commissioned pastor office to fill this solo or senior role in an organized church is in keeping with synodical guidelines (the call is for a specified term, contingent on the individual making accountable progress toward completion of the requirements for ordination as minister of the Word, as explained on page 12-14 of the Commissioned Pastor Handbook). This position is to be filled by **Pastor Benjamin Petersen**.

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