**Summary of Occasions When Synodical Deputies Are Needed**

(cf. *2017 Church Order and Its Supplements*)

1. Church Order Article 7: Admittance to ministry without the prescribed training (deputies needed for all steps)
2. Examination for licensure for a probationary period of time
3. Examination for eligibility for call
4. Examination for ordination

*Note:* Each step is to occur at a *separate* meeting of classis.

1. Church Order Supplement, Article 8, E, 5-8: Calling ministers from other denominations examined for colloquium doctum.

*Note:* Establishing a need and declaration for eligibility are done with the approval of the Candidacy Committee. And this *never* occurs at the same session of classis as the colloquium doctum.

1. Church Order Article 10: Admission of candidates who have completed all requirements for ministry

*Note:* Request a copy of the sermon evaluation *prior to* the classis meeting.

1. **\***Church Order Article 12-c: Approval for serving in specialized ministries
2. Church Order Article 13-c: Loaning a minister to other denominations

a. Church Order Article 13-c: Approval for ministers to be on loan to other denominations

b. Supplement, Article 13-c, Regulation e: Extension of Loan of a Minister to Another Denomination

1. Church Order Article 14: Release from ministerial office
2. 14-b: Release from office to enter a ministry outside the CRC
3. 14-c: Release from office to enter a nonministerial vocation
4. 14-d: Termination of the ministerial office of a minister whose vocation has not been approved by the assemblies
5. 14-e: Return to office of a person who has been honorably released
6. Church Order Article 17: Release from ministerial service and/or office
7. 17-a: Release from service in a congregation initiated by a minister, a council, or jointly for nondisciplinary reasons
8. 17-c: Release from ministerial office (after a period of time within which no call has been received)
9. 17-d: Release from the office of minister of the Word (after the process of evaluation and assistance)

8. Church Order Article 23: Approval of commissioned pastor position

a. **\***23-a: Declaration regarding a commissioned pastor’s position

b. 23-b or -c: Service of a commissioned pastor as solo pastor

c. 23-d: Calling a commissioned pastor to an organized congregation

9. Church Order Article 38-h: Approval of multiaffiliation designation for a congregation

10. Church Order Articles 82-83 and Supplement, Articles 82-84-f: Deposition of a minister of the Word

11. Church Order Article 84 and Supplement, Articles 82-84-i: Reinstatement of a minister of the Word

**\****Note:* Concurrence regarding Articles 12-c and 23-a *may be* given by phone upon review of the appropriate documentation if judged *by the deputies* to be routine in nature.