

1. OPENING WORSHIP/DEVOTIONS – Jewel Willis Thomas
2. ROLL CALL by signature

CHURCHES

ELDER DELEGATES

PASTOR

Berwyn: First

Dennis Suda

Chicago: La Capilla

Mt. Greenwood

Dave Ridderhoff

Bill Crowder

Downers Grove

Lou Bury

Howard Hoekstra

Lemont: Christ Comm

Jim Allen
Alex Berzins

Lombard: Taiwanese

Orland Park: Calvary

John Woodyatt
Earl Vander Wall
Butch Greendyke
Rich Schuler

David Van Kley

Stickney: Faith

Dan Luczak

Christopher Poest

West Chgo: Faith

Shane Sterk

NEW MINISTRY STARTS

Crossroads Comm
Jericho Road

Specialized Ministers: Matt Schmidt, Jamie Sipsma, Wendy Haack, Gregg Pusateri, Joe Paglia, Andy Rozendaal, Keith Starkenburg, Dave Parrish, Maryterese Orshonsky

Guests: Wayne Van Regenmorter, Lylz Zumdahl, Jewel Willis Thomas, Marge Vander Wagen

3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION
 - GEN-14-W-1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to transfer the Rev. Carl De Jong as retired pastor.*
 - GEN-14-W-2 *Motion made, seconded and carried to transfer the Rev. Donald Vandenberg as retired pastor.*
 - GEN-14-W-3 *Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the transfer of the Rev. Matt Schmidt to the Chicago Classis.*

4. GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO GUESTS
 - GEN-14-W-4 *Motion made, seconded and carried to grant the privilege of the floor to the guests.*

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE DAY
 - a. Boundaries of the House
 - b. Requests for Suspension of the Rules of Order

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Updated meeting minutes were distributed.

 - GEN-14-W-5 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the updated minutes of the Winter Stated Session on Feb. 16, 2013.*
 - GEN-14-W-6 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the updated minutes of the Fall Stated Session on Sept 21, 2013 with revision.*

7. APPOINTMENTS
 - a. Tellers
 - b. Other Appointments

8. REFERRALS
 - a. Correspondence

 - b. Requests for Excused Absences
 - GEN-14-W-7 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the requests for excused absences.*

9. STATED CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS ORDERED AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consistorial Reports are due to Diane TODAY.
Please submit them electronically if you have not done so.

10. PRESIDENTS UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE CLASSIS – Dave Parrish

11. APPOINTMENT OF SYNODICAL DELEGATES
 - GEN-14-W-8 *Motion made, seconded and carried by show of hands to change the by-laws to choose the General synod delegates through a general rotation of called pastors and specialized ministers.(second reading)*

By-laws will be changed and uploaded onto the Website.

General Synod – June 12-17, 2014, Central College, Pella, IA

Ministerial Delegates:

George Beukema, Andy Rozendaal

Alternates: Liala Beukema, Jeff Klein

Elder Delegate Churches: Faith Reformed Community Church – Stickney, Mt
Greenwood Reformed, Chicago.

12. REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

CHURCH CARE COMMITTEE– Rich Schuler, Chairperson

Request from Classis members for more communication regarding consistent updates on Berwyn and Crossroads.

A pdf of the KEZ information on the website as soon as it is rescheduled (previously cancelled due to weather)

Clarification of Classis supervisor for Christ Community Church:

Supervisor: Gregg Pusateri

Elder: Rich Schuler

CANDIDATE CARE COMMITTEE – Rev. Andy Rozendaal, Chairperson

CCC-14-W-1 – *Motion made, seconded and carried that the Chicago Classis provide Grant Mulder and Marge Vander Wagen a licensure to preach the gospel and authorized as a candidate for ordained ministry.*

CCC-14-W-2 – *Motion made, seconded and discussion that the Chicago Classis takes Lou Bury under the care of Classis.*

CCC-14-W-2.1 – Motion made, seconded and carried to call the question

CCC-14-W-2.2 – Recommendation carried.

CCC-14-W-3 – *Motion made, seconded and discussion for the Classis to approve the dismissal of Grant Mulder to the Wisconsin Classis.*

Grant Mulder will be ordained and installed on March 2 at 3pm at
Giggsville Reformed Church, Gibbsville, WI.

CCC-14-W-4 – *Motion made, seconded and made to sustain the examinations of Jewel Willis Thomas to preach the gospel.*

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Gregg Pusateri resigned as chair due to the difficulty with the commuting to pastors, but will remain a part of committee.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Dan Luczak, treasurer

For Report: Stewardship Committee agreed to extend the term of the loan for Faith-Stickney for 3 years.

For Report: 2013 line items were under budget.

STE-14-W-1 – *Motion made, seconded and discussion to approve up to \$70,000 grant money (to be divided between) churches who attend the KEZ event and apply for a grant through the Church Care Committee.*

Clarification made that this \$70,000 would be allocated from the 10% of investment money for church help.

Request from Classis members for detailed information regarding Fidelity investments and the monies earmarked for specific ministries.

STE-14-W-1.1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to call the question.*

STE-14-W-1.2 – *Recommendation carried.*

13. **COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Minutes are available on the Classis website, <http://chicago.msyn.org>, and are for informational purposes only.

Diane will work with Chad to make sure the website has correct information and links for website.

14. **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Overture and Judicial Business Committee

OJB-14-W-1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the proposed changes to the RCA constitution.*

Request from Classis members for information and a representation at the meeting to speak to the recommendations.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

For Report: Coordinating Committee sees the next step as developing unity and connectedness among pastors and Chicago Classis Churches. – Lou Bury.

16. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Report: Transformed and Transforming RCA vision-Wayne Van Regemorter encouraging Pastors to work with their consistories regarding how their churches fit into this vision and mission. RCA website has resources for consistories.

Report – MidAmerica Synod has arranged for a meeting with Tom DeVries regarding the RCA and homosexuality on March 3, 2014 6:30-8:30 at Faith Church, Dyer, IN.

GEN-14-W- 9 – *Motion made, seconded to approve the slate of nominations as presented. Discussion*

Nominations Committee

Nominations: President: Lou Bury
Vice-President: Gregg Pusateri
Stated Clerk: Diane Orange
Treasurer: Dan Luczak
Church Care Chairperson: Rich Schuler
Pastor Care Chairperson: Dave Van Kley
Stewardship Chairperson: Howard Vander Meer
Candidate Care Chairperson: Andy Rozendaal
OJB Chairperson: Harry DeBruyn

GEN-14-W- 9.1 – *Motion amended, seconded and carried to separate the slate and remove OJB nomination from the slate*

GEN-14-W-9 Motion carried as amended.

GEN-W-14-9.2 – *Motion made, seconded and defeated to elect Harry DeBruyn as OJB chairperson.*

GEN-14-W-10 – *Motion made, seconded and carried to nominate Christopher Poest as the OJB chairperson.*

GEN-14-W-11 – *Motion made, seconded and carried to require all committee reports coming to Classis to be included in writing with the agenda packet which is distributed in advance of the meeting.*

For Information: Ron Citlau will be installed on Sunday, Feb. 16 – Classis session begins at 4:30 p.m. at Calvary Church, Orland Park.

17. TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT SESSION

- a. Coordinating Committee: Monday, Sept. 3, 2014, at Calvary Church, Orland Park
- b. Fall Stated Session – Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 at 9a.m. at Taiwanese Community Church, Lombard, IL

18. APPROVAL OF THE ROLL CALL

GEN-14-W-12 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Roll Call by signature.*

19. READING OF THE JOURNAL

GEN-14-W-13 *Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the Coordinating Committee to approve the Reading of the Journal.*

20. ADJOURNMENT WITH WORSHIP

GEN-14-W-14 *Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer.*

20. CLOSING PRAYER – Lou Bury