Chicago Classis

Fall Stated Session Faith Community Church, Stickney, IL

October 10, 2015 MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order Gregg Pusateri
- 2. Open Worship Music
- 3. Open Meditation Daniel Wang
- 4. Roll Call by signature

CHURCHES PASTOR ELDER

1st Berwyn Steve Orshonsky

Jim Meyer

CrossRoads Mary Teresa Orshonsky Dennis Suda

Richard Schuler

LaCapilla

Mt. Greenwood Bill Crowder Richard Van Swol

Downer Grove Lou Bury

James Even

Christ Community Chad DeJager Tom Lemmenes

Harry De Bruyn

Taiwanese

Calvary Ron Citlau Dennis Peters

Dennis Colton

Ivanhoe Earl Vander Wall

Faith, Stickney Christopher Poest Daniel Luczak

Jewel Willis Thomas

Faith, West Chicago Shane Sterk Ben Huggini

Specialized Ministers:

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Steve Young, Gregg Pusateri, Joe Paglia, Wendy Haack, Peter Semeyn, Scott Manetech, Andy Rozendaal.

Guest:

Bob Wierenga, Jason Nelson.

5. Granting the privilege of the floor to Guests

GEN-15-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to grant the privilege of the floor to the guests.

6. Establishment of the order of the day

Boundaries of the house to be the room in which the meeting is being held.

7. Approval of the minutes.

GEN-15-F-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Winter Stated Session on February 21, 2015.

8. Referrals

Correspondence from Words of Hope was passed out.

GEN-15-F-3 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the requests for excused absences. (Jamie Sipsma, Howard Hoekstra, & Marge Vander Wagen)

9. Stated Clerk's Report on Actions Ordered and Unfinished Business.

Consistorial Reports are due by March 1, 2015 look for more information around the end of the year.

10. Coordinating Committee

Minutes are available on the Classis website, <u>www.rsmam.org/chicago-classis-webpage</u>, and are for informational purposes only.

Request from Al Vallejo to step down from being Vice President of Classis was received and accepted.

CoC-15-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Steve Orshonsky as Vice President of Classis.

CoC-15-F-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Richard Schuler as delegate from Chicago Classis to special council chaired by the group of five. Howard Hoekstra would be asked as alternate if needed.

New Thing Classis was presented by Ron Citlau with discussion following. A follow up meeting will be convened when Wayne Van Regenmorter is able to be present so he can answer questions and lay out detailed transition plan should the New Thing Classis be adopted.

11. Reports of Permanent Committees

Church Care Committee

Report was given by Rich Schuler.

CCC-15-F-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to ratify the 2016 Salary Schedule, Rues, & Guidelines as distributed by the Regional Synod of America.

KEZ Missional Café will be held Saturday October 17, 2015 at Christ Community Church from 9 AM to 3 PM with Dr. Soong-Chan Rah as the key note speaker. Funding grants to churches are tied to attendance at this event.

Candidate Care Committee

Report was given by Andy Rozendaal

Candidate Care is looking to hold exams in January.

Lou Bury, Daniel Wang, and Ruben Escobar are currently under care.

Pastoral Care Committee

Chad De Jager has been hosting informal no agenda lunch gatherings to help build community. Contact him at chad@ccconbell.com for more information.

Stewardship Committee

Rich Van Swol gave report.

SC-15-F-1 *Motion made, seconded and carried to approve budget as presented.*

12. Report of Standing Committees

Overture and Judicial Business Committee

The 2015 General Synod adopted two amendments to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America and recommended them to the classes for their approval. A report with OJB recommendations will be presented at the Winter Stated Session. The two changes are as follows:

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- 1. Elder Delegates to Classes (MGS 2015, R-40, p.186) Affects BCO Chapter 1 Part II, Article 3, Sec. 1 (p.30 of 2015 edition)
- 2. Classis Determination Regarding Ministry Experience for Other Candidates (MGS 2015, R-56, p.264) Affects BCO Chapter 1, Part II, Article 12, Sec. 4 (p.48 of 2015 edition)
- 13. Time and Location of Next Session

Coordinating Committee: January 18, 2016 at Calvary Church, Orland Park, IL

Winter Stated Session: February 20, 2016 at Faith Church, West Chicago, IL

17. Approval of the Roll Call

GEN-15-F-4 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Roll Call by signature.

18. Reading of the Journal

GEN-15-F-5 Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the Coordinating Committee to approve the Reading of the Journal.

19. Adjournment

GEN-15-F-6 Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer. Gregg Pusaterri closed with prayer.

Gregg Pusateri-President	Earl Vander Wall-Stated Clerk