

**Supplement to Agenda for Classis Heartland
Wednesday, March 2, 2021 • 12:30 PM**

Included in this packet are supplementary materials for our classis meeting. Below is the list of documents, page numbers, and the agenda item they pertain to

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January 28th, 2022

Classis Heartland

Ref: Recognition of a ministry need for Ordained Leadership

Northern Lighthouse Church

On behalf of the Northern Lighthouse Church, we are writing to Classis Heartland to request that Class Heartland begin the process to approve Jon Keyzer as Commissioned Pastor for our Church.

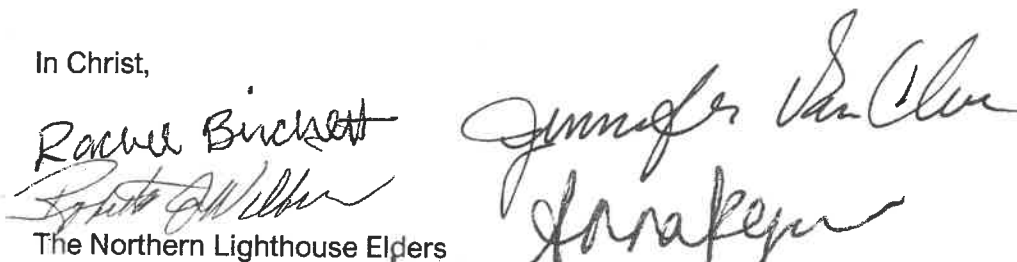
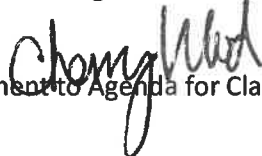
After Sam Keyzer retired, we began a process of considering the future for the Northern Lighthouse. We have considered multiple candidates for this role, received input from the congregation, and spent time in prayer seeking discernment regarding the Lord's direction for our church family. The congregation voted unanimously for Jon to begin the process of pursuing Commissioned Pastor Status for our Church and our council voted unanimously for this decision as well.

Jon was born in Beaver Dam, WI, grew up in Seattle, WA, and moved to Lincoln, NE in 1997. He has been with the Northern Lighthouse Church since it was planted. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A. in English in 2005. After graduating, he worked in the human services field for several years – at a shelter for kids, the local homeless shelter, and in group homes for teenagers. He was also the Youth Ministries Director at the NL for nearly 10 years. He has an extensive background with caring for hurting individuals who are in recovery and who have had struggles with homelessness, incarceration, abuse, and addiction.

Jon began a residency position with the Northern Lighthouse when F Street Neighborhood Church was planted in 2014 and has been a staff member with the NL since then. He has gained invaluable experience in this ministry, developing meaningful relationships within our congregation and receiving mentoring in various areas of leadership and ministry. He is excited to pursue the Commissioned Pastor Position. We are excited to move forward with filling our current vacancy through this process!

Thank for your consideration of this matter.

In Christ,


The Northern Lighthouse Elders


**Ballot for Classis Heartland
March 2, 2022**

CLASSICAL POSITIONS

Classis Stewardship Committee – (vote for 1)

- Leandra Hulstein
Hope CRC, Hull
- Eric Kroese
First CRC, Hull

Classis Education Committee – (Pastor Member-vote for 1)

- Rev. Jesse Walhoff
Living Water, Sheldon
- Rev. Brian Dunn
First CRC, Sheldon

Church Visitor to the South – (Vote for 1)

- Rev. Aaron Gonzales
- Rev. Brian Dunn

Regional Pastor – to the North (Vote for 1)

Safe Church Team Representative—lay member (vote for 1)

Ballot for Delegates to Synod

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Pastors

- Brian Dunn (First, Sheldon)
- John Klompien (Calvary, Orange City)
- Kevin Muyskens (Immanuel, Sheldon)
- Jesse Walhof (Living Waters)
- Phillip Westra (Sanborn)

Elders

- Mike Krommendyk (Calvary, Orange City)
- Bruce Lefever (First, Orange City)
- Chris Nonhof (Immanuel, Orange City)

Deacons

BALLOT
Classis Heartland

When voting for regional representatives, limit the votes to **two or three votes per church for those credentialed** to attend classis meetings.

Calvin University

(Vote YES or NO for the following single nominee.)

_____ *Kathleen Ridder* is a 1991 graduate of Calvin University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology, sociology, and social work. She received her master's degree in health administration from Governors State University in 1999. She spent 17 years in the long-term care industry and is currently the president of Health Resource Management, Inc. (also known as TAMES). TAMES is a third-party billing system serving as liaison between the state and federal levels to allow public schools to receive funding to support the needs of their students. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and certified OPTAVIA health coach. Some of her prior experience includes serving as chair of the local Bethany Christian Services board and being involved with Stephen Ministries. Kathleen is actively involved in her children's school and participates in GEMS, Operation Christmas Child, Frontline Ministry, and Coffee Break at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Note: Calvin University is proposing changes to its bylaws for adoption by Synod 2022 that include new regions for the Calvin University Board, including a reorganization of classes into six regions instead of the current twelve. Proposed Calvin University Region 5 classes: Central Plains, Chicago South, Heartland, Iakota, Illiana, Lake Superior (U.S.), Minnkota, Northcentral Iowa, Northern Illinois, Yellowstone (Montana), Wisconsin. (See Minutes of the Special Meeting of the COD 2021, pp. 559-65.)

Stated Clerk

Heartland
Classis

Please return this ballot with total votes for each nominee to:

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To all those of you that have joined us on Sunday evenings, we have been, for lack of a better term trucking our way through the Heidelberg Catechism, we have been moving through not one question at a time but one Lords day at a time. We have intended to do this; again it is my goal to make it through the Heidelberg Catechism before next Christmas. Now we have had a few weeks off for different things but I know that God has a plan for those things and he has placed us in this section of the Catechism, in which we examine what we decree what we declare about Jesus Christ in the apostles creed right in the time we are working our way through Colossians, Paul simply says in Colossians hey it's about Jesus, it's just about Jesus, it's simple but it's specific, it's only Christ who saves none of this other stuff. I would've like to come to this during Easter, but that's not how God planned it, not how it's working out and I rejoice that again in His good plan he's put us in a wonderful place together as we continue on through the Catechism.

We have come to that point in the Catechism where we say "after three days he rose from the dead". We have come to the point where we declare the truth of the resurrection, we have talked about the truth of his incarnation, the truth of his birth, the facts of his death that he did, he did live, he did die, tonight we respond to the statement that we declare in confidence that he did rise again.

So tonight we're going to look at Romans six and we're going to start at Romans 6:1-14, I will begin and then at verse one and when we get to verse nine you can catch up with me on the screen. (PowerPoint did not have verses 1-8)

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. ¹

Let's pray, Father as we seek you in your word this evening we ask for that you be with us, Lord that you would open our hearts and our minds then we would hear you, Lord that we would grow closer to you, we would grow more deeply in love with you, Lord that we would be moved to be the light in the world. That we would share the truth of the gospel that shouts from the mountain tops that you came that you died that you rose again in glorious hope that we can grab onto. I ask your blessing upon me your servant at the words of my mouth and the

meditation of my heart would be pleasing to you Lord that they would feed your people Lord that we as your people would be fed renewed and encouraged Lord that we would be challenged and we would go out from this place to be a light. Lord we pray these things in your son's name and his shed blood alone amen.

I will continue on in question answer 45 one question one answer this week last week we had four, we talked about his death we talked about his suffering, we talked about the fact that he did die we establish the truth of his death, we also establish the importance of his death that he was he in his debts that he paid the price that we couldn't pay, that he was the atoning sacrifice in his death for something we couldn't accomplish now we come to his resurrection. Now who is coming to the habit I will read the question and together we will recite the answer

How does Christ resurrection benefit us

First by His resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for by his death.

Second, by the power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

As we consider this, and as I prayed over it and I pondered it there were a lot of options for a passage, there a lot of places that we could've gone to examine the importance of Christ's resurrection. I think Romans really declares for us what it means to rejoice and be united in Christ resurrection. Being united in hope. Paul to the Roman church is writing in order that they understand the full scope of the gospel message, he is taking time to truly explain what it is that he's preaching. We've come to appoint in Romans that is part of what they call Romans road to salvation. Where Paul lays out the events of Christ like the events of the gospel story and he explains them. As I read through and I studied the resurrection is assurance of our salvation, the resurrection is an assurance of our salvation, first by his resurrection he has overcome down so that he might make us sharing the righteousness he won for us by his death, that is our assurance of salvation we are united in resurrection because of his work on the cross. He united us to him because he died to pay the price that we can share in his righteousness. That gift is important for us, that gift is proven in the victory that comes in Jesus's resurrection. He defeated yes this is a proof that he defeated the cost and the price of our sin, in the garden God told us that if we eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil we will certainly die that was the price we have to pay for our sin. In Christ's resurrection he defeated that price in his death we are united to him because he's paying the price for our sins and his resurrection we are united into his righteousness that he won on our behalf. We are united to him because he loves us and he defeated sin on our behalf

As I thought about it and as I kind of worked through it one of the passages that came up again from Romans, and like I said Paul was working his way through, carefully to explain to the Roman church and to the people in Rome and to us, the path of salvation, the truth of the gospel, "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to live for our justification." that is Romans 4:25. He was delivered to death for our sins to pay the price for our sins; he was raised to life so that we could be united to his righteousness, so that we could be justified through that resurrection. His resurrection proves our justification, you may know my Bible teacher at Unity, Larry Wielenga was my Bible teacher at Unity and he liked using the big

words, but he liked making sure we understood them, he wasn't like Mr. Elgersma, he just said use the big words and I hope you figure it out. He said I want you to think about justification in this way, Christ made it just as if I never sinned, just as if I never sinned, that's what justification means for us, as we consider the resurrection as an assurance of our salvation his glorious victory over death his rising from the grave declares our justification through his work, not because of anything we've done, not because any of the work that we've committed, or any obedience that we show, it His death and resurrection in his death he carried our sins and in His resurrection he brought to us justification we are united to him in righteousness through his resurrection.

The resurrection unites our lives to him, what does that mean Pastor Keith that sounds kind of vague, well how does, we were read when you go through Romans and you go through our passage tonight you hear Paul talk to us about living a life and in verse four "we were there for buried with him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father we too may live a new life" I laughed a little bit last week my wife accuse me of making up words Greek words to have that sound and "parapateo" is one of them, my wife after the service said I thought you said pare of potatoes, that same word the parapeteo word is used at the end of verse four. When he talks about what it means to live a life resurrected in him "parapeteo" if you don't remember from last week it means walking there's an active work in walking in Jesus Christ then the resurrection in his life there's an active process in which we move in him, with him, through him, and because his resurrection unites us to him in our lives.

By his power we are resurrected to a new life. By his power we are resurrected to a new life, not just the life to come, but in his resurrection we are resurrected to a new life out of our sin. His resurrection, when we are united to him, should be changed, our lives should be different. We should be looked on as weird or strange or different by the world. They should see us and ask what's different about them? Why do they love so well? Why do they care so much? Why are they different? We are united to him in our lives through his resurrection to be his messengers of the gospel truth, we are united to him in declaring the truth that he came, that he died, and that he rose again.

Our lives should be different Paul tells us you should die to your sin just as Christ died for your sins you should die to your sins you should turn away from those things that seem so easy, that seem like nobody's watching, that seem like well if nobody knows it's not a big deal everybody does it nobody gets caught. I kind of laugh during tax season, I'll hear I'll hear people well we want to make sure we get all of our refund. My wife knows this more than I do but some people are looking for interesting ways to get more money back from the government because while everybody else does it people of God we are called the lives of honesty of love of truth obedience in his resurrection we are united to him to live changed lives not to live as we were not to live in our sin not to be content with where we are but to grow in him to be in his word in prayer and worship seeking him more and more every day growing closer to him that our lives reflect him every day. whether that here at church or at school or the office in the field at the sale barn in the doctor's office at the Pizza Ranch on the basketball court soccer field softball diamond volleyball court football field in the board room our lives in all places should reflect a changed life reflect that we live in him because in his resurrection we are united to him. This is a challenge for all of us, all of us have those things that we just do, you know how nobody's

going to know everybody does it. Don't live in that world, don't live in a place where if I don't get caught it's OK, where if nobody knows it's OK.

That's not who were called to be that's not who we were born to be in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that's not who we were raised to new life to be, we rejoice at the righteousness we receive in his resurrection we celebrate that we can be his people because of his resurrection and the resurrection assures us that we will be united to him in eternity. We will be united to him in eternity, his victory is not simply about that moment of his victory, it is about all of eternity we are raised with him not simply to be raised up but to be raised into new life with him for all eternity. One we one day those of us who believe in him, who trust in him, who declared the truth of his Lordship, who declare him as savior and God and King, will someday stand before his throne singing his praises in heaven. Resurrection assures us that this will happen. We are certain that in his resurrection there is victory and that victory is not simply over the body it is over the body and sin and death and all of the forces of Satan. In his resurrection there is hope of eternal life with him, there is joy in knowing that hope that Joy should give us peace and comfort. The fact that we are united in his resurrection to an eternal life should dwell with us in all of the situations in which we find ourselves whether were struggling in our marriage, struggling at work, struggling with our kids, our spouse, struggling with our friends, struggling with illness, frustrated by those things to drag us down, distracted by the hearts and pains. We have a glorious hope in Christ Jesus a glorious hope that is declared to us in his resurrection. He is the victor and in him we share in that victory not only do we share in the victory we get to rejoice in that victory for all of eternity. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture, we are called to be different, called to live holy lives, called to be his here, and called to be his for all of eternity to be with him singing and rejoicing.

In first Thessalonians four we read "for we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" we believe that he the Jesus will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in him those are who are his he will take to him. He has also told us that, I go to the father before you and I promise I'm making a place for you there too. I'm not going to leave you here that is the promise that we find in the resurrection that is the third promise we find in the resurrection that he will not leave us here. We are united to him in his resurrection, we are united in hope, we are united in his righteousness, we are united to live in him and we are united to be reunited with him in glory. There is no more fabulous hope that we can grasp no more fabulous joy that we can experience then the hope that comes to us through the resurrection that he, our Savior died for our sins and was resurrected on the third day, he rose again on the third day defeating death, we are united in that victory we are united in his righteousness and because we are united in his righteousness our lives should be changed. We should live out lives of obedience and faithfulness, seeking to grow closer to him, seeking to love one another seeking to live out the first in great commandment and the second love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself. We are united to him to live lives in him and we are united in the joyous hope of eternal glory. That hope should give us peace and comfort in all of in all of the things we face at all the trials and all the struggles in all the pain. When we're together confess in the apostles creed those words on the third day he rose again we are saying he won. We are saying that he won the victory on our behalf. And as Paul said be united to Christ not only united in his death but united it is resurrection to live lives holy and set apart united together in the hope that only the resurrection can bring.

Let's pray father in heaven we thank you Lord we thank you Lord for the gift of your son we thank you for the glorious victory in resurrection God may we be your people here may we Lord rejoice in the truth of the righteous as we gain through the work of your son that he gave to us Lord may we live lives united to him speaking the truth of his coming speaking the truth of his Lordship or that we may be faithful holy and obedient to you growing closer to you loving you more each day and Lord remind us to live in the comfort and joy of the hope of the resurrection and the life to come Lord is your people may we display these truths may we live them out may we be a light to this world wherever we are in whatever place we find ourselves as we continue in Worship we come to the time when we get back our tithes, gifts, and offerings or we thank you we thank you Lord that we can give to the Sioux City gospel mission we thank you that we can give to the work of sharing the truth of the gospel they're serving those who are homeless I need of help, may these gifts in these ties be a blessing to your work and we thank you for all that you give to us and Lord now we give back just a portion of all the good gifts that you have given for these things in your son's name and his shed blood alone amen

Hoekstra Sermon Evaluation Classis Heartland Spring 2022

On Sunday February 20, 2022, Rev. Brian Hofman and Rev. Brian Dunn attended the evening service of Hope CRC to worship and evaluate the preaching of Keith Hoekstra as requested by the Classis Interim Committee. As we entered Hope CRC for the evening, we had a brief opportunity to greet Keith prior to the service. He mentioned his commitment to preaching the catechism in the evenings, but also expressed it is a new area of practice for him. He also expressed that preaching in general is an area he is looking to grow because he sees the deep importance of it. We appreciated his honest humility and expressed our hope in helping him in this process.

Service opened with a strong welcome for Keith, offering greetings to all who were present as well as guests. He also took the time to acknowledge and welcome those who might be watching online, an important detail in our current circumstances. Service opened with the singing of several songs, which lead to Keith eventually leading the call to worship, God's greeting and other traditional elements of a Reformed dialogical service. Keith handled the service well. He exudes confidence and though he expressed some nerves to us, he seemed comfortable up front. Keith introduced most all the elements of the service with good strong introductions to keep the flow going. At times however, some of these introductions were long and in our opinion, may have inhibited the flow of the service. We would encourage Keith to be mindful of this and certainly continue to guide the flow of the service but be aware of the length of the transitional words.

Keith preached from Romans 6:1-14 and Lord's Day 17. As he began, and prior to reading the scripture, his introductions became a bit of a distraction. It was hard to tell when or if he was going to begin his sermon. We feel this contributed to his introduction to the sermon being somewhat confusing. Keith uses a style of preaching that uses little to no notes. This is quite impressive. However, it can lead to repetition of points at times or not getting your points to come across as clear as desired. We found this to be the case for Keith. At times the structure to the sermon could be hard to follow and his points were not so clear. Keith's three points were, 1. We are united to Christ in the resurrection to his righteousness, 2. We are united to Christ to live in him,

3. We are united to Christ in his glory. While he expounded on these throughout, we did not get a clear sense of these points until he clearly restated them in his conclusion.

The material Keith presented was biblically sound. The major premise Keith present to us was that we are united with Christ in his resurrection. This is a very challenging theological concept to convey. Throughout, we kept looking for him to clearly define what union with Christ means, which is clearly illustrated in the passage. What does it mean that “we were buried therefore with him by baptism into his death...” (v.4a) What does it mean that “our old self was crucified with him...” (v.6)? These are crucial aspects found in his text that he left on the table that could have been expounded on to more clearly define what union with Christ means. We feel these were key opportunities that he missed. However, he spoke of how the resurrection justifies us (just-as-if-I-never-sinned) and gives us new life. These should affect then, how we live in the office, live in our families and in our schools, etc. Keith did well to try and relate a complicated theological concept to everyone in all their walks of life. This can be challenging and did this with moderate success. It may have been more helpful for Keith to take two to three more specific examples and show us how our union with Christ and the new life looks in those areas rather than saying it affects the way we live in these various areas. As mentioned, Keith concluded the sermon by clearly restating his points. This is a good practice and good means of concluding. The gospel was present, certainly as a way of encouragement, though less as a call to believe in this sermon.

After the service, we had the opportunity to speak with a few members of the congregation and ask them about his preaching. Keith seems to be well received by the congregation. They appreciate his friendly nature, his “no notes” style and his concluding mention of the points he has made in a sermon.

Most of our critiques for Keith would be in form and communication. It may do well for him to write out his introductions and conclusions to make them a bit clearer, as well as transition points. Yet, these are things we have all likely struggled with as we have slowly grown accustomed to the weekly grind of preparing a sermon. Some may quarrel as well with the direction he took the sermon, focusing on union with Christ rather

that imputation, justification or even glorification. However, with the material Keith presented and focused on, we see no red flags. Without a doubt, we would humbly say Keith needs to work on some of these things. However, he is passionate, has good cadence and voice and most importantly is biblically sound in the concepts he is attempting to convey. *So, it is with that in mind we would motion to proceed with the examination.*



COD Highlights

A SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES MEETING

To: **CRCNA Members**

From: Kristen deRoo VanderBerg, Director of Communications & Marketing

Date: February 22, 2022

Highlights from meeting of Feb. 16-18, 2022

The Council of Delegates of the Christian Reformed Church in North America met via zoom conference call on February 16-18, 2022.

During this meeting, the Council:

- Approved the nomination of Rev. Dr. Zachary J. King, recommended him to Synod 2022 for the position of General Secretary, and expressed gratitude to those on the search team.
- Heard updates on the search processes for a Chief Administrative Officer and a Canadian Transitional Executive Director. Adopted a compensation proposal for senior leadership positions.
- Endorsed the direction of a proposal to separate the Office of the General Secretary from the CRCNA U.S. and CRCNA Canada corporations, and see it instead as a separated ecclesiastical entity. This proposal also suggests that a senior U.S. "point of contact" be identified for the CRCNA U.S. Corporation.
- Approved and recommended to Synod 2022 for adoption an Ecclesiastical Mandate Letter that would give the CRCNA Canada Corporation necessary permissions to perform its ecclesiastical obligations and responsibilities alongside its legal and programmatic ones.
- Revised an earlier decision regarding COVID-19 protocols (e.g., vaccination and masking) for synod. The new decision lessens restrictions and asks that delegates abide by travel protocols and local health guidelines in the place where meetings will be held.
- Rejected a proposal for presenting the voices of LGBTQ+ people via video at listening sessions in the lead-up to Synod 2022. Instead, the COD encouraged synodical delegates to read the Human Sexuality Report, engage with local LGBTQ+ voices in their communities, and pay humble attention to Scripture throughout this process. They also asked that the executive director provide a written appendix of diverse LGBTQ+ voices to all delegates in advance of Synod 2022.
- Appointed ethnic advisers and young adult representatives to Synod 2022.
- Recommended nominees to Synod 2022 for appointment to the Council of Delegates and the Judicial Code Committee. Approved interim appointments of synodical deputies and alternates.
- Took several actions related to the ongoing work of addressing the abuse of power. This included endorsing a Dignity Team proposal, adopting a CRCNA Child Safeguarding Policy, receiving an annual report from Safe Church ministries, adopting a process for allegations of COD Code of Conduct violations, and endorsing a proposal for the implementation of the [CRC Code of Conduct for Ministry Leaders](#).

- Received a denominational diversity report, and endorsed a program evaluation report from the mercy and justice ministries, which will be forwarded to Synod 2022 for approval.
- Took note of revised budget assumptions for fiscal year 2023, taking inflation into account.
- Received a report on the plan for allocating ministry shares during 2022-2023.
- Heard reports from the executive director, the acting Canadian ministries director, Resonate Global Missions director, and ReFrame Ministries director.
- Received reports on the 2022 Denominational Survey, Inspire 2022, and Calvin University's presidential search. Received six-month metrics related to the *Our Journey 2025* ministry plan.
- Spent time in a board development session reviewing who we are as a CRCNA, our ecclesial and ministry structures, and the functions of governance and management.
- Received guidelines for when correspondence is addressed to the COD or to synod, and adopted guidelines for announcing COD voting counts.
- Endorsed a proposal to review the Global Missions Ministries Committee governance structure and consider revisions.

In addition to the meeting of the COD, this meeting also included the meeting of four corporate entities: CRCNA Canada, CRCNA U.S., ReFrame Ministries Canada, and ReFrame Ministries U.S. Here are highlights.

CRCNA Canada Corporation:

- Approved annual work plans for the Canadian Indigenous Ministries Committee and the Committee for Contact with the Government.
- Appointed several people to the Committee for Contact with the Government.
- Received a report from the Antiracism and Intercultural Conciliation Advisory Committee.
- Debriefed the January 29 Canadian Catalytic Conversation and committed to holding a special meeting on April 9 to carry the conversation forward and discuss the future of the CRC in Canada.
- Affirmed work being done to establish the Canadian office of the CRCNA.
- Appointed Chris Schoon to be the convener of the Joint Ministry Agreement (JMA) Management Committee.

ReFrame Ministries Canada Corporation:

- Heard an update on various ministry activities.

CRCNA U.S. Corporation:

- Heard an update from the Committee to Provide Guidance and Support to OSJ.
- Appointed Chris Schoon to be the convener of the JMA Management Committee.

ReFrame Ministries U.S. Corporation:

- Received an audit report.
- Approved the movement of \$1.7 million from the General Board Designated Fund, and \$3.3 million from undesignated operating reserves to a Stewardship Fund.

For more information, please contact:

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Upcoming meeting dates:

- May 4-6, 2022, in Grand Rapids, MI
- October 12-14, 2022, in Grand Rapids, MI
- February 15-17, 2023, virtually
- May 3-5, 2023, in Minneapolis, MN
- October 11-13, 2023 in Toronto, ON

Minute of Classical Interim Committee Meeting held at First CRC, Orange City.

February 23, 2022

1:30 PM

1. Motion was duly made and approved to **increase Ms. Tara Boer's stipend for the position of lakota and Heartland Safe Church Coordinator from \$750 to \$1000 per year, effective upon approval by Classis Heartland.**

Grounds:

- a. Ms. Boer requested an increase in the stipend due to the amount of time spent serving churches in her position (particularly in Classis Heartland this year).
- b. Classis lakota has already approved increasing their half of the stipend to \$1000.