

Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates
June 2021

Advisory Committee 3B

Chair: Rev. John R. Lee
Vice Chair: Rev. Samuel Cooper

I. Ministerial retirements

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

Minister	Classis	Effective Date
Calvin J. Aardsma	Illiana	June 6, 2021
Robert D. Bolt	Grandville	June 30, 2021
Kenneth D. Boonstra	Central California	June 30, 2021
Rolf T. Bouma	Lake Erie	December 31, 2020
Ruth A. Boven	Grand Rapids South	July 1, 2021
Hendrick P. Bruinsma	Toronto	November 16, 2021
Pablo De Tarso Canche-Tun	Holland	January 20, 2021
Jantina (Tineke) Cornelison	Atlantic Northeast	December 31, 2020
Robert (BC) Cummings	Columbia	July 1, 2021
Folkert (Frank) de Boer	Alberta North	April 1, 2021
Kenneth de Boer	Quinte	February 1, 2021
Daniel S. Dykstra	Wisconsin	February 23, 2021
Larry M. Fryling	Central California	June 6, 2021
John Gorter	Iakota	July 31, 2021
James C. Halstead	Kalamazoo	September 15, 2020
Paul A. Hansen	Greater Los Angeles	May 1, 2021
Ronald E. Klok	Alberta North	October 31, 2020
David R. Koll	Greater Los Angeles	June 25, 2021
Marjorie B. Kooy	Chicago South	February 27, 2021
Sheryl Leisman	Grand Rapids East	May 21, 2021
Thea N. Leunk	Grand Rapids East	January 1, 2021
Richard W. Loerop	Central Plains	February 1, 2021
George W. Lubbers	Chatham	January 1, 2021
Gary Luurtsema	Holland	August 1, 2021
Timothy J. Ouwinga	Minnkota	January 16, 2021
John M. Rottman	Grand Rapids South	September 20, 2020
Kent Rottman	Grandville	November 2, 2020
Guillermo A. Serrano	Northern Illinois	October 31, 2020
Henry F. Steenbergen	Huron	July 31, 2021
David L. Van Der Wiele	Kalamazoo	August 1, 2021
Randall D. VanOsdol	Yellowstone	August 1, 2020
Chong Dae Yoon	Ko-Am	June 8, 2014

B. *Commissioned pastors having reached retirement age under Church Order Article 24 and emeritus status noted*

Commissioned Pastor	Classis	Effective Date
Fernando Del Rosario, <i>emeritus</i>	Central California	October 22, 2020
Phil Du Bois, <i>emeritus</i>	California South	March 4, 2021
Barry K. Foster, <i>emeritus</i>	Illiana	March 31, 2020
Rudy Gonzalez, <i>emeritus</i>	California South	August 31, 2020
Robert Moore, <i>emeritus</i>	California South	March 4, 2021

C. Recommendations

1. That the COD, on behalf of synod, take note of the above lists of ministerial and commissioned pastor retirements.
2. That the COD, on behalf of synod, instruct the executive director to send a letter of appreciation to each of the retirees listed above.
3. That the COD, on behalf of synod, offer a prayer of gratitude for these servants of God and for the many years of service they represent.

II. Work of the synodical deputies

A. Ministers from other denominations, Church Order Article 8

1. Synodical deputies P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), M.B. Stegink (Hudson), and S.A. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Willard Barham**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 7, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Webster CRC of Webster, New York.
2. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Greg Brady**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 10, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Hope CRC of Houston, Texas.
3. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Insuk Hannah Guan**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 10, 2020, to declare her eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is First CRC of Denver, Colorado.
4. Synodical deputies R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Jung Min Kim**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee,

concur in the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 17, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Red Deer Korean CRC of Red Deer, Alberta.

5. Synodical deputies P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), and (third deputy not available), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend KwangBae Lee**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on January 28, 2021, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Namu Church of New York CRC of Flushing, New York.
6. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Chenaniah (Kenny) Perumalla**, 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 October 6, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Gateway Community CRC of Merced, California.
7. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Merlin Perumalla**, 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 October 6, 2020, to declare her eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Gateway Community CRC of Merced, California.
8. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Christian Sebastia**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 10, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is New Life CRC of Spring, Texas.
9. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Eukarys Sebastia**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 10, 2020, to declare her eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is New Life CRC of Spring, Texas.
10. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), M.J. Kooy (Chicago South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Albert (John) Sideco, Jr.**, in accordance with Church Order Article 8, and having received the favorable recommendation of the Candidacy Committee, concur in the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on May 20, 2021, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Filipino-American CRC of Jersey City, New Jersey.

11. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having heard the colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) of **Reverend Matthew W. Wright**, 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 October 6, 2020, to declare him eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The calling church is Visalia CRC of Visalia, California.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

B. Release from ministry following a specified term of service, Church Order Supplement, Article 8, C, 3

Synodical deputies F.M. Bultman (Muskegon), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the discussion of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on March 2, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Supplement, Article 8, C, 3, that **Rev. David G. Kroon** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

C. Classical examination of candidates, Church Order Article 10

1. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session March 3, 2021, to admit candidate **Namju Bae** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies G.J. Kett (Northern Michigan), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session September 24, 2020, to admit candidate **Richard A. Britton III** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
3. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and R.D. Goudzwaard (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 October 22, 2020, to admit candidate **Andrea Bult** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session February 20, 2021, to admit candidate **Jaebok Choi** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies T.J. Oosterhuis (Alberta North), B. de Regt (North Cascades), and L.M. Korf (Columbia), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church

Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session March 2, 2021, to admit candidate **Erik M. Delange** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

6. Synodical deputies H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Huron, in session October 17, 2020, to admit candidate **Betsy DeVries** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Chatham, in session December 8, 2020, to admit candidate **Derek Ellens** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session March 3, 2021, to admit candidate **Derek Elmi-Buursma** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), and T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Illiana, in session September 22, 2020, to admit candidate **Cary Gephart** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
10. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Toronto, in session October 20, 2020, to admit candidate **Benjamin Gresik** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), J.C. Busscher (Illiana), and M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session October 29, 2020, to admit candidate **Kelsi Jones** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
12. Synodical deputies R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids South, in session August 20, 2020, to admit candidate **Daniel Kwangmyung Joo** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
13. Synodical deputies T.J. Oosterhuis (Alberta North), H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and R.W. Ouweland (B.C. South-East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. North-West, in session November 24, 2020, to admit candidate

HyungJun Kim to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

14. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session October 3, 2020, to admit candidate **Seongjun Kim** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
15. Synodical deputies A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and R.W. Ouwehand (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 October 17, 2020, to admit candidate **Daniel Meyer** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
16. Synodical deputies M. Winnowski (Wisconsin), G.D. Schuringa (Northern Illinois), and R.T. Vanderwal (Chicago South), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session February 27, 2021, to admit candidate **Jeremy Oosterhouse** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
17. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session October 10, 2020, to admit candidate **Ahna E. Cho Park** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
18. Synodical deputies S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Holland, in session November 19, 2020, to admit candidate **Jennifer Rozema** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
19. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Toronto, in session October 20, 2020, to admit candidate **Courtney N. Saldivar** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
20. Synodical deputies R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and A.M. Barton (Northern Michigan), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session October 20, 2020, to admit candidate **Jeremy J. Scripps** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
21. Synodical deputies M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), L.M. Korf (Columbia), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis North Cascades, in session February 25, 2021, to admit candidate **Mike J. Slofstra** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

22. Synodical deputies D. Meinema (Eastern Canada), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Chatham, in session September 22, 2020, to admit candidate **Steven Vandyk** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
23. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and R.D. Drenten (Heartland), having heard the examination for ordination in accordance with Church Order Article 10, concur in the decision of Classis Minnkota, in session September 17, 2020, to admit candidate **Chad E. Werkhoven** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
24. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and R.D. Goudzwaard (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 October 22, 2020, to admit candidate **Cory Willson** to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

D. Ministers in specialized services, Church Order Article 12-c

1. Synodical deputies T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), R.D. Drenten (Heartland), and B.A. Meinders (Central Plains), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Covenant Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Iakota, in session on June 9, 2020, to approve the position of Professor of Theology as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Justin A. Bailey**.
2. Synodical deputies R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Kelloggsville Christian Reformed Church 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 South (CIC), in session on December 17, 2020, to approve the position of Director of Safe Church Ministries (CRCNA) as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Amanda W. Benckhuysen**.
3. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Chinese Church of Iowa City Christian Reformed Church of North Liberty, Iowa, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 20, 2021, to approve the position of Nurture Process Ministry Leader and Pastor as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Scott S. Chiang**.
4. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T.T. Jung (Hanmi), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Korean Community Christian Reformed Church of Buena Park, California, and having been satisfied that lines

of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 29, 2020, to approve the position of Missionary as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Kyung Hyun Paul Cho**.

5. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Unity Christian Reformed Church of Prinsburg, Minnesota, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 22, 2020, to approve the position of Superintendent of Central Minnesota Christian Schools as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Jonathan De Groot**.
6. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church 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 (Executive Team), in session on March 9, 2021, to approve the position of Vocational Assessment and Discernment Specialist as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Samantha DeJong McCarron**.
7. Synodical deputies J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), and C. Pool (California South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Granite Springs Christian Reformed Church of Lincoln, California, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Central California, in session on March 2, 2021, to approve the position of Army Chaplain as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend John (Kyu K) Hahn**.
8. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church 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 (Executive Team), in session on March 9, 2021, to approve the position of Safe Church Ministry Consultant as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Eric Kas**.
9. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Gold Avenue Christian Reformed Church 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 North, in session on February 16, 2021, to approve the position of Women's Leadership Developer with CRCNA as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Elaine May**.
10. Synodical deputies A.M. Barton (Northern Michigan), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the counsel of Gold Avenue Christian Reformed Church 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 North, in session on May 18, 2021, to

approve the position of Thrive Curriculum Developer as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Elaine May**.

11. Synodical deputies D. L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Seymour Christian Reformed Church 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 (Executive Team), in session on March 3, 2021, to approve the position of Vice President of Global Ministry with Multiplication Network Ministries as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Benjamin D. Meyer**.
12. Synodical deputies M. Winnowski (Wisconsin), G.D. Schuringa (Northern Illinois), and R.T. Vanderwal (Illiana), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church of Burbank, Illinois, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Chicago South, in session on February 27, 2021, to approve the position of Bible Teacher at Chicago Christian High School as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Jeremy Oosterhouse**.
13. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of River Terrace Christian Reformed Church of East Lansing, 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 Lake Erie, in session on October 3, 2020, to approve the position of Leadership Developer (Resonate) as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Anthony D. Sytsma**.
14. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T.T. Jung (Hanmi), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Phoenix Korean Presbyterian Christian Reformed Church of Phoenix, Arizona, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Ko-Am, in session on September 29, 2020, to approve the position of Missionary as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Taek Ho Yang**.
15. Synodical deputies T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and D.W. De Groot (Iakota), having reviewed the evidence supplied by the council of Hope Christian Reformed Church of Hull, Iowa, and having been satisfied that lines of accountability have been established, according to Church Order Article 12-c, concur in the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 26, 2020, to approve the position of Director of Church Relations (Dordt University) as consistent with the ministry of the Word. This position is to be filled by **Reverend Todd M. Zuidema**.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

E. Loaning a minister to another denomination according to Church Order Article 13-c

1. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), 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 4, 2021, to approve loaning **Reverend Woo Song Chung** to serve Kwang Yum Community Church of Los Angeles, California.

2. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), 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 10, 2020, to approve loaning **Reverend Insuk Hannah Guan** to serve New Gate Church of Aurora, Colorado.
3. Synodical deputies J. Dykema (Arizona), T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), and R. Boersma (North Central Iowa), 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 March 2, 2021, to approve loaning **Reverend Daniel Jin Su Hwang** to serve Redeemer Christian Korean Church of Denver, Colorado.
4. Synodical deputies T.J. Oosterhuis (Alberta North), L.M. Korf (Columbia), and H. Jonker (B.C. North-West), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on March 3, 2020, to approve loaning **Reverend Eunsang Hwang** to serve Ekklesia Reformed Church of Langley, British Columbia.
5. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on October 3, 2020, to approve loaning **Reverend Seongjun Kim** to serve Korean Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, Michigan.
6. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 6, 2021, to approve loaning **Reverend Dongwon Na** to serve Waldorff Calvary Church of Waldorff, Maryland.
7. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), 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 10, 2020, to approve loaning **Reverend Ahnna E. Cho Park** to serve Korean Christian Church of Denver, Colorado.
8. Synodical deputies D.L. Spoelma (Holland), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on March 9, 2021, to approve loaning **Reverend Eunchong David Shin** to serve Cornerstone Community Church of Palo Alto, California.
9. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on March 6, 2021, to approve loaning **Reverend Ferenc Varga** to serve American Hungarian Reformed Church of Allen Park, Michigan.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

F. Extension of loan of a minister to another denomination under Church Order Article 13-c

1. Synodical deputies J.A. Dykema (Arizona), T.H. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), and R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), 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 March 2, 2021, to approve the extension of loaning **Reverend Andrew H. Chun** to serve the Korean Christian Church of Denver, Colorado.
2. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Grand Rapid East, in session on September 17, 2020, to approve the extension of loaning **Reverend Josiah Chung** to serve the Cornerstone Church (UMN) of Englewood, New Jersey.
3. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Toronto, in session on October 20, 2020, to approve loaning **Reverend Philip F. Reinders** to serve Knox Presbyterian Church of Toronto, Ontario.
4. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), satisfied that synodical regulations have been followed in accordance with Church Order Article 13-c, concur in the decision of Classis Central Plains, in session on February 20, 2021, to approve the extension of loaning **Reverend Donald R. Ridder, Jr.** to serve the Escazu Christian Fellowship of San José, Costa Rica.
5. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), 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 6, 2020, to approve the extension of loaning **Reverend Randal K. Young** to serve the Honolulu Christian Church of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

G. Release from office to enter a ministry outside the Christian Reformed Church under Church Order Article 14-b

1. Synodical deputies H.A. Newhouse (Lake Superior), G.D. Schuringa (Northern Illinois), and R.D. Drenten (Heartland), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Phillip Anderas** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Wisconsin, in session on September 29, 2020, to declare that **Rev. Phillip Anderas** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
2. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), S. Couperus (Huron), and H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Josiah Bokma**

in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hamilton, in session on May 25, 2021, to declare that **Rev. Josiah Bokma** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Note: Synodical deputy H.P. Bruinsma was not able to remain at the meeting for the full discussion.

3. Synodical deputies T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and D.W. De Groot (Iakota), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Nevada DeLapp** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on September 26, 2020, to declare that **Rev. Nevada DeLapp** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
4. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Benjamin R.T. Katt** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 4, 2021, to declare that **Rev. Benjamin R.T. Katt** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
5. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), and M. Den Bleyker (Arizona), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Young Ryul Ki** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hanmi, in session on September 15, 2020, to declare that **Rev. Young Ryul Ki** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
6. Synodical deputies T. N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Do Hyeong Kim** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Lake Erie, in session on October 3, 2020, to declare that **Rev. Do Hyeong Kim** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
7. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), C. Vander Neut (Yellowstone), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Simon (Sang Eun) Kim** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Pacific Northwest, in session on March 4, 2021, to declare that **Rev. Simon (Sang Eun) Kim** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
8. Synodical deputies H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Allen Kleine Deters** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Niagara, in session on May 26, 2021, to declare that **Rev. Allen Kleine Deters** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
9. Synodical deputies T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and D.W. De Groot (Iakota), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Marvin J. Leese** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis

Heartland, in session on September 26, 2020, to declare that **Rev. Marvin J. Leese** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

10. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), and M. Den Bleyker (Arizona), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Yong Chae Shin** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Hanmi, in session on September 15, 2002, to declare that **Rev. Yong Chae Shin** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.
11. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), D.W. De Groot (Iakota), and B.A. Meinders (Central Plains), having heard the discussions relating to the resignation of **Rev. Luke Wynja** in accordance with Church Order Article 14-b, concur in the decision of Classis Heartland, in session on March 2, 2021, to declare that **Rev. Luke Wynja** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

H. Release from office to enter a nonministerial vocation under Church Order Article 14-c

1. Synodical deputies D.R. Fauble (Grandville), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on December 10, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Joshua S. Benton** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
2. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and J.A. Dykema (Arizona), having heard the discussion of Classis Red Mesa, in session on January 16, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Timothy Howerzyl** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
3. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), and D.E. Fakkema (Pacific Northwest), having heard the discussion of Classis North Cascades, in session on November 5, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Kyle P. Kloostra** is dismissed from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
4. Synodical deputies R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), and B.A. Meinders (Central Plains), having heard the discussion of Classis Iakota, in session on March 2, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Mark E. Langenbach** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.
5. Synodical deputies M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara) and S. Couperus (Huron), having heard the discussion of Classis Hamilton, in session on May 25, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. Roelof**

Peereboom is dismissed from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.

Note: Synodical deputy H.P. Bruinsma was not able to remain at the meeting for this discussion.

6. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 14-c, that **Rev. William Zeilstra** is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America to enter a nonministerial vocation.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

I. Release from ministry in a congregation under Church Order Article 17-a

1. Synodical deputies F.M. Bultman (Muskegon), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on March 9, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Joshua O. Amaezechi** is released from ministerial service in Comstock Christian Reformed Church of Comstock, Michigan.
2. Synodical deputies N. de Koning (Alberta North), W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), and H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. Northwest, in session on March 2, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma** is released from ministerial service in First Christian Reformed Church of Vancouver, British Columbia.
3. Synodical deputies B.A. Meinders (Central Plains), T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), and R.D. Drenten (Heartland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Iakota, in session on June 9, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Joel A. De Boer** is released from ministerial service in Bridge of Hope Ministries Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa.
4. Synodical deputies A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), and D.J. Swinney (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Alberta North, in session on October 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Bruce E. Gritter** is released from ministerial service in The River Community Christian Reformed Church of Edmonton, Alberta.
5. Synodical deputies R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and T. Howerzyl (Red Mesa), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Rocky Mountain, in session on October 10, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Todd H. Hilkemann** is released from ministerial service in Cragmor Christian Reformed Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

6. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Northern Michigan, in session on September 29, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Gregory J. Kett** is released from ministerial service in Highland Christian Reformed Church of Marion, Michigan.
7. Synodical deputies D.R. Fauble (Grandville), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on December 10, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Thomas A. Kragt (RCA Pastor)** is released from ministerial service in Evergreen Christian Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan.
8. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), E.C. Visser (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on February 24, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Leonard A. Kuyvenhoven** is released from ministerial service in Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church of Jenison, Michigan.
9. Synodical deputies T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and D.R. Fauble (Grandville), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Lake Erie, in session on October 3, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. SangMyung (Samuel) Lee** is released from ministerial service in Ann Arbor Hope Christian Reformed Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
10. Synodical deputies S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on November 19, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Keith A. Mannes** is released from ministerial service in East Saugatuck Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan.
11. Synodical deputies A.M. Barton (Northern Michigan), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids North, in session on March 23, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Benjamin McKnight** is released from ministerial service in Grant Christian Reformed Church of Grant, Michigan.
12. Synodical deputies D. Meinema (Eastern Canada), S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Chatham, in session on September 22, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Daryl J. Meijer** is released from ministerial service in Maranatha Christian Reformed Church of Woodstock, Ontario.
13. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of

Classis California South, in session on October 8, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Joseph W. Nasvytis** is released from ministerial service in First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Mississippi.

14. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), M.J. Pluimer (Wisconsin), and T.H. Douma (Northern Illinois), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Illiana, in session on September 22, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Jason Nelson (RCA Pastor)** is released from ministerial service in Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lansing, Illinois.
15. Synodical deputies G.J. Kett (Northern Michigan), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Muskegon, in session on September 24, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Benjamin M. Oliveira** is released from ministerial service in Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church of Muskegon, Michigan.
16. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Northcentral Iowa, in session on January 19, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. David J. Prince** is released from ministerial service in Britt Christian Reformed Church of Britt, Iowa.
17. Synodical deputies F.M. Bultman (Muskegon), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on March 9, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Timothy L. Raakman** is released from ministerial service in Three Rivers Christian Reformed Church of Three Rivers, Michigan.
18. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Kalamazoo, in session on July 7, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Brian D. Seifert** is released from ministerial service in Milwood Community Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan.
19. Synodical deputies R.G. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Grandville, in session on February 4, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Heather Strooboscher** is released from ministerial service in Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Wyoming, Michigan.
20. Synodical deputies G. van Groningen (Georgetown), E.C. Visser (Grand Rapids South), and L.B. Mensink (Grandville), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Zeeland, in session on October 1, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Vern D. Swieringa** is released from ministerial service in Oakland Christian Reformed Church of Hamilton, Michigan.

21. Synodical deputies T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), R.W. Boersma (Northcentral Iowa), and D.W. De Groot (Iakota), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Heartland, in session on September 26, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Norlyn J. Van Beek** is released from ministerial service in Inspiration Hills Christian Camp and Retreat Center of Inwood, Iowa.
22. Synodical deputies D. Roeda (Wisconsin), R. Sparks (Minnkota), and R. Boersma (North Central Iowa), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis Wisconsin, in session on February 23, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Doug Van Essen** is released from ministerial service in Crossroads Christian Reformed Church of Madison, Wisconsin.
23. Synodical deputies N. de Koning (Alberta North), W. Brouwer (B.C. South-East), and H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), having heard the weighty reasons provided and the discussion of Classis B.C. Northwest, in session on March 2, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a, that **Rev. Kenneth M. Vander Horst** is released from ministerial service in Smithers Christian Reformed Church of Smithers, British Columbia.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

J. Extension of eligibility for call under Church Order Article 17-c

1. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Aminah Al-Attas Bradford's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
2. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Nathaniel Al-Attas Bradford's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
3. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having heard the discussion of Classis Georgetown, in session on October 20, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Mark D. Bennink's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
4. Synodical deputies T.L. Raakman (Kalamazoo), R.D. Goudzwaard (Thornapple Valley), and T.N. Leunk (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 20, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Adrian Eising's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

5. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 25, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Adrian Eising's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
6. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having heard the discussion of Classis California South, in session on March 4, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Charles M. Hong's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
7. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having heard the discussion of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 19, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. James H. Kuiper's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
8. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), J. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having heard the discussion of Classis Holland, in session on February 4, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Gary Luurtsema's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
9. Synodical deputies L.B. Mensink (Grandville), H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), having heard the discussion of Classis Lake Superior, in session on March 2, 2021, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Mike F. Miedema's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
10. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Katrina M. Schaafsma's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
11. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having heard the discussion of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Sharon Segaar-King's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.
12. Synodical deputies R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), and H.A. Newhouse (Lake Superior), having heard the discussion of Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, in session on October 30, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-c, that **Rev. Derek Van Dalen's** eligibility for call is extended for one year.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

K. Release from the office of minister of the Word under Church Order Article 17-d

Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), H. Jonker (B.C. Northwest), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. Southeast), having heard the discussion of Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, in session on October 25, 2019, concur in the decision of classis to declare, in accordance with Church Order Article 17-d, that **Rev. Ronald J. Smeding** is released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

L. Declaration that a commissioned pastor position fits synodical guidelines under Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a

1. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (California Central), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church of Chino, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 8, 2020, that the position of director of student ministries is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Chris Avery**.
2. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), T.J. Oosterhuis (Alberta North), and A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of New Life Christian Reformed Church of Abbotsford, British Columbia, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis B.C. South-East, in session on October 20, 2020, that the position of director of faith formation at Faith Christian School is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Koenraad Beugelink**.
3. Synodical deputies J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Long Beach Christian Reformed Church of Long Beach, California, 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 19, 2020, that the position of lead pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Bryan Branderhorst**.
4. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Gibson Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 1, 2020, that the position of interim pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Rodney Brandsen**.
5. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis North Cascades, in session on October 8, 2020, that the position of associate

pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Michael Brummel**.

6. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), and J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Mission Village Christian Reformed Church of Tucson, Arizona, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Arizona, in session on March 6, 2021, that the position of associate pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Mark Crawford**.
7. Synodical deputies L.M. Korf (Columbia), M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Second Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis North Cascades, in session on October 8, 2020, that the position of church planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Aaron De Boer**.
8. Synodical deputies D.W. De Groot (Iakota), T.J. Ouwinga (Minnkota), and R.W. Boersma (North Central Iowa), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Faith Christian Reformed Church of New Brighton, Minnesota, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Lake Superior, in session on September 22, 2020, that the position of faith formation pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Travis Deur**.
9. Synodical deputies S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Harderwyk Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on November 19, 2020, that the position of youth pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Nathaniel Dewitt**.
10. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), D.R. Fauble (Grandville), and D.L. Spoelma (Holland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Madison Square Christian Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grand Rapids East, in session on September 17, 2020, that the position of pastor of spiritual formation is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Susie Dixon**.
11. Synodical deputies J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and M.B. Stegink (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Spirit and Truth Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on September 22, 2020, that the position of east coast organizer with the Office of Social Justice Climate Witness Project is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Allen Drew**.

12. Synodical deputies S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church of St. Thomas, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Chatham, in session on December 8, 2020, that the position of Eastern Canada regional mission leader with Resonate Global Mission is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Beth Fellingner**.
13. Synodical deputies A.E. Beunk (B.C. North-West), H.J. Vanderburgh (Alberta South/Saskatchewan), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Woody Nook Christian Reformed Church of Lacombe County, Alberta, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 12-13, 2020, that the position of minister of discipleship: community and youth ministry is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Sean Folkerts**.
14. Synodical deputies S.A. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), and M.B. Stegink (Hudson), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of The River Community Christian Reformed Church of Douglas, Massachusetts, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on March 5-6, 2021, that the position of pastor of spiritual formation and community engagement is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Kaitlin Givens**.
15. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), D.L. Spoelma (Holland), and S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Pathway Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on April 15, 2021, that the position of lead pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jim Heethuis**.
16. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on February 4, 2021, that the position of associate pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Matthew Hochhalter**.
17. Synodical deputies H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), D. Meinema (Eastern Canada), and S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Hebron Christian Reformed Church of Whitby, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Quinte, in session on May 18, 2021, that the position of solo pastor in a church plant is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Mark Jallim**.

18. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Oasis Community Christian Reformed Church of Moreno Valley, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 8, 2020, that the position of chaplain with Law Enforcement Community Services is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Robert L. Johnson.**
19. Synodical deputies M.B. Stegink (Hudson), S.A. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), and P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Avery Street Christian Reformed Church of Hartford, Connecticut, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 7, 2020, that the position of church planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. DongJin Polo Kim.**
20. Synodical deputies P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), and (third deputy not available), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Restore Church of North Haledon, New Jersey, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hudson, in session on January 29, 2021, that the position of church planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Shamshadeen Mayers.**
21. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Providence Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 1, 2020, that the position of director of faith formation with Holland Christian Schools is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. David Mosterd.**
22. Synodical deputies G. Besteman (Southeast U.S.), M.B. Stegink (Hudson), and J.D. Vande Werken (Atlantic Northeast), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Grace Community Chapel of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hackensack, in session on March 2, 2021, that the position of campus minister with William Paterson University is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Michael Mun.**
23. Synodical deputies H. Admiral (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on July 9, 2020, that this position of commissioned pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Dr. David Murray.**
24. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having examined the written materials submitted by the

council of First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on January 21, 2021, that the position of worship director is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Jordan Nickell**.

25. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Iglesia Cristiana Christian Reformed Church of Fontana, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on October 8, 2020, that the position of assistant pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Rosario Orosco**.
26. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Providence Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on October 1, 2020, that the position of pastor of worship and congregational life is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Dean Slenk**.
27. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), L.B. Mensink (Grandville), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Holland, in session on February 4, 2021, that the position of assistant chaplain for worship at Asbury University is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Ben Snoek**.
28. Synodical deputies H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), E. Groot-Nibbelink (Chatham), and J.C. Dekker (Niagara), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Waterdown, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hamilton, in session on June 30, 2020, that the position of senior theological lecturer at Mukhanyo Theological College, South Africa, is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Dr. John Span**.
29. Synodical deputies D.J. Roeda (Chicago South), R.W. Sparks (Minnkota), and T.M. Zuidema (Heartland), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Wheaton Christian Reformed Church of Wheaton, Illinois, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Northern Illinois, in session on March 3, 2021, that this position of commissioned pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. George Tan**.
30. Synodical deputies M.J. Borst (Pacific Northwest), L.M. Korf (Columbia), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Sonlight Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis North Cascades, in session on April 29, 2021, that the position of

church planter is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Sean Taylor**.

31. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Four Corners Christian Reformed Church of Teecnospos, Arizona, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 19, 2020, that the position of pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Omar Tsosie**.
32. Synodical deputies S.A. Van Houten (Hamilton), M.J. Klingenberg (Niagara), and G. van Leeuwen (Huron), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Destination Christian Reformed Church of St. Thomas, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Chatham, in session on December 8, 2020, that the position of pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Anthony Vander Laan**.
33. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ferrysburg Community Christian Reformed Church of Spring Lake, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 25, 2021, that the position of corporate and community chaplain is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Mr. Daniel Wierenga**.
34. Synodical deputies M.B. Stegink (Hudson), S.A. Vander Ploeg (Southeast U.S.), and P.J. Van Dyken (Hackensack), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Avery Street Christian Reformed Church of Hartford, Connecticut, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Atlantic Northeast, in session on October 7, 2020, that the position of executive pastor is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. The position is to be filled by **Ms. Yushi Linda Yang**.
35. Synodical deputies J.W. Scripps (Georgetown), J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), and A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Michigan, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Muskegon, in session on February 25, 2021, that the position of **calling pastor** is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.
36. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Golden Gate Christian Reformed Church of San Francisco, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 6, 2020, that the position of **Cantonese associate pastor** is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.

37. Synodical deputies A. Beunk (B.C. North-West), H.J. Vanderburgh (AlbertaSouth/Saskatchewan), and R.W. Ouwehand (B.C. South-East), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Edmonton, Alberta, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Alberta North, in session on March 12-13, 2021, that the position of **director of youth ministries** is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.
38. Synodical deputies H.P. Bruinsma (Toronto), E. Groot-Nibbelink (Chatham), and J.C. Dekker (Niagara), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Ancaster Christian Reformed Church of Ancaster, Ontario, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Hamilton, in session on May 27, 2020, that the position of **interim commissioned pastor** is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.
39. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having examined the written materials submitted by the council of Golden Gate Christian Reformed Church of San Francisco, California, and having compared them with the synodical guidelines re office and ordination, concur with the decision of Classis Central California, in session on October 6, 2020, that the position of **Mandarin associate pastor** is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

M. Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a commissioned pastors filling previously approved positions

The following commissioned pastors have been examined by the classes indicated for positions previously approved by synodical deputies (in addition to those listed above in the synodical deputy reports for Church Order Supplement, Article 23-a):

Name	Classis	Date
Elizabeth H.P. Backfish	Central California	November 1, 2020
Brian Boucek	Georgetown	November 1, 2020
Kimberly W. Masters	Rocky Mountain	October 10, 2020
Jeremy Rhodes	Georgetown	May 20, 2021
Carlos Rosa	Alberta North	October 16, 2020
Chava Vang	Lake Erie	March 6, 2021

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, take note of the above-named persons ordained as commissioned pastors within the classes indicated.

N. Service of a commissioned pastor in an organized church as solo pastor under Church Order Article 24-a

1. Synodical deputies J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having examined the request submitted by the council of Long Beach Christian Reformed Church of Long Beach, California, concur with the decision of Classis Greater

Los Angeles, in session on May 19, 2020, that **Mr. Bryan Branderhorst** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.

2. Synodical deputies A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), D. Spoelma (Holland), and S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), having examined the request submitted by the council of Pathway Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on April 15, 2021, that **Mr. James Heethuis** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
3. Synodical deputies H. Admiraal (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and S.F. Terpstra (Zeeland), having examined the request submitted by the council of First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center, Michigan, concur with the decision of Classis Grandville, in session on July 9, 2020, that **Dr. David Murray** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
4. Synodical deputies E.D. Westra (Greater Los Angeles), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having examined the request submitted by the council of Oasis Community Christian Reformed Church of Moreno Valley, California, concur with the decision of Classis California South, in session on March 4, 2021, that **Mr. David Rivera** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.
5. Synodical deputies C. Pool (California South), J.A. Dykema (Arizona), and R. De Young (Rocky Mountain), having examined the request submitted by the council of Four Corners Christian Reformed Church of Teecnospos, Arizona, concur with the decision of Classis Red Mesa, in session on September 19, 2020, that **Mr. Omar Tsosie** (commissioned pastor) may serve the congregation as its solo pastor.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

O. Calling a commissioned pastor to a specified term under Church Order Article 24-b

1. Synodical deputies J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and C. Pool (California South), having examined the request submitted by the council of Long Beach Christian Reformed Church of Long Beach, California, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on May 19, 2020, to call **Mr. Bryan Branderhorst** to a specified term.
2. Synodical deputies J.L. Blom (Grand Rapids North), A. Gelder (Grand Rapids East), and G.G. Vink (Grand Rapids South), having examined the request submitted by the council of Fairway Christian Reformed Church of Jenison, Michigan, the terms proposed, and the accountability of progress in the proposed learning plan, concur with the decision of Classis Georgetown, in session on October 20, 2020, to call **Mr. Jeremy Rhodes** to a specified term.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.

P. Commissioned pastors concluding service under Church Order Article 24-d

The following commissioned pastors have concluded service in the classes indicated in the positions to which they were appointed:

Name	Classis	Effective Date	Status
Leo Clemente	California South	March 4, 2021	Released
Catherine Evans-Smith	Central California	January 31, 2021	Honorably Released
Yuanita Gitamara	North Cascades	February 25, 2021	Honorably Released

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, take note that these commissioned pastors have concluded service in the classes indicated.

Q. Deposition of a minister of the Word under Church Order Articles 82-83

1. Synodical deputies J.J. Greydanus (Red Mesa), J.J. Kim (Ko-Am), and P.H. Vander Klay (Central California), having heard the grounds submitted by the council of Bethany Christian Reformed Church of Bellflower, California, and the discussion of Classis Greater Los Angeles, in session on October 27, 2020, concur in the decision of classis to approve, in accordance with Church Order Articles 82 and 83, the deposition of **Rev. David J. Jeltema** from the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation: That the COD, on behalf of synod, approve the work of the synodical deputies.