

*Classis Report*  
*Classis Central US of the URCNA*  
March 7-8, AD 2022

Delegates to the 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Classis Central US gathered at the Oak Glen United Reformed Church in Lansing, Illinois beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7 and adjourned at noon of the next day.

Many reports were received from classical functionaries including the convening consistory, the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer, the church visitors, and those appointed by our classis to bring fraternal greetings to sister churches. Reports were also received from the representatives of our federation committees and from the consistory overseeing the church plant in Chicago Heights and Army Chaplain Major Andrew Spriensma now serving in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Fraternal greetings were brought by Rev. Bruce Hollister on behalf of the Presbytery of the Midwest of the OPC and by Rev. C. J Den Dulk on behalf of Classis Minnkota of the CRC. Letters of greeting were received from Classis Manitoba of the Canadian Reformed Churches and Classis South-Central of the RCUS.

Two overtures to synod were considered. The overture proposing national synods was defeated and the overture calling for a change in Church Order Art. 64 passed. The latter asked that the Church Order be reconciled to the Pastoral Advice on erasure of membership. Currently there is a discrepancy between the Church Order and the corresponding Pastoral Advice with the Church Order requiring “concurring advice” from classes before a consistory may erase a membership, but the Pastoral Advice only requiring that a consistory “seek advice.”

The delegates also dealt with eleven requests for advice from seven churches primarily dealing with matters of spiritual discipline. Discipline cases are difficult, but the faithful exercise of discipline is a mark of the true church and a means of bringing glory to God as well as calling sinners to repentance.

Elder Leonard De Vries of Pella ably chaired the meeting and at the conclusion thanked the delegates for their diligent work in the service of the churches and thanked the host church for their warm and generous hospitality.

Classis is scheduled to meet again on September 12-13, 2022, at the Lynwood United Reformed Church in Lynwood, Illinois.

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