

***Classis Central U.S. Press Release***  
***December 8, 2025***

On December 8, 2025, Classis Central U.S. of the United Reformed Churches in North America met at Covenant Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa for its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This meeting of classis was a special meeting being requested by three consistories within the classis according to the provision of Church Order Article 26.

The specific purpose for the meeting was to consider an overture presented by the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This overture sought the formal advice of classis in connection to the suspension of a minister of the Word. Also on the meeting's agenda was a request for concurring advice for implementing the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Christ Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and one of their ministers, Rev. Kirk Gibbons.

Classis advised that nothing in the written record presented to its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting demonstrates conduct that biblically or morally disqualifies the minister concerned from the office of minister or prevents the immediate termination of his suspension. Classis also gave concurring advice for the dissolution of the relationship between Christ Reformed Church and Rev. Kirk Gibbons.

Classis was led through their deliberations by the chairman, Elder Mark Van Der Molen of Immanuel United Reformed Church in De Motte, Indiana, assisted by vice-chairman, Rev. Jody Lucero of Providence Reformed Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Greg Lubbers, Stated Clerk