

**REGIONAL SYNOD OF THE GREAT LAKES
MEETING AND MINUTES
Convened using Zoom Videoconferencing
Special Session
July 13, 2020**

FORMATION OF THE SYNOD

Roll Call/Seating of Delegates

This Assembly of the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes (RSGL) was convened using the Zoom videoconferencing app on Monday, July 13, 2020. Delegates were asked to sign in early and register their attendance using the Chat feature in Zoom. President Mik Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The President declared that a quorum—a majority of the minister delegates and a majority of the elder delegates—was present. The delegates to this assembly meeting are listed below. *designates a second-year delegate.

GREAT LAKES CITY CLASSIS

Mr. Mark Black, 6800 Loomis Road, DeWitt, MI, 48820
Mr. Josh Boyer, 6861 Bale Kenyon Road, Lewis Center, OH, 43035
Rev. Kent Frens, 1832 Onaway SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49506
Rev. Mark Kleinheksel, 2635 Bauer Rd, Jenison, MI 49428*
Rev. Tierra Marshall, 561 Paris Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Mr. Josh Sanders, 3552 Earle, Grandville, MI, 49418*
Ms. Sherry Seamon 2069 West 100th Street, Cleveland, OH, 44102*
Rev. JB Wernlund, 7734 Eastern Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI, 49408*

HOLLAND CLASSIS

Rev. Kent Fry, 134 W 12th Street, Holland, MI, 49423
Rev. Dan Gillett, 630 State Street, Holland, MI, 49423*
Rev. Darrell Koopmans, 48 Lynden Road, Holland, MI, 49423
Mr. Don Lam, 882 West 26th Street, Holland, MI, 49424*
Ms. Mari Martin, 1205 Waterwalk Drive, Holland, MI, 49423*
Ms. Marilyn Norman, 795 South Shore Drive, Holland, MI, 49423*
Rev. David VanOpstall, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland, MI, 49423

MUSKEGON CLASSIS

Mr. Irv Boersen, 15918 Stanton Street, West Olive, MI, 49460
Mrs. Geraldine Eadie, 21336 40th Avenue, Conklin, MI, 49403
Rev. John Koedyker, 17292 Berkshire Drive, Grand Haven, MI, 49417
Rev. John Kenny, 301 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI, 49417
Mr. Jim Smith, 6691 Minard, Muskegon, MI, 49442*
Rev. Dick Van Dop, 12010 Canterbury Court, Marne, MI, 49435*
Rev. Randy Vander Weit, 1577 Clinton Street, Muskegon, MI, 49442*
Mr. Jack Zandstra, 6051 Hubbard Road, Muskegon, MI, 49442*

NORTH GRAND RAPIDS CLASSIS

Rev. Sarah Bruins, 1025 Courtney Street, Grand Rapids, MI, 49417
Ms. Katie Bush, 3217 Coit Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525
Rev. Laura Dille, 18288 Woodland Ridge Drive, Apt 7, Spring Lake, MI, 49456
Mr. Bob Engelsman, 3506 Westcott Drive, Ada, MI, 49301*
Mr. Bill Hahn, 2419 Glen Valley Drive, Grand Rapids, MI, 49544*
Rev. Billy Norden, 1047 Paradise Lake Drive, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546
Mr. Ron Roden, 6870 Maplecrest Drive, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546
Rev. Christopher Westerbeek, 295 Greentree Lane, Ada, MI, 49301*

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CLASSIS

Mr. Lee Pranger, PO Box 7, New Era, MI, 49446
Rev. Chris Maki, 100 Oak Street, Charlevoix, MI, 49720

Mr. Roger Ouwinga, 9150 W Watergate, McBain, MI, 49657*
Rev. Drew Poppleton, 1139 E Front Street, Traverse City, MI, 49686
Rev. Kevin Schutt, 8372 S Lucas Road, McBain, MI, 49657
Mr. Brad Vander Waal, 1100 N Saginaw Road, Midland, MI, 48640
Mr. Alan VanDuinen, 4614 Elm Street, New Era, MI, 49446

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CLASSIS

Mr. Tim Buis, 2512 Kalamarama, Portage, MI, 49024*
Mr. Tom Drenth, 5212 Land End Drive, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009
Rev. Jim Harrison, 2885 Wentward Circle, Hudsonville, MI, 49426
Mr. Dave Mejeur, 5158 Deerland, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009
Rev. Jason Olson, 326 W Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI, 49001
Rev. Laura Osborne, 322 South 1st Street, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009*
Mr. Jerry Pols, 1073 West Allegan Street, Martin, MI, 49070
Rev. Phil Rose, 3616 Edinburgh Drive, Kalamazoo, MI, 49006

ZEELAND CLASSIS

Rev. Doug Baker, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland, MI, 49464
Rev. Steven DeVries, 12050 New Holland Street, Holland, MI, 49424
Mr. Bill Everett, 7345 Watermark Drive, Allendale, MI, 49401
Rev. Shawn Hulst, 6610 36th Avenue, Hudsonville, MI, 49426
Mr. Glenn Kleinheksel, 4269 47th Street, Holland, MI, 49423*
Mr. Cal Klokkert, 4352 134th Avenue, Hamilton, MI, 49419*
Mr. Donald Komejan, 10514 Bridgewater Drive, Zeeland, MI, 49464
Rev. Rob Wondergem, 5947 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, MI, 49401*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	Mr. Mik Sutton
Vice-President:	Rev. Dan Gillett
Past-President:	Rev. Greg Brower
Past Past-President:	Mr. Bob VanderZwaag
At-Large Member	Rev. Jen Holmes Curran
Great Lakes City Classis Rep	Mrs. Michelle Chahine
Holland Classis Rep	Rev. Deb Yurk
Muskegon Classis Rep	Mr. Wally De La Fuente
Northern Michigan Classis Rep	Mr. Paul DeBoer
North Grand Rapids Classis Rep	Rev. Nancy Boote
Southwest Michigan Classis Rep	Rev. Suzanne Hart
Zeeland Classis Rep	Mrs. Jami Alferink
Regional Executive:	Rev. John Messer
Stated Clerk/Parliamentarian (non-voting):	Rev. Howard Moths

The following delegates were absent from this special session: Josh Sanders, JB Wernlund, Don Lam, David VanOpstall, Irv Boersen, Geraldine Eadie, Dick Van Dop, Ron Roden, Brad Vander Waal, Tim Buis, Jason Olson, Jerry Pols, Shawn Hulst, Cal Klokkert, Jami Alferink, Paul DeBoer, Suzanne Hart

Introduction to the Agenda

In the meeting of the Executive Committee of the regional synod on June 22, 2020 the committee considered a report from the Finance Committee of the regional synod including a new proposed budget for the 2020/2021 Ministry Fund and 2021 Assessment of \$18.50 per confessing member (reduced from the \$20.00 approved by the annual RSGL Assembly on May 4). The Executive Committee voted to endorse the proposed budget with the new assessment of \$18.50 and to hold a Special Session of the RSGL Assembly this evening using Zoom to consider this recommendation. The agenda for a special session is limited to the stated purpose of the meeting as stated in the notice for a special session.

OPENING PRAYER

President Mik Sutton opened the meeting with prayer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike Gafa, reporting

The Finance Committee is one of our two permanent administrative committees whose members are appointed directly by the classes within our region. The revised budget for the 2020/2021 Ministry Fund was sent to the delegates in advance of this meeting. Mike Gafa, who serves as the Treasurer of the regional synod, presented the report of the RSGL Finance Committee explaining the places in the budget where the line items have been reduced.

The Finance Committee voted to recommend the following motion:

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To approve the new proposed budget for the 2020/2021 Ministry Fund and 2021 Assessment of \$18.50 per confessing member (reduced from the \$20.00 approved by the annual RSGL Assembly on May 4). (APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY USING POLLING IN ZOOM.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chuck Brower, chair (ZEE)

Tim Elzinga (NGR)

Cindy Lowman (SWM)

Vacant (Holland)

Mike Gafa, Treasurer (Ex-Officio)

Gordon Vander Slice (NMI) unanimously

Bob Zielinski (GLCC)

Irv Boersen (MUSK)

Alison DeBoer, staff

John Messer, Regional Executive (Ex-Officio)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The president thanked all of the delegates for their attendance in this meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER

John Messer closed the Assembly meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Rev. Howard H. Moths

Stated Clerk, Synod of the Great Lakes