



**Session #97**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 6, 2018  
 12 noon to 1:30 PM  
 Main Street Pub  
 11240 University Pkwy, Allendale, MI 49401

### **Officers of the Day**

**President:** Rev. Joshua VanDrunen  
**Vice-President:** Rev. Gerry Koning  
**Stated Clerk:** Ms. Glenda Tebben

## **I. CREDENTIALS**

### **Article 1**

**Credentials:** Each delegate received a name tag on arrival. Churches sent in their credentials prior to the meeting.

### **Article 2**

#### **Delegates in attendance:**

<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTOR</u></b>	<b><u>ELDER</u></b>	<b><u>DEACON</u></b>
Alive Ministries	Terry Scholten	Kim Haverdink	
Baldwin Street		Don Hamilton Jerry VanSolkema	
Bauer	Tim Holwerda	Jim Stuck	
Cottonwood		Eric Gladding	
Evergreen Ministries	Larry Doornbos	Tom Kragt	
Fairway	Stan Sturing	Ron Brunink	

First Hudsonville	Dave Jolman	Jim Schreur	
Forest Grove	Jeff Scripps	Ron Koedam	
Georgetown	Marc Nelesen		Rich Myers
Hillcrest	Brian Bosscher	Randy Plaisier	
Immanuel	Tom Swieringa	Paul Hoekwater	
Jamestown	Matthew Slack	Casey DeYoung	
Messiah	Nate Meldrim	Hank Bloem	
Ridgewood	Rich Visser	Peter Jansens	Deb DeVries
Searchlight	Sam Krikke	Rose Meekhof	
Trinity	Gerry Koning	David VanRandwyk	
Twelfth Avenue	Mark Bennink	David Holkeboer	
Zutphen	Josh VanDrunen	Wayne VandenHoek	

Other persons attending Classis:

Staff:

Mr. Jim Roskam  
Ms. Kathy Jelsema  
Ms. Glenda Tebben

Synodical Deputy:

Rev. Doug Spoelma

Guest:

Rev. James Evenhouse

## **II. Welcome, Devotions, and Prayer**

### **Article 3**

1. President Joshua VanDrunen opened this segment of our meeting by welcoming all in attendance. A special welcome to Rev. Doug Spoelma, the synodical deputy, and Rev. James Evenhouse.
2. President VanDrunen shared some verses from Luke 1. He challenged delegates that, during the Christmas season, it's important to take note of what God is up to and wait for a surprise.
3. President VanDrunen led in an opening prayer.

## **III. Classis Work**

### **Article 4**

#### **A. Classis Action on proposed Article 17 related to Rev. Mark Bennink and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue CRC.**

##### **1. Background and History**

- a. President VanDrunen read the background for the Article 17 separation.

##### **2. Discussion and Recommendations**

- a. Motion was made and supported to approve Article 17 release as presented in the background information: To approve Article 17 release of Rev. Mark Bennink from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue CRC due to the closure of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue's ministry. This is followed by discussion
- b. Motion is carried. The synodical deputies concurred with classis' decision.

- c. Motion was MSC to transfer the ministerial credentials of Rev. Mark Bennink and Rev. James Evenhouse to Baldwin Street CRC.
- d. Rev. VanDrunen and other delegates offer prayers for Rev. Bennink and the congregation of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The prayer is concluded by all in attendance singing the doxology.

#### **IV. Lunch Fellowship for Delegates and Guests**

##### **Article 5**

A time of fellowship over the lunch hour meal is enjoyed by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Tebben*

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

**Please note the date of our next Classis meeting:**

**Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Bauer CRC**