

Report on the meeting of Classis Central US of the URCNA

Convening at Covenant Reformed Church of Kansas City, MO — April 10-11, 2012

Two overtures, discussion of the Report from the Synodical Committee on Missions, and the sharing of concerns and causes for praise occupied the time and attention of the recent meeting of the URCNA's Classis Central US.

Meeting at Covenant Reformed Church of Kansas City, Classis Central US convened its 32nd meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, concluding by early afternoon of the following day.

The evening session involved hearing a variety of reports, including something new to the Classis: delegates reporting on how the Lord is working within their congregations, which should assist us in praying for each other. The evening also involved discussion of the report from the Synodical Committee on Missions; discussion of the report continued the next morning with the clerk of the Committee, Rev. Jody Lucero, fielding questions from the delegates.

Delegates heard more reports as well as greetings from fraternal delegates in the morning session, but most of the time was involved in discussing two overtures and giving pastoral advice. The first overture, from Cornerstone URC of Sanborn, involved establishing a pulpit supply schedule for vacant churches. After discussing the overture, it was tabled indefinitely to allow for it to be refined based on the discussion.

The second overture, from Immanuel URC of DeMotte, involved establishing a "Church Plant Advisory Committee"; this overture passed. The CPAC has the following mandate: to gather and distribute information about church plant works in Classis Central US; to provide advice and recommendations to the churches on potential church plant locations in the Classis; to develop guidelines for church planting; and to provide regular reports of its work to a designated Consistory. The Immanuel URC of DeMotte was given the task of presenting to the next Classis names of potential nominees for the committee, a Consistory to work with the committee, and suggested funding for the committee.

The Classis then entered into executive session to give advice to two Consistories for the proper governing of the church.

The next meeting of Classis Central US is scheduled for September 10-11, 2012, the Lord willing. The Consistory of Oak Glen URC of Lansing, IL, is the convening consistory.

Classis wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the members of Covenant Reformed Church of Kansas City for their gracious hospitality; to the Consistory of Covenant Reformed Church for its work in preparing for this meeting; and to Rev. Harold Miller and Rev. John Vermeer for their commendable service as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

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