

Classis Central US of the URCNA

Report

September 13 & 14, AD 2021

The fifty second meeting of Classis Central US was convened and graciously hosted by the Covenant URC of Kansas City, Missouri.

Classis was called into session at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening by host Elder Wil Postma. After opening devotions, a roll call, and assent to the Form of Subscription, Rev. Todd De Rooy assumed the chair.

Reports were heard from the convening consistory, the stated, clerk, and the treasurer. Fraternal greetings were received from six sister denominations and federations and prayer was offered for each of them. They were the Midwest Presbytery of the RPCNA, the South Central Classis of the RCUS, Classis Minnkota of the CRC, Classis Manitoba of the CanRC, Classis Covenant East of the RCUS, and the Presbytery of the Dakotas of the OPC.

The classical Church Planting Advisory Committee (CPAC) presented its report. It continues to encourage a possible core group in Nebraska; it continues to give attention to Sanborn's efforts at developing a Latino ministry; and it gave advice to the Sioux Falls church regarding a possible new church plant in that city.

The main focus of the meeting was matters of discipline – a vital function of the church necessary for the glory of Christ, the reformation of sinners, and the purity of Christ's church. Classis gave advice on eleven matters brought before them by seven consistories.

The election of some classis functionaries was conducted. Rev. Jody Lucero and Rev. Joel Worries were reappointed to CPAC, and Rev. Roberto Rossi was added as a member of CPAC. Mr. John Surowiec (Schererville) and Rev. Andrew Compton were reappointed as Church Visitor and Alternate Church Visitor respectively for the east side of the classis. Rev. Ralph Pontier and Rev. Todd De Rooy were appointed as Church Visitor and Alternate Church Visitor respectively for the west side of the classis. They join two others so designated for the west side of classis. Mr. Harold Meinders (Pella) was reappointed to the Missions Committee and Rev. Joel Worries was reappointed as Alternate to the same committee. Mr. Mark Van Der Molen (De Motte) was reappointed to the Standing Committee on Appeals, and Rev. Ralph Pontier was reappointed as Alternate to the same committee.

The next meeting of classis is scheduled for March 7-8, 2022, to be convened by the Oak Glen United Reformed Church in Lansing, Illinois.