

Historical Committee of the CRCNA
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Classical Contact Persons
Historical Committee and Heritage Hall

Dear Contact Persons:

This communication is being sent to you to inform you of several organizational changes and to solicit your help.

Since the passing of Robert Bolt as the classes' contact person with the denominational archives, the committee and William Katerberg, the curator of Heritage Hall, have determined that it will be more efficient if classical and congregational minutes and other materials are sent directly to the Heritage Hall. The staff and curator also will continue the work of annually compiling the lists of congregational and ministerial anniversaries printed in the Historical Committee's annual report to synod. Here is contact and mailing information for Heritage Hall:

- ☐ Mail: Heritage Hall, Calvin University, 3201 Burton Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546-4402. For important documents, please use a trackable mailing option.
- ☐ General email: crcarchives@calvin.edu – 616-526-6313
- ☐ William Katerberg (curator): will.katerberg@calvin.edu – 616-526-6916
- ☐ Website: <https://library.calvin.edu/hh>

Stated clerks of classes have functionally been the contact persons with the archives in virtually every case. We herewith formally recognize them as such. However, in a half dozen cases we will continue to also involve non-clerks who have so functioned in the past and have consented to continue doing so as collaborators. We thank all who have worked with Professor Bolt in the past on archiving materials.

A final significant organizational change is that synod has approved expanding the Historical Committee and clarifying its work as a standing committee of synod; these changes appear in the two most recent acts of synod.

This letter also solicits your help in continuing to remind and urge congregations in your classis to submit their official records to be copied and archived at Heritage Hall; to inform your churches and their members of the resources available for their use via Heritage Hall (cf. its website); and to encourage Christian Reformed people and denominationally related organizations in your area to submit materials for archiving that contribute to a deeper understanding of congregational and denominational life. For more information about the kinds of material collected by the archives from congregations, please contact William Katerberg.

The committee is especially interested in gathering electronic copies of D.Min. theses and other scholarly research; please solicit information on such items and inform us of whom to contact regarding them.

Thank you for your valued involvement in the work of identifying, archiving, and utilizing important Heritage Hall materials for better understanding and appreciating the body of Christ known as Christian Reformed.

Sincerely, in Christ,

James A. De Jong
Secretary