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Good Morning Fred,

We discussed your email response to Wendy our clerk of council last night at our executive meeting. I've included a response to your reply regarding Aaron Tollenaar who is a seminary student.

Article 3: Officers and Functionaries of Classis (p. 13 of Classis Huron Handbook)

2.7. Licensed Exhorters: As per Church Order Article 43-b.

2.7.1. Seminary Students: Classis shall grant licenses to exhort to seminary students who are not studying at Calvin Seminary, provided that they

- 1) are members of a Christian Reformed Church within Classis,
- 2) intend to enter ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, and
- 3) have successfully completed one year of seminary work.

Such licenses shall be granted until the student completes their education and/or is declared a candidate for ministry.

2.7.2. Members not formally preparing for ministry:

In response to demonstrated need, Classis shall receive recommendations from councils to issue licenses to exhort within the bounds of Classis to qualified individuals who sustain appropriate examination by Classis. Upon approval, a license shall be granted for one year, after which time the council may request a renewal.

While we would concede that Church Order Article 43-b does require an examination, that Article has in mind those who are not preparing for ministry within our denomination. The requirement of an examination is clearly stated in 2.7.2 (cited above). Students preparing for ministry, however, have been exempt from that requirement. Our handbook only offers three requirements, none of which are an examination.

For that reason, we'd ask that Classis Huron moves ahead to offer Aaron Tollenaar a License to Exhort within Classis Huron.

We sincerely believe that Aaron is a mature Christian, has been given gifts for pastoral ministry, displays the fruits of the Spirit, loves Jesus Christ and His church, and has a deep desire to serve both.

Blessings,

Arnold Bosman

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