

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Prof. Cammenga examined Mr. Matt Kortus and Mr. Jacob Maatman in Introduction to Dogmatics for 20 minutes, and in Theology, Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology for 40 minutes each. Opportunity was given after each section of the examination for the delegates to ask further questions. It was a joy to hear these men confess their convictions concerning the precious doctrines of the Reformed faith.

Synod then turned to the subject of foreign missions. Synod approved the work performed by Doon PRC's Council and the FMC in the Philippines on behalf of the churches, and expressed appreciation to Doon PRC for their faithful oversight of the mission work in the Philippines. Synod also expressed its gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Holstege, Rev. and Mrs. Kleyn, and Rev. and Mrs. Smit and their families for their faithful service in the cause of the mission work in the Philippines. Rev. D. Kleyn, one of our missionaries to the Philippines, addressed synod regarding the important work that the Lord is doing in the Philippines and expressed appreciation to our churches for their support of this work.

Synod approved the work of the FMC with Hope PRC regarding their labors in Myanmar, and approved the work of the FMC with Georgetown PRC regarding their labors in India.

Synod declared the protest of Mr. Henry Kamps legally before it. Further advice concerning this protest will be coming later.

Synod admitted Matthew Koerner and Jeremy Helms to the seminary as diploma pre-licentiate students. Synod also admitted Donor Bartolon to the seminary as a diploma non-licentiate student, and decided to waive the missing pre-seminary requirements for Isaac Peters and admit him to the seminary as a student on a special three-year program. All four of these students, Lord willing, we begin their seminary training this fall. We thank God to have these students in our seminary.

Synod expressed its thanks to Mrs. Judi Doezema for her exceptional work as our seminary secretary for the past 30 years.

Synod called Rev. Brian Huizinga to replace Prof. Cammenga as Professor of Dogmatics and Old Testament. Rev. Cory Griess was chosen to be the alternate. May the Lord guide Rev. Huizinga that he may know God's will regarding this call. Let us remember him in our prayers.

The proposed budgets for the TSC and for the work in the Philippines were approved.

Synod is scheduled to resume the examination of the senior seminarians immediately after devotions tomorrow morning.