

November 28, 2020

Information: The consistory by majority vote made the decision to suspend Rev. Lanning according to Articles 79 and 80 of the Church Order, concluding the work of the Church Visitors. After Rev. Spronk was asked to pray, Elder Dewey Engelsma said, "This consistory has the blood of the prophet on their hands, and I can't raise my hands in prayer with you men," and then he left the meeting. Elder Bryan Van Baren also left the meeting in concurrence with Elder Engelsma.

Recommendation: We advise that the consistory relieve the two elders of their duties as elders until they apologize for their rash charge and conduct.

Grounds:

1. The two men cannot serve in this consistory as long as they maintain that they cannot pray with the consistory.
2. They cannot serve as elders in their congregation as long as they maintain the charge they made.

This advice was adopted by the BCPRC Consistory.