

On January 23, 2021 the consistory adopted the following: "Article 3. Motion made and supported to denounce as willful, hasty, sinful, and schismatic the actions of 2 elders and 3 deacons of Byron Center PRC wherein they called for separation from the Protestant Reformed churches. They believe that the deposition of Andrew Lanning reveals that the Protestant Reformed churches have corrupted the marks of the true church and manifested the marks of the false church. They did this by a signed letter, and a signed document entitled, *Act of Separation*. Grounds: A. This is a violation of Art. 31 of the CO, because the aggrieved men did not avail themselves of their right for protest and appeal, rather they separated. B. This is a breaking of the union of the body of Christ. Eph. 4:1-3