

Dear Consistory,

I am writing with a love and concern, I cannot stress that enough. I come in humbleness. The Spirit has compelled me to write this letter to you, for it contains great concern for the spiritual well-being of our church. As I first spoke and recommended to you all at council, it was and is our noble duty as office bearers to seek out, possess, read, and discuss the matters of the church. I stressed that even though this is Classis East's agenda, the matters were serious and weighty. We should not have only informed ourselves of them, but also should have taken a stand as a church in recommending to our delegates from Classis West to oppose such motions that were passed. I got no response at that meeting as few had read or received the agenda.

Available now are the minutes, agenda, majority and minority reports from Classis East. I urge you to read them. Classis ruled that a minister taught heresy, and recommended a public apology. Classis also unjustly deposed a minister for public schism. In Article 80 of the Church Order, heresy and public schism are both listed as gross sins for which to depose an office bearer. I do not believe Classis was consistent in their rulings.

And the current controversy in our churches continues. There is confusion all around us, because two different doctrines are being preached in our denomination. And we would never know that if we weren't concerned for our denomination or our own church. We pray for unity, and thank God for unity. But He has not given unity to the PRC. We must put an end to confusion by standing for the truth, God's truth. God's word is sure. It does not generate confusion for believers, it comforts them. God's word is a two edged sword. We must not be afraid to stand. God's word is uncompromising and unwavering.

I firmly believe Rev. A Lanning stands for this truth, having listened to many of his sermons, conversing on the phone, and even visiting with him in his home a few weeks ago. He is not guilty of public schism. He is endeavoring to keep the unity (Ephesians 4). Public schism has crept in by way of a failure and opposition to discussing doctrinal matters. There is divide and difference on whether or not our experience of God's fellowship depends on our obedience. This error and other false doctrines have been battled since 2016, proving for six years the PRC has been "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." I urge you to keep silence no longer, and object to these heresies and false doctrines being taught. I confess I feel in my heart great sorrow for keeping silence. I am also asking for assistance in formulating a protest against Classis East to bring to Synod.

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