

Greetings Consistory of Southwest Protestant Reformed Church,

It is with great sadness and sorrow of heart that I request that my membership papers at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church along with the membership papers of my wife and children (Stephanie, Jacob, Calvin, and Aaron) be sent to our home. This decision had not been taken lightly. After much prayerful consideration, I can no longer in good conscience before God remain in the Protestant Reformed Churches. The Protestant Reformed Churches have continued to tolerate and defend conditional theology in her preaching and writings by several of her ministers, and have not properly disciplined the ministers and consistories for teaching such heresy. This has been going on in our churches for nearly five years. Recently Classis East of January 2021 wickedly deposed a righteous minister of the Lord for condemning that heresy. He was deposed for calling his individual congregation and the entire denomination of the Protestant Reformed Churches to repentance for tolerating and defending such heresy.

Southwest Protestant Reformed Church has stood in the sinful and wicked decision of Classis East to depose a minister of God for condemning the heresy of conditional theology. While I have not heard the heresy of conditional theology from our minister off our pulpit, the Protestant Reformed Churches have, as a whole, tolerated such teachings. For the last five years throughout this doctrinal controversy the Consistory of Southwest has failed in fulfilling its calling regarding Article 55 of the Church Order: "To ward off false doctrine and errors that multiply exceedingly through heretical writing, the ministers and elders shall use there means of teaching of refutation or warning and of admonition, as well in the ministry of the Word as in Christian teaching and family-visiting." Due to this stand by Southwest Consistory, I can no longer in good conscience before God remain a member at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church and in the Protestant Reformed Churches.

Due to this conviction I attended the meeting that was called by the five office bearers of Byron Center Protestant Reformed Church. At this meeting I signed my name and the name of my family to a document, the Act of Separation. By signing this document I have removed myself and my family from the Protestant Reformed Churches, and therefore have removed myself from Southwest Protestant Reformed Church. By signing this document I have removed myself from the authority and rule of Southwest Protestant Reformed Church consistory, and put myself under the authority rule of the two elders from the newly formed church.

Jeremiah 1:16 "And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, and worship the works of their own hands."

In Christ,

Matt Hanko