Reformed Church in America

Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings at Longview Community Church, Phoenix, AZ on July 04, 2014.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Dr. Jim Poit, Dr. Randy Wieland, Lynn Fischer, Fred Bates, Pastor Richard Caballero, and Rev. Susan Hetrick.

The following information and request was received from Rev. Gary Jarvis:

I believe that you are all aware that my son Benjamin has had a recurrence in his ALL Leukemia, and has been undergoing chemo treatments since April. After consulting with the Bone Marrow Transplant specialist my wife and I feel that the best course of action to rid Benjamin of the Leukemia for good is to do a Bone Marrow Transplant. Our youngest daughter, Naomi, is a perfect match for him, which reduces the risks of this procedure quite a bit.

We believe this is the best course of action, and at the same time we know this is not going to be a walk in the park. The picture we have of the next year leads me to the conclusion that I will not be able to fulfill any of my positions. year Ben will need 24/7 care from us according to the Doctors.

It is clear to me that I need to ask for a leave of absence for about one year from all three positions.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We honor the request from Rev. Gary Jarvis for a one year leave of absence and continue to pay Gary is regular Classis pay.

The recommendation was approved by e-mail vote 2014/26

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Fischer, Stated Clerk