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## Founder's Vision Statement

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# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

To Classis Oostfriesland,  
Convening at Austinville, September 14, 1937.

Dear Brethren:

## I. OUR MANDATE

The mandate which the March, 1937 Classis gave to this Board is rooted in the decision made by the September, 1935 Classis, which committed the Classis to the following three-point program:

- A.-Establishment of legal possession of the College property.
  - B.-Attempt to make an out-of-court settlement with all the creditors on a percentage basis, say twenty cents on the dollar.
  - C.-Make plans for the re-opening of the school, if possible. This would include establishing contact with other Classes of the West.
- Point A. has been carried out. The mandate of Classis to this Board is to make a further study of Points B. and C. and report to the September, 1937 session of Classis.

*O.K.*

## II. MORAL OBLIGATION TO OUR CREDITORS

With regard to the moral obligation which Classis has recognized to the creditors, we are not prepared at this time to recommend a definite mode of procedure for the carrying out of point B., as so much depends on what is ultimately done about point C. But the obligation is not being forgotten or ignored.

*Endorsed by Classis.*

## III. PROPOSAL FOR A JUNIOR COLLEGE

In conformity with point C. of the adopted three-point program, we recommend:

- A.-That Classis Oostfriesland invite Classes Pella, Minnesota, Orange City, and Sioux Center to join with us in working towards the organization, support, and control of a Christian Junior College in which all instruction given must be in harmony with Reformed principles. The aim of such a Junior College is to "give young people an education that is Christian, not merely in the sense that devotional exercises are appended to the ordinary work of the College, but in the larger and deeper sense that all the class work, all the students' intellectual, emotional, and imaginative activities shall be permeated with the spirit and teaching of Christianity!"
- B.-That the question of the location of such a Junior College is to be decided by joint action of the Classes involved.
- C.-That, while the initiative is thus taken by an ecclesiastical body, the question as to whether the proposed Junior College is to be controlled by the Church or by an independent society is to be decided by joint action of the Classes involved or their committees.
- D.-That, as first steps towards attaining the above objectives, Classis appoint a Committee of three to represent this Classis; and instruct its Stated Clerk to correspond with the other Classes and invite them to appoint similar Committees of three; these ~~three~~ men to confer together and report back to their respective Classes.