



Trinity Hill Church
306 W. 78th St
Chanhausen, MN 55317
February 6, 2023

Henry Gunnink, Stated Clerk
Classis Lake Superior

Dear Henry,

The Leader Team of Trinity Hill Church would like to request that Trinity Hill Church be recognized as an established church rather than an emerging church. It is our belief that Trinity Hill Church meets all the criteria for an established church set out in CRC Church Order. According to Church Order Supplement, Article 38-b we believe that we have met the criteria. Below you will find answers to the requirements listed.

Supplement, Article 38-b

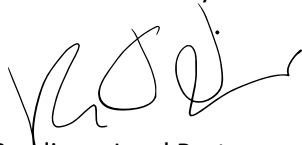
- a. **Length of Existence at Least 3 Years.** Trinity Hill Church has been in existence for nearly 6 years.
- b. **Office Bearers.** Trinity Hill Church currently has approximately 40 regular attenders who will provide us with a more than adequate pool of potential office bearers. Currently we have a five-member Leader Team who are ready to be nominated as elders and deacons to form a council. In addition to the pastor, we anticipate having two elders and two deacons serve on council.
- c. **Financial Sustainability.** Trinity Hill Church has been able to sustain her financial needs without outside funding and assistance from Classis, Resonate, or Bridgewood Church for 3 years (except for the disbursement of funds from the Trinity Hill church planting fund during a few months of the Covid-19 pandemic).
- d. **Potential for Continuing Ministry (Mission Field).** The community in which we find ourselves is still a rich harvest field for the gospel. It is clear to us that there is the potential for continued growth and development of Trinity Hill Church in the foreseeable future.

In addition to these things Trinity Hill Church is incorporated as a charitable organization, supports a missionary through Resonate, and is continuing to develop relationships with denominational agencies

and with organizations in our own local community. We look forward to playing an active role in the life of the Christian Reformed Church and Classis Lake Superior.

It is our desire to see this become part of the agenda for the March 2023 Classis meeting so that we can be approved as an established Christian Reformed Church. If there is any additional information that you require in order to move this forward, please contact me at your convenience.

On behalf of the Trinity Hill Church Leader Team,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Sandison', written in a cursive style.

Kyle Sandison, Lead Pastor