



Date: October 12th, 2020

To: Executive Committee of the Classis of Cascades
The Regional Synod of the Far West
The General Synod Council (General Synod)
The General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America

From: The Consistory of Valley Life Community Church

Re: Letter of Intent and Discernment to leave the RCA, Far West Synod

Brothers and Sisters,

This letter is a written notification to you that the consistory of Valley Life Community Church anticipates it will be leaving the denomination following further congregational discussions and a season of discernment.

We are communicating this to you in response to the vision 2020 teams report (recommendation three, paragraph 2.4), recommending that a church's two year of assessments will be retroactively dated back to the date of this letter of intent. We will communicate to you when we have come to a final determination.

We desire to further communicate our resolute reluctance in sending this letter. We are reluctant to create any additional frustration, confusion or aggravation within the denomination and are resolute in our determination that our Biblical conscience precludes us from participating in the life and ministry of the RCA as described in the Vision 2020 report. We will continue to be a leading, contributing and faithful member of our Classis, Region and Denomination until we reach a final determination regarding our membership with the RCA. The decision to move forward with this notice was approved by a unanimous vote of the consistory.

Grace and Peace,

The Consistory of Valley Life Community Church

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Vincent Hanke President of the Consistory

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Carl Alberda Vice - President of the Consistory