

# I'LL STICK, MUSKEGON PASTOR, OUSTED, SAYS IN OPENING HIS FIGHT

REV. BULTEMA DECLARES HE'LL  
PREACH SUNDAY—QUOTES  
FROM BIBLE.

CONSISTORY, ALSO DEPOSED,  
STANDS BEHIND MINISTER

MUSKEGON, Dec. 17.—Deposed as pastor of the First Christian Reformed church by the Muskegon classis because of his alleged improper writings, Rev. Henry Bultema announced tonight that regardless of the classis' action he would fill his pulpit Sunday. The consistory was also deposed.

Dr. Samuel Volbeda, Grand Rapids, has been named by the classis to preach in Rev. Bultema's place.

### Congregation Backs Pastor.

This move questions the right of the classis to the property on which the church is located and it is thought that the consistory or congregation of the church will make a strong fight for the church and grounds. The congregation is standing back of its pastor in his stand taken in his book "Marantha" on religious matters.

The sessions of the Muskegon classis were not only attended by Muskegon pastors and elders, but by the prominent men in the Christian Reformed churches in western Michigan, several coming from Grand Rapids. It is understood that the classis took a unanimous action in deposing Bultema and his consistory.

After the action had been taken Rev. Bultema said, "Shall I obey God who says, 'preach the word in and out of season,' or the classis." It appeared certain that the congregation would attend next Sunday's sermon to support Rev. Bultema.

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# ZEELAND PASTOR TO PREACH HERE

Will Address Anti-Bultema  
Faction In Services At  
Bethany Church

Rev. D. Drukker, pastor of the Third Christian Reformed church of Zeeland, will preach Sunday for that section of the First Christian Reformed church of Muskegon which is now holding its services in Bethany church. The hours of service will be 8:30 in the morning and 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Drukker has many friends in Muskegon and is popular as a pulpit orator. In Zeeland he serves an English speaking congregation, but will speak in the Holland language here Sunday.

Catechism classes for this section of the local Christian Reformed church were resumed this week, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, in Bethany church, with Rev. John Dolfia in charge. A large class of young people was started last Wednesday evening, with Elder A. E. Langeland in charge.

Some time ago a young people's Bible class was organized. The class numbered 36 last Sunday, and many could not attend on account of the prevalent sickness. I. J. Fies is in charge.

*Services and Worship*  
of the  
**First Christian Reformed Church**  
of Muskegon

Under Direction of the Classis Muskegon  
will be held at the

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
on Christmas Day at Eight-Thirty o'clock A. M.

Prof. Samuel Volbeda of the Theological Seminary will conduct the services

## TAKES POSSESSION OF FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY

The congregation of the First Christian Reformed church will again take possession of its church building tomorrow, after a period of 15 months during which services were held in the Bethany church. This taking over of the property by the congregation follows the recent action of the supreme court in affirming the decision of Judge White; which gave

the property to the congregation remaining with the denomination, instead of to the larger Berean sect.

A union service of the First and Bethany Christian Reformed churches was held in the Bethany church last Sunday evening, at which the pastor of the former, Rev. Herman Bell, expressed the appreciation of his congregation in being given the privilege of holding services in the Bethany church. The service was well attended by members of both churches.

## CHURCH FILLED AT BULTEMA MEETINGS

### Faction Loyal To Classis Holds Two Services at Bethany Church

The Bultema faction of the First Christian Reformed church held three meetings yesterday and all were largely attended, the church being filled at each service. The anti-Bultema faction held its services at the Bethany Christian Reformed church and there was also a fair attendance there.

The hearing on the request for a temporary injunction will be held before Judge Vanderwerp, Monday, January 5, and it is expected that it will be largely attended. Attorney Harris Galpin, counsel for the anti-Bultema faction which started suit Saturday to oust the

minister and consistory, says that no request for a temporary injunction to be issued at once was pressed, but that the classic desires to give the other side an opportunity to be heard before the action is taken.

The law firm of Clink and Farmer is representing Rev. Bultema and the consistory.