

Minutes of Classis Huron
Contracta Meeting of October 29, 2007,
8 pm.

1) Opening

- a) Elder Hilbert Van Ankum from Bethel CRC, Listowel welcomes the delegates. We sing “There’s No God as Great” and he leads in prayer. Hilbert reads from Ephesians 4:1-16 and Philippians 2:1-4. He then reflected on protecting the unity of the church using a passage from the book “The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren.
- b) The credentials Committee reports 16 churches represented. Classis was constituted.

(Ed will list the delegates from the credentials page)

Name	To come	Name or Names
Acton	0	
Blyth	1	Ken Shortreed
Cambridge Maranatha	1	Christina Klein-Geltink
Clinton	0	
Collingwood	0 - letter	
Drayton	0	Rev. John Vanderburgh
Exeter	1	Rev. Harry Freilink
Goderich	1	Rev. Stephen Tamming
Guelph First	1	Rev. Jack Vande Hoef
Guelph New Life	0	
Journey	0	
Kincardine		
Kitchener	1	Rev. Darren Roorda
Listowel	2	Hilbert Van Ankum and Cor Reinink
Lucknow	1	Bob Damsma and Eric Exel
Maitland	1	Rev. Peter Janssens
Orangeville	1	Rev. Roger Gelwicks
Owen Sound	1	Rev. George Holthof
Palmerston	1	Will Deen and Eric Stam
River City		
Stratford	1	Henry Van Drunnen
Vanastra	1	Rev. Siemen Speelman
Waterloo	1	Revs. Vicki Cok and Paul Stadt

16 congregations were represented and present.

c) The Executive for the meeting was seated as:

- i) Rev. Jack Vande Hoef – chair
- ii) Rev. Darren Roorda – vice chair
- iii) Rev. Pete Janssens – clerk

2) Bethel CRC of Listowel Request

a. Orientation:

- 1. The synodical deputies: Revs. Jack Kerkhof, Henry Katerberg and Dirk Miedema agreed to process this matter by correspondence.
- 2. Our member congregations were notified and fully informed by email of our need to meet and asked to attend our contracta meeting.

b. Motion

- 1. Bethel CRC of Listowel requests Classis Huron to approve Rev. De Vries being loaned temporarily to serve the CRCA while retaining his ministerial status in the Christian Reformed Church (CRCNA).
- 2. The grounds:
 - i) This is in keeping with the regulations of Church Order Article 13b.
 - ii) The duties of the Ministry Training Coordinator are spiritual in character and directly related to the ministerial calling and do not conflict with Rev. De Vries' commitment to the faith and practice of the CRCNA
 - iii) The CRCA is a denomination in ecclesiastical fellowship with close ties to the CRCNA
- 3. Extra Information
 - i) Rev. De Vries' ministerial credentials will remain with Bethel CRC.
 - ii) The regulations regarding the CRC Pension fund will be upheld. Upon advice from the CRCNA Director of Finance, Mr. John Bolt, the CRCA will contribute the determined annual amount to the minister's pension fund and will channel these funds through Bethel CRC.
 - iii) Rev. De Vries is aware that the loaning of his ministerial services will be for a period of two years, after which extensions of not more than two years each may be granted if circumstances warrant.

c. The motion was passed.

3) Elder Hilbert Van Ankum informed classis that Rev. Jack Devries's farewell service will be on Sunday December 16 at 10 a.m. and then extended an invitation to attend.

4) Rev. Peter Janssens extended a word of thanks and encouragement to Jack on behalf of classis.

- 5) Rev. Darren Roorda closed our meeting by suggesting classis surround Jack in prayer asking for God's blessing on him and Jeanie as they enter this new chapter in their ministry journey.