



CLASSIS HURON
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AGENDA

September 19, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Collingwood Christian Reformed Church

Collingwood, ON

The PURPOSE of Classis Huron

We will foster the Kingdom through shared resources toward spiritual renewal

The VISION of Classis Huron

The congregations, ministries, missional communities and people of Classis Huron will surrender to the work of the Spirit of Mission of Jesus, to embody the Kingdom of God. Recognizing the urgency of the times, we stand on the foundation laid for us by previous generations and step forward in the same faith we have been taught.

Index of Agenda Items and the day's schedule

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Page
9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Opening of Classis & Officers take seats <i>Chair: Rev. Martin Dam</i> <i>Vice Chair: Rev. Henry Steenbergen</i> <i>Stated Clerk: Sharon Van Kampen</i> •Comments from Chair •Credentials Committee attendance summary •Constituting of Classis 	Rev. Martin Dam → <i>Acton/Guelph New Life</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Welcome & announcements •Opening Devotions & Worship 	Collingwood CRC & HMC: Rev. John Vanderstoep	
9:30 a.m.	Examination for Classical Licensure of Tom Mosterd	Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. Tim Leferink Rev. Stephen Tamming	
10:15	Home Missions Committee re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) "Site" plant in Exeter by Classis Chatham b) Missional Catalyzer position proposal 	Rev. Henry Steenbergen	
11:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break		
11:15 a.m.	River City Church Organization	Rev. Darrel Bierman Rev. Martin Dam	
12:00	<i>Christian Stewardship Services</i> Presentation	Mr. Maynard Wiersma	
12:20 p.m.	Pre-lunch prayer Lunch Break [<i>Credentials Committee Meets</i>]	→ <i>Kitchener</i>	
1:00 p.m.	Post-lunch devotions Credentials Committee Report	→ <i>Listowel</i> → <i>Acton & Guelph New Life</i>	
1:15 p.m.	2019 Proposed Budget for Classis Huron	Treasurer John Bell	
1:30 p.m.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk report	Rev. Stephen Tamming	
1:45 p.m.	The Bridge (Fergus Church Plant)	Rev. John Vanderstoep	
2:15 p.m.	Ministry Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Waterloo Campus Ministry •CMLT •Guelph Campus Ministry (brief update) •Safe Church •Youth Ministry •Synod 2018 	Rev. Brian Bork Rev. Brian Bork Rev. D. Tigchelaar/Rev. R. Vander Kooij Atie Ott Amy Baarda Rev. John Medendorp	
2:45 p.m.	<i>World Renew: Disaster Response Services</i>	Marguerite Ridder	
3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break		
3:15 p.m.	CRC National Gathering May, 2019 (Edmonton, AB)	Canadian Ministries Director Rev. Darren Roorda	
3:45 p.m.	Adjournment		
Rec'vd for info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<i>Diaconal Ministries Canada</i> •<i>Redeemer University College</i> •<i>Calvin Theological Seminary</i> 	-copies attached	

1.1 Constituting Classis: Call to Order, Welcome by host church, Credentials Committee attendance report, Classis declared constituted.

1.2 Devotions for the Day:

- Opening – Home Missions Committee
- Pre-Lunch – Community [Kitchener] CRC
- Post-Lunch – Bethel [Listowel] CRC

- 1.3 Committees of the Day:** •Credentials Committee: Bethel [Acton] CRC / New Life [Guelph] CRC
 •Balloting Committee: Palmerston CRC

1.4 Opening Devotions (Home Missions Committee: Rev. John Vanderstoep)

2. Examination for Classical Licensure of Tom Mosterd

Practica and Reformed Doctrine & Ethics: examiner Rev. Victor Laarman
Sermon Critics: Rev. Tim Leferink & Rev. Stephen Tamming

3. Home Missions Committee (Home Missions Committee: Rev. Henry Steenbergen)

3.1 "Site" Plant in Exeter by Classis Chatham

3.2 Missional Catalyzer Position proposal

4. Refreshment Break

5. River City Organization (Rev. Darrel Bierman & Rev. Martin Dam)

6. Christian Stewardship Services (Mr. Maynard Wiersma)

7. Lunch Break (pre-lunch prayer by Community [Kitchener] CRC)

8.1 Post-Lunch Devotions (Bethel [Listowel] CRC)

8.2 Credentials Committee Report (Bethel [Acton] CRC/New Life [Guelph] CRC)

8.3 Appointment of Counselor to First [Owen Sound] CRC due to pastoral vacancy

8.4 Request [letter] from Bethel CRC Listowel to grant Classical Licensure to Commissioned Pastor Bart Eisen. (Bart sustained commissioned pastor examination in February, 2018)

9. Proposed Budget for 2019 for Classis Huron (Treasurer John Bell)

10. AdCom/CMC/Stated Clerk Report ([outgoing] Chair: Rev. Stephen Tamming)

10.1 The Classis Ministry Committee (CMC) consists of representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis: Chair, Rev. Stephen Tamming; Vice-Chair, Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok, Member at Large: Rev. Martin Dam: Classis Ministry Leadership Team, Rev. Brian Bork; Home Missions Committee, Rev. Henry Steenbergen; Safe Church Committee, Atie Ott; Huron Campus Ministry (Guelph), Rev. David Tigchelaar; Diaconal Ministries, Mary Blydorp: Huron Campus Ministry (Waterloo), Rev. John Medendorp; Youth Ministry, Amy Baarda; Treasurer John Bell, ex-officio, and Stated Clerk, Sharon Van Kampen, ex officio.

Following are a number of administrative matters provided for your information.

a] release of the 'new' Classis Huron website pending.

b] The issues raised in the Credentials submitted to the May 2018 Classis Meeting, have been dealt with by AdCom/CMC.

c] In keeping with the governing structure of Classis [as per the incorporation process] Rev. Stephen Tamming will retire as Chair/President effective this month. Rev. Vicki Cok will take on the role of Chair/President, at that time; Rev. Martin Dam will take on the role of Vice Chair/Vice President. A new 'Member at Large' will be appointed & approved by Classis at this September meeting.

d] Regional Pastor positions: model, proper and effective manner to undertake supportive ministry, filling of role by active versus retired pastors, etc. will be considered by AdCom with a view to present with proposed names to CMC & Classis accordingly.

e] Church Visitor position: status/role/function also for future consideration by AdCom.

f] honorariums for Classis positions to be processed [effective immediately] for employment expenses with annual T4's issued accordingly.

In addition to these administrative matters, the following recommendations are submitted for Classis' approval:

R1 In view of the positive feedback received from the May, 2018 session (held on a Saturday): to proceed with holding the annual winter session on a Saturday, thus recommending Saturday, February 23, 2019 [rather than Wednesday, February 20] with Bethel CRC Listowel still serving as the venue. (*please note: Family Day long weekend is February 16-18, 2018*)

R2 acceptance of the proposed 2019 budget with inclusion of the Missional Catalyzer position and its respective salary.

R3 inclusion of a time of discussion on the "Renegotiating Faith" report [follow up report to "Hemorrhaging Faith" & to be made available via *Faith Formation*] for a 'significant' block of time at the February 2019 session of Classis.

10.2 The Administrative Committee (AdCom) works on behalf of classis between meetings. AdCom consists of Rev. Stephen Tamming, [chair], Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok [vice-chair], Rev. Martin Dam, [Member] and Stated Clerk Sharon Van Kampen, ex-officio. Since the last meeting of classis, AdCom has met to respond to issues raised at the last meeting of Classis, and also to address a number of new matters, which have subsequently been referred to CMC and are addressed above.

10.3 Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk serves as secretary of Classis Huron, its Classis Ministry Committee [CMC], and Administrative Committee (AdCom). The Clerk continues to respond to ongoing requests for information and direction from individual members, church leadership, classis committees, and denominational offices. Since late June to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to a handful of conversations and requests for information.
- dealt with/responded to some 135 email messages and requests for information from Denominational agencies, Classis Huron churches, Classis Huron members, and more.
- participated in a 'zoom' video conference in late June with Canadian Ministries Director Rev. Darren Roorda, and other Canadian Stated Clerks.
- attended, prepared agendas for, wrote minutes for, and did follow-up work and correspondence for one AdCom meeting and one CMC meeting: this is in addition to meetings and conversations with CRCNA/pastors/members and others re various issues dealing with matters relative to Classis and its member churches.
- on behalf of Denominational agencies, para-church organizations, and others, forwarded a number of announcements and other information to the Classis Huron churches.
- filed the May 5, 2018 minutes and agendas of Classis meetings with both CRCNA Canada and the Denominational office.
- responded to a number written and verbal requests for opportunities to address Classis at this meeting, and upcoming meetings.
- prepared the agenda and attachments for Classis Huron meeting of September 19, 2018

11. The Bridge (Fergus Church Plant) (Rev. John Vanderstoep)

12. Ministry Reports

12.1 Waterloo Campus Ministry (Rev. Brian Bork)

12.2 Classis Ministry Leadership Team (Rev. Brian Bork)

12.3 Guelph Campus Ministry (Rev. Dave Tigchelaar/Rev. Ray Vander Kooij)

12.4 Safe Church (Atie Ott)

12.5 Youth Ministry (Amy Baarda)

12.6 Synod 2018 summary

(delegates: Rev. John Medendorp/Rev. Kevin teBrake/deacon Jim Vanderleeuw/elder Rev. Rick DeGraaf)

13. World Renew: Disaster Response Services (Marguerite Ridder)

14. Refreshment Break

15. Denominational Ministry Updates & the CRC National Gathering (May, 2019; Edmonton, AB)
(Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director)

16. Closing/Adjournment

Future Classis Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	REPORTS DUE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
February, 2019	Bethel CRC Listowel	January 9, 2019	Henry Steenbergen	Amanda Bakale
May 15, 2019	Clinton CRC	April 3, 2019	Amanda Bakale	Vick Verhulst-Cok
Sept. 18, 2019	Drayton CRC	August 14, 2019	Vicki Verhulst-Cok	Ralph Wigboldus
February, 2020		January, 2020	Ralph Wigboldus	
May, 2020		April, 2020		
September, 2020		August, 2020		

Delegates are reminded that you are expected to stay for the entire meeting. .If you must leave before adjournment, please consult with the chair of the day. The Classical Rules of Procedure state: "While Classis is in session, it is not permissible for any member to withdraw or to return homeward without consent of the chair."