

APPENDIX 4

HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY CHARTER

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PREAMBLE

1. The ministry herein described will be known as the Huron Campus Ministry.
2. This ministry is conducted at the initiative of Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church in joint sponsorship with and under the auspices of the Christian Reformed Board of Home Missions. (See note)
3. The objects of this ministry are the university campus communities at Guelph and Waterloo, Ontario.

PURPOSE

4. The purpose of the Huron Campus Ministry is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in meeting the spiritual needs of the campus community. The student is of primary importance in the ministry, and it will strive to achieve the following objectives:
 - a) Administer the Word and Sacraments,
 - b) Pastorally meet the needs of the campus community,
 - c) Nurture and lead to total commitment to Christ,
 - d) Assist in spiritual development in the academic, social and vocational context.
 - e) Actively encourage Christian members of the campus Community to become involved in this ministry,
 - f) Make the gospel relevant to the specific milieu of the campus.

STRUCTURE

5. A campus ministry committee (hereafter: Huron Campus Ministry Committee / HCMC) will be appointed for supervision of the ministry, and two local program committees (Hereafter: Planning Committee / PC) will be appointed for formulation and implementation of the programs.
6. The HCMC will be appointed by Classis and will comprise the following:
 - Three representatives of Classis, appointed by Classis, one from each of its districts.
 - The campus ministers.
 - One representative from each of the Planning Committees, nominated by the respective Planning Committee.
 - One treasurer with renewable one (1) year terms, nominated by the HCMC to be ratified by Classis Huron. Members of this committee will serve for two years, are eligible for reappointment one time only (except for the campus ministers), and will be appointed on an alternating basis, half each year, to assure continuity in the membership of the committee.

7. Each Planning Committee will comprise the following:
Representatives of the local congregations, appointed by the councils:
 - a) for Waterloo PC, one each from the Kitchener and Waterloo churches,
 - b) For Guelph PC, two from the Guelph church (if Guelph has two churches, then one from each of the churches), the respective chaplain(s), t w o campus representatives, at least one of whom will be a student. (to be appointed by the campus community in some appropriate manner).Members of these committees will serve for two years, are eligible for reappointment one time only (except for the campus ministers), and will be appointed on an alternating basis, half each year, to assure continuity in the membership of the committee.

FUNCTIONS

8. The HCMC will have the following responsibilities:
 - a) give immediate guidance to the campus ministers in carrying out their office, by encouraging them in their ministry, providing supervision of the work and giving assistance by participating in the work.
 - b) Prepare, and obtain Classis approval of the budget; solicit funds; and approve expenditures.
 - c) Approve the campus minister's absence from the field.
 - d) Maintain a good public relationship with the Sponsoring constituency of Classis Huron and with its affiliated agencies.
 - e) Receive, review, and approve the planning, reporting and evaluating done by the local Planning Committees,
 - f) Meet at least once during each three months for the purpose of addressing "e" above, and its other responsibilities as need indicates.
 - g) Report annually to Classis on its work.
9. Each Planning Committee will have the following responsibilities:
 - a) Formulate and develop the program and ensure its implementation. The program is subject to approval by the HCMC.
 - b) Receive a report at each meeting from the campus minister on his work both in the campus community and elsewhere, and evaluate this work.
 - c) Report on its planning, operation and evaluation on each of the quarterly meetings of the HCMC.
 - d) Meet at least two times during each three months for the purpose of addressing the above responsibilities.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

10. That the Classical representatives on the Huron Campus Ministry Committee be nominated by the Classical Interim Committee from names submitted by the churches and the Huron Campus Ministry Committee.
11. That in view of the special nature of this committee, all names for nomination must be received by Dec. 15 of every year, so that they can be reviewed by the Classical Interim Committee and that no new names be received from the floor of Classis.
12. That because of the special nature of this committee, churches, when making nomination, provide the Classical Interim Committee with the following things:
 1. The region in which this person resides:
 - a) East - Acton, Guelph, Cambridge, Stratford, Kitchener, Waterloo.
 - b) West - Lucknow, Blyth, Clinton, Exeter, Goderich, Kincardine, Vanastra
 - c) North - Owen Sound, Collingwood, Orangeville, Drayton, Listowel, Palmerston.
 2. Indicate something of how this person is a mature person of the church community.
 3. Indicate something of this person's interest in, and understanding of, campus ministry.
13. That the Classical Interim Committee at the time of the election of the three representatives mentioned above also present a motion of ratification for the entire membership of the Huron Campus Ministry Committee.
This is done so that Classis and the Huron Campus Ministry Committee experience, at least formally, a closer mutual responsibility.

Note: Classis notes that with respect to article two of the Preamble of the Huron Campus Ministry Charter, it is the intention of the Study Committee that the status quo of the relationship between Huron Campus Committee and the Christian Reformed Board of Home Missions be maintained until explicit charge is brought into that relationship. - Rev. VanTil