



**CLASSIS HURON**  
**of the Christian Reformed Church in North America**  
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**AGENDA**

**February 17, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**

**345 Elizabeth Street**

**Listowel, Ontario**

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**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 NUMBER AND NAME	REPORTER	Page
9:00 a.m.	Welcome, announcements	Bethel CRC	
	Constituting Classis: Report of the Credentials Committee		
9:05 a.m.	Opening of Classis: Officers take their seats, Chair: Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Vice Chair: Rev. Vicki Verhulst-Cok Opening Comments from Chair		
9:10 a.m.	Worship/Devotions based on Luke 4:1-13	Wilma Hiemstra	
	License to Exhort Exam re Wilma Hiemstra Practica: Rev. Steve Tamming Theology: Rev. Ray Vander Kooij		
10:20 a.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
10:40 a.m.	Rev. Darren Roorda,		
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <b>Credentials Committee Meets</b>		
1.00 p.m.	Lis Van Harten re <i>Better Together Project</i>		
1:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report		
1:20 p.m.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Reports	Rev. Ralph Wigboldus	
1:40 p.m.	Treasurer's Report	John Bell	
1:45 p.m.	Youth Ministry Committee	Lesli Van Milligen	
1:55 p.m.	Campus Ministry - Guelph	James Vander Berg	
2:10 p.m.	Regional Pastors Report East Classis [see attached] West Classis	Rev. Ron Fisher Rev. Paul Stadt	
2:20 p.m.	Classis Huron Regional Advocates' Report	Len/Rynie Bakelaar	
2:30 p.m.	Election of Delegates to Synod 2016 [first ballot]		
2:45 p.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
3:00 p.m.	Election of Synod Delegates [second ballot if needed]		
3:15 p.m.	Church Counselors Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collingwood – Rev. Harry Zantingh</li> <li>• Guelph New Life – Rev. Ed Den Haan</li> <li>• Maranatha [Camb] – Rev. Vic Vandermolen</li> </ul>		
3:30 pm.	Election of Synod Delegates [third ballot if needed]		
4:00 p.m.	Adjournment		
	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Renew</li> <li>• Diaconal Ministries</li> <li>• Redeemer University College</li> <li>• "Classis Primer" for New Delegates</li> </ul>	Information attached Information attached Information attached Information attached	
	Future Classis meeting dates	Agenda Item #	
<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>		

### 1. Constituting Classis

Call to Order, welcome by host church  
 Credentials Committee reports on attendance.  
 Classis is declared constituted.

### 2. Classis constituted

Chair: Rev. Ralph Wigboldus  
 Vice-chair: Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok  
 Stated Clerk: Rev. Vic Vandermolen

### **3. Devotions for the Day**

Opening – led by Wilma Hiemstra, Trinity CRC, Goderich based on Luke 4:1-13  
Pre-lunch – Acton  
Post –lunch – Cambridge Maranatha  
Pre-supper – Chair

### **4. Committees for the Day**

Credentials Committee – Blyth CRC and Lucknow CRC  
Balloting Committee – Listowel Bethel CRC and Guests

### **5. License to Exhort Examination: Wilma Hiemstra**

- . Practica: Rev. Stephen Tamming
- . Theology Rev. Ray Vander Kooij

### **6. REFRESHMENT BREAK**

### **7. Director of Canadian Ministries, Rev. Darren Roorda**

### **8. LUNCH BREAK**

### **9. Lis Van Harten *Better Together Project***

### **10. Credentials Committee Report**

### **11. Classis Ministry Committee**

#### **11.1 CMC Report**

The Classis Ministry Committee consists of representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis Huron: Chair, Rev. Ralph Wigboldus; Vice-chair, Rev. Stephen Tamming; Classis Ministry Leadership Team, Rev. Stephen Tamming; Home Missions Committee, Rev. Andrew de Gelder; Safe Church Committee, Atie Ott; Financial Resources Team, Clarence Louter; Huron Campus Ministry (Guelph), Rev. David Tigchelaar; Diaconal Ministries, Mary Blydorp; Huron Campus Ministry (Waterloo), Rev. Brian Bork; Youth Ministry, Lesli Van Milligen [Amy Baarda]; Treasurer John Bell, ex-officio, and Stated Clerk, Rev. Vic Vandermolen, ex officio.

CMC continues to monitor and encourage the various ministries that are part of Classis. CMC has dealt with a number of specific issues since the last meeting of Classis. CMC also asks that a number of Churches volunteer to act as hosts for Classis meetings [Feb. and May and Sept. 2017, and Feb. May and Sept. 2018]. Please contact the Stated Clerk for further information.

At the request of the Denomination we have schedules a 'Blanket Exercise' for the May 2016 Classis meeting at New Life CC in Guelph, to be led by a Denominational representative.

There are also other matters that need the approval of Classis as a condition of implementation [incorporation process [Bylaw approval, resolutions re corporate directors, need for Synodical Deputies and more]. All of this is dealt with below in the motions presented for approval.

**1...CMC recommends that Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok be appointed to the AdCom and CMC committees to replace Rev. Amanda Bakale.**

**2...CMC recommends that the following resolutions be approved regarding the incorporation process:**

**A...Resolved that Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Rev. Stephen Tamming and Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok are hereby directed and authorized to take steps to apply to Canada Revenue Agency for charitable status, and to take whatever steps necessary to complete the application and to obtain charitable status**

**B...Resolved that Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Rev. Stephen Tamming and Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok are hereby directed and authorized to take steps to apply for Articles of Incorporation in the manner of the attached Form 4001;**

**C. Resolved that the attached by-laws called By-law 2016-1 , as sent out to all Classis Huron Churches on January 4, 2016 are approved in principal;**

**D... Resolved that upon incorporation and receipt of charitable status Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Rev. Stephen Tamming and Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok, or their replacements, may enter into an Asset Transfer Agreement to transfer all assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Classis Huron to the incorporated Classis Huron and upon that together with signing this Agreement, they may sign a complete Release for the benefit of the Trustees of the unincorporated Classis Huron.**

**E....Resolved that Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Rev. Stephen Tamming and Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok, or their replacements, may sign whatever documents may be necessary and may take whatever steps or actions are necessary to accomplish the above resolutions.**

**F... Resolved that FORM 4001 re Articles of Incorporation, as attached to the Agenda, be approved as being part of the documents to be used in the incorporation process.**

**3... CMC recommends that Classis Huron nominate to Synod 2016, Rev. Ray Vander Kooij as a Synodical Deputy for a term of 3 years effective July 1, 2016, and nominate to Synod 2016 Rev. Stephen Tamming as Alternate Synodical Deputy for a term of 3 years effective July 1, 2016.**

**4... CMC recommends that Keith Knight be appointed as Alternate Stated Clerk of Classis Huron**

**5... CMC recommends that Classis Huron approved the following process/procedure for the selection/election of Classis Huron Delegates to Synod 2016:**

**A...The minister delegate and his/her alternate be selected through a free-vote process from a list of all eligible Ministers of the Word currently serving active ministries in Classis Huron.**

**B... The elder delegate and his/her alternate be selected by vote from a list of approved elder nominees presented to Classis Huron for delegation to synod.**

**C.... The deacon delegate and his/her alternate be selected by vote from a list of approved deacon nominees presented to Classis Huron for delegation to synod.**

**D... The fourth delegate and his/her alternate be selected by vote from a list of approved nominees from any of the four offices presented to Classis Huron for delegation to synod.**

The next meeting of CMC will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at Waterloo CRC.

## **5.2 Administrative Committee (AdCom)**

The Administrative Committee of Classis (AdCom) works on behalf of classis between meetings. AdCom consists of Rev. Ralph Wigboldus (chair), Rev. Stephen Tamming, [vice chair], Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok [member] and stated clerk Rev. Vic Vandermolen. 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 in its report above.

## **5.3 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. In the period of September 23, 2015 to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to some 117 telephone conversations and requests for information.
- dealt with/responded to over 550 email messages and requests for information from Denominational agencies, Classis Huron churches, Classis Huron members, and more.
- developed and led an Administrative Seminar in Listowel, on November 3, 2015 designed to provide information both Classis and Denominational information [and identify information sources] for Classis Huron church administrators, secretaries and clerks of Council to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.
- participated in two video conference calls 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 three AdCom meetings, two CMC meetings, and one Classis 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.
- filed minutes and agendas of Classis meetings with both CRCNA Canada and the Denominational offices, and also forwarded these to Classis Huron churches.
- met with Lawyer Teresa Douma to further discuss the incorporation process and registration as a Charity, including the review and consideration of new Bylaws and Rules and Regulations that are part of the incorporation process.
- responded to numerous written and verbal request for opportunities to address Classis at this meeting, and upcoming meetings.
- prepared the agenda and attachments for Classis February 2016.

**CMC recommends that Classis approved the work of AdCom, CMC and the Stated Clerk.**

**NOTE: Churches in Classis Huron are asked to consider volunteering to act as a host church for future Classis meetings. Currently hosts are in place for meetings in 2016, but there is a need for locations for 2017 and 2018. Please advise the Stated Clerk of your willingness to act in this capacity. The requirements that have been approved for host churches are attached. Additional questions regarding this may be directed to the Stated Clerk.**

12. **Treasurers Report: John Bell**
13. **Youth Ministry Committee: Lesli Van Milligen, Amy Baarda [attached]**
14. **Guelph Campus Ministry: Jamie Vander Berg [attached]**
15. **Regional Pastors: Rev. Paul Stadt, Rev. Ron Fisher [attached]**
16. **Classis Huron Regional Advocates: Len/Rynie Bakelaar**
17. **Election of Delegates to Synod 2016 [first ballot]**
18. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
19. **Election of Delegates to Synod 2016 [second ballot, if necessary]**
20. **Church Counselors Reports [verbal]**  
     Collingwood: Rev. Harry Zantingh  
     Guelph New Life: Rev. Ed den Haan  
     Cambridge [Maranatha] Rev. Vic Vandermolten
21. **Election of Delegates to Synod 2016 [third ballot if necessary]**

**12.1 REPORTS**

- 12.1 **World Renew Report [attached]**
- 12.2 **Redeemer College University Report [attached]**
- 12.3 **Diaconal Ministries [attached]**

**Future Classis Meetings**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>
Feb. 17, 2016	Listowel	January 13, 2016	Ralph Wigboldus	Vicki Verhulst Cok
May 18, 2016	Guelph New Life	April 6, 2016	Vicki Verhulst Cok	Martin Dam
Sept. 14, 2016	Stratford	August 10, 2016	Martin Dam	Stephen Tamming
Feb. 15, 2017	Drayton	January 13, 2017	Stephen Tamming	John Medendorp
May 17, 2017		April 5, 2017	John Medendorp	Paul Droogers
Sept. 20, 2017		August 10, 2017	Paul Droogers	Gary Van Leeuwen
Feb. 14, 2018		January 10, 2017	Gary Van Leeuwen	Amanda Bakale
May 16, 2018		April 4, 2017	Amanda Bakale	Ralph Wigboldus

*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."*