



**CLASSIS HURON**  
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**AGENDA**

**September 20, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Maitland River Community Christian Reformed Church**

**Wingham, 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	Maitland River	
	Constituting Classis: Report of the Credentials Committee		
9:05 a.m.	Opening of Classis: Officers take their seats Chair: Rev. Paul Droogers Vice Chair: Gary Van Leeuwen Comments from Chair		
9:10 a.m.	Opening Devotions	Rev. Henry Steenbergen	
9:30 a.m.	Council of Delegates Report	Rev. Darrell Bierman	
10:00 a.m.	Incorporation of Classis Huron	Rev. Stephen Tamming Lawyer Teresa Douma	
10:30 a.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
10:45 a.m.	Classis Ministry Leadership Team	Rev. Brian Bork	
11:00 a.m.	Waterloo Campus Report	Rev. Brian Bork	
11:30 a.m.	Diaconal Ministries Report.....[CARS]	Mary Blydorp	
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> [Credentials Committee Meets]		
1:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report	Blyth/Clinton CRCs	
1:15 p.m.	<i>The Bridge</i> Fergus	Rev. John Vanderstoep	
1:45 p.m.	Overture Committee Report [re DWELL Curriculum]	Vanastra/Lucknow CRCs	
2:05 p.m.	Overture Committee re Bible Translations	Owen Sound and Collingwood CRCs	
2:25 p.m.	Safe Church Report	Atie Ott	
2:40 p.m.	Youth Ministry report	Amy Baarda	
3:05 p.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
3:20 p.m.	Home Missions Committee	Rev. Henry Stenbergen	
3:40 p.m.	Classis Huron Budget for 2018	Treasurer John Bell	
4:00 p.m.	Request for Commissioned Pastor Status re Bart Eisen Bethel CRC	Rev. Ralph Wigboldus	
4:20 p.m.	Home Missions Committee	Rev. Henry Steenbergen	
4:40 p.m.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Reports	Rev. Stephen Tamming	
5:10 p.m.	Adjournment		
.	Adjournment		
Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Renew</li> <li>• Redeemer</li> </ul>	Reports attached	

### 1. Constituting Classis

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

### 2. Devotion for the Day

Opening: Maitland River CRC  
 Pre-Lunch – Guelph New Life CRC  
 Pre-Afternoon Session – Guelph First CRC  
 Pre-Supper – Chair

### **3. Committees of the Day**

Credentials Committee: Drayton/Palmerston  
Balloting Committee: Maitland River

### **4. Opening**

**5. Council of Delegates Report     Rev. Darrell Bierman**

**6. Incorporation of Classis Huron   Rev. Stephen Tamming, Lawyer Teresa Douma**

### **7. REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**8. Overture Committee Report re DWELL Curriculum**

**9. Overture Committee Report re Translation Committee**

**10. Diaconal Ministry Report [CARS]**

### **11. LUNCH BREAK**

**12. Credentials Committee Report**

**13. *The Bridge*, Fergus     Rev. John Vanderstoep**

**14. Classis Ministry Leadership Team     Rev. Brian Bork**

**15. Safe Church Report     Atie Ott**

**16. Youth Ministry Report     Amy Baarda**

**17. Classis Huron Budget for 2018     Treasurer John Bell**

### **18. REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**19. Re Commissioned Pastor Status for Bart Eisen, Bethel CRC     Rev. Ralph Wigboldus**

**20. Classis Huron Home Missions Committee     Rev. Henry Steenbergen**

**21. CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Report     Rev. Stephen Tamming**

#### **21.1 CMC Report**

The Classis Ministry Committee 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, Rev. Vic Vandermolen, ex officio.

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

**a]** the representative of Classis Huron on the newly created Council of Delegates –COD– [which replaced the CRCNA Board of Trustees] is Rev. Darrell Bierman, pastor of River City CRC in Cambridge. A list of all the members of the COD, as well as a list of all the meetings dates of Denominational Boards can be found at [crcna.org](http://crcna.org) .

**b]** In response to the discussion regarding the Classis Huron Ministry Plan at the Classis meeting of May 2017, CMC agreed that there is a need to develop a process to give voice to the initiatives as were outlined. It was further agreed that this matter be presented to Classis and that it be asked to determine how it sees this matter moving forward in a positive manner, and also determine who is to assume responsibility for encouraging that step.

**c]** The annual Classis Huron Administrators' Day is planned for November 17, 2017, and Bethel CRC in Listowel. Further detailed information and registration forms will be forwarded to all Classis Huron Churches shortly.

**d]** Maranatha CRC in Cambridge welcomes its new pastor, Rev. Norm Sennema on Sunday, September 10. [NB. As of that date all Churches in Classis are being served by an ordained pastor].

### **In addition to these administrative matters, CMC submits a number of recommendations for Classis' approval**

**2]** Further to discussions at previous meetings of Classis, CMC, through Lawyer Teresa Douma has pursued the goal of Classis Huron becoming a legal corporation, and that process has been approved under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, and Classis is in receipt of a Certificate of Incorporation. To complete the work necessary to complete the process, Classis needs to approve certain steps and documents.

Lawyer Teresa Douma of Brantford, will be at the Classis Huron meeting on September 20, 2017 and will guide Classis through the steps that need to be completed. To assist Delegates in preparing for this discussion at the meeting, the following recommendations are being made with the request that Classis approved them.

a] It is therefore recommended that Classis Huron approve:

*1] the Organizing Resolutions of Directors as outlined on attached Document A*

*2] the Asset Transfer Agreement as outlined on attached Document B*

*3] the Full and Final Release to the Trustees as outlined on the attached Document C*

*4] the Organizing Resolutions of Members as outlined on attached Document D*

*5] the Resolution of Directors appointing the Officers, attached as Document E*

*6] the Board Resolution of Classis Huron to compensate the Public Accountant of the Corporation, as per the attached as Document*

b] In response to the suggestion from a number of churches that Classis consider holding a meeting on a Saturday, CMC recommends that the May 2018 meeting of Classis be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Maranatha CRC in Cambridge.

c] Based on the recommendation of the Home Missions Committee, CMC recommends that Classis approve two additional years of financial support for The Bridge in Fergus, in the amount of \$35,000 annually, and that these two years are in addition to the previously approved 3 years.

d] CMC recommends that Classis Huron approve the attached Budget as the Budget for Classis Huron for 2018.

e] The Classis Huron Ministry Plan was reviewed/discussed at the Classis meeting of May 2017 [see attached]. It was agreed that there is a need to develop a process to give voice to the initiatives as outlined, and that this matter be determined by Classis. CMC recommends that Classis determine how it sees the Classis Huron Ministry Plan moving forward in a positive manner, and also deciding who is to be responsible for completing that step.

## 21.2 Administrative Committee (AdCom)

The Administrative Committee of Classis (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 Rev. Vic Vandermolen, 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.

## 21.3 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 February 2017 to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to some 73 telephone conversations and requests for information.
- dealt with/responded to some 610 email messages and requests for information from Denominational agencies, Classis Huron churches, Classis Huron members, and more.
- participated in a video conference call 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 two AdCom meetings, one CMC meeting, 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.
- prepared a summary of the February 2017 Classis meeting, and forwarded same to all Classis Huron churches.
- on behalf of Denominational agencies, para-church organizations, and others, forwarded numerous announcements and other information, to Classis Huron churches, on a regular basis.
- filed minutes and agendas of Classis meetings with both CRCNA Canada and the Denominational offices, and forwarded these to Classis Huron churches also.
- with the assistance of the Alternate Stated Clerk continued to develop the agenda, determine and contact speakers, and attendant information, for the Classis Huron Administrators' Day scheduled for November 1, 2017 at Bethel CRC in Listowel
- 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 May 24, 2017

## 22. Closing/Adjournment

### Future Classis Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	REPORTS DUE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
Sept. 20, 2017	Maitland River Wingham	August 10, 2017	Paul Droogers	Gary Van Leeuwen
Feb. 14, 2018	Palmerston	January 10, 2017	Gary Van Leeuwen	Amanda Bakale
May 19, 2018	Cambridge Mar.	April 4, 2017	Amanda Bakale	Ralph Wigboldus
Sept. 19 2018	Community CRC Kitchener	August 15, 2018	Ralph Wigboldus	
February 20, 2019		January 9, 2019		
May 15, 2019	Clinton CRC	April 3, 2019		

*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."*

