



CLASSIS HURON
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AGENDA

September 28, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Stratford Christian Reformed Church

190 Athlone Crescent

Stratford, Ontario

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	Stratford CRC	
	Constituting Classis: Report of the Credentials Committee		
9:05 a.m.	Opening of Classis: Officers take their seats, Chair: Rev. Martin Dam Vice Chair: Rev. Stephen Tamming Opening Comments from Chair		
9:10 a.m.	Worship/Devotions	Frank Folkema Palmerston	
9:25 a.m.	Exam re License to Exhort for Frank Folkema Practica: Rev. Andrew DeGelder Theology Rev. Henry Meinen		
10:15 a.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
10:30 A.M.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Report	Rev. Stephen Tamming	
10:45 a.m.	Financial Resources Team/2017 Classis Budget	Treasurer John Bell	
11:05 a.m.	Home Missions	Rev. Henry Steenbergen	
11:20 a.m.	New Mission Agency [joining of Home/World Missions]	Attachment for information	
11:25 a.m.	Campus Ministry - Waterloo	Rev. Brian Bork	
11:40 a.m.	Ministerial Leadership Team ['Student Fund' Comm.]	Rev. Brian Bork	
11:45 a.m.	Youth Ministry Report	Amy Baarda	
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK Credential Committee meets		
1:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Reports		
1:30 p.m.	Ordination Exam: Cand. Victor Laarman [Collingwood] Practica... Rev. Harry Zantingh Theology... Rev. Andrew Vis Sermon Critics... Rev. Paul Droogers Elder Randy Geerlinks		
3:20 p.m.	Recommendation re Jake Snieder as Commissioned Pastor, Drayton CRC.		
3:45 p.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
4:00 p.m.	Synod Delegates' Report	Classis Huron Delegates	
4:20 p.m.	Diaconal Ministry Update	Mary Blydorp	
4:40 p.m.	Blyth Overture Report [re <i>Intentional Inclusion of Diaconal Concerns at Meetings of Classis Huron</i>]	Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen	
5:00 p.m.	Church Counsellors Church Counselors Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collingwood – Rev. Harry Zantingh • Guelph New Life – Rev. Ed Den Haan • Cambridge [Maranatha] – Rev. Vic Vandermolen 		
5:10 p.m.	Update 'The Bridge', Fergus	Rev. John Vanderstoep	
5:30 p.m.	Adjournment		
	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Renew • Classis Primer • Redeemer 		
	Future Classis Meetings [see end of Agenda]		

1. Classis constituted

Chair: Rev. Martin Dam
Vic Chair: Rev. Stephen Tamming
Stated Clerk: Rev. Vic Vandermolen

Synodical Deputies: Rev Siebert Van Houten: Classis Hamilton. Rev. Herman Praamsma,

Classis Toronto. Rev. Jim Dekker, Classis Niagara.

2. Devotions for the Day

Opening – Frank Folkema, Palmerston
Pre-lunch – Owen Sound CRC
Post –lunch – Collingwood CRC

3. Committees for the Day

Credentials Committee – Community CRC [Kitchener] and Waterloo CRC
Balloting Committee – Stratford CRC and Guests

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Classis Ministry Committee; The Classis Ministry Committee consists of representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis Huron: Chair, Rev. Ralph Wigboldus; Vice-chair, Rev. Stephen Tamming; Members Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok, Rev. Martin Dam: Classis Ministry Leadership Team, Rev. Brian Bork; Home Missions Committee, Rev. Henry Steenbergen; 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, 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. Classis is advised that Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, [at the conclusion of the September 2017 Classis meeting] is stepping down both as Chair and member of AdCom and CMC. Rev. Stephen Tamming will take on the role of Chair of these Committees, and Rev. Martin Dam is the new member on both Committees. November 1, 2017 has been designated as the "Administrators' Update Day" for Classis. This day is designed to provide current and developing information for administrative staff at Classis churches, re denomination and classis issues that impact Classis Huron. It will be held at Bethel CRC in Listowel on November 1, 2016. Further information has been/will be sent to all Churches, and Church leadership is asked to encourage their administrative staff to attend [regardless of the scope of their activity]. Costs are being funded by Classis.

CMC continues to deal with and respond to a number of both new and ongoing issues since the last meeting of Classis. As a result of recommendations received and matters discussed, CMC makes the following recommendations for the approval of Classis.

[A] That Classis approve amending the mandate of the Classis Huron Youth Ministry Committee [CHYMC] to read as follows:

1. Membership

1.1 The committee shall consist of seven members appointed by classis from nominations by the Nominations Committee. Each of the three regions of classis shall have two members on the committee, one member to be at large from classis.

1.2 The Committee members shall serve for three years. To ensure continuity, these terms are to be properly staggered and are once renewable.

2. Mandate:

2.1 To meet quarterly and to provide minutes to CMC

2.2 Assist the local churches of Classis Huron in the development, maintenance, growth and

the renewal of their youth and young adult ministry.

2.3 Encourage and/or sponsor leadership training for youth leaders of Classis Huron.

2.4 Make recommendations to Classis that are consistent with youth and young adult ministry needs based on faith formation being an integral component of the church.

2.5 Communicate with the denominational faith formation office concerning matters of mutual concern.

2.6 Report to classis the actions, plans and needs of youth and young adult ministry by all congregations within classis.

2.7 Continue to discern the role of Youth Ministry Champion within Classis and evaluate the potential of paid staffing as needed and feasible for the approval of Classis.

3. The Goal of youth ministry in Classis Huron is to:

3.1: Create unity between the youth and young adult ministries within Classis and encourage greater integration of youth and young adults into the life of the congregations within classis.

3.2: Provide opportunities for youth ministry leaders within the Classis to receive training and development in their roles as youth leaders and pastors. Provide opportunities for youth to develop in their faith and to grow as leaders within classis

3.3: Support youth and young adult ministries in need through providing resources and encouragement. Encourage support and accountability amongst youth and young adult ministries within classis.

Commented [VV1]:

[B] That Classis approve the following recommendations regarding the finances of Classis Huron:

[1] That the term of service of the Treasurer will be reviewed by the FTR every three years and such review may be repeated indefinitely.

[2] That the current shortfall for the two campus ministries be partially resolved by transferring \$24,000 from the General Fund [\$16,000 to Guelph Campus and \$8,000 to Waterloo Campus]

[3] That that Ministry Shares be raised by \$4.00 per Classis member, for the 2017 Budget only, to eradicate the current shortfall for the two Campus Ministries.

[4] That the two campus ministry committees, be instructed, in concert with the FRT, to take a hard look at their budgets and their budgeting process, recognizing that the ministry costs they incur beyond the monies being received through ministry shares from Classis and/or denominational sources, are the sole responsibility of the campus ministry itself, and will no longer be subsidized by Classis as a whole.

[5] That Classis approve the FRT be allowed to dispose old documents that are legally eligible for shredding.

[6] That Classis approve the budget for 2017 as proposed by FRT, as attached to this agenda.

[C] That Classis approve the extension of the licenses to exhort for Stan Puklicz and Jack Tacoma to May 2021.

[D] That in keeping with current time lines for committee membership and other areas of services in Classis, and in keeping with the intention of the Denominational Pastoral Relations office, terms

of service for Regional Pastors be set for three years [renewable for one further term of three years], and that this become effective at the February 2017 meeting of Classis Huron.

4.2 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], Rev. Martin Dam, [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.

4.3 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 May 2016 to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to some 87 telephone conversations and requests for information.
- dealt with/responded to 515 email messages and requests for information from Denominational agencies, Classis Huron churches, Classis Huron members, and more.
- participated in a 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.
- with the assistance of the Alternate Stated Clerk continues to develop the agenda, determine and contact speakers, and attendant information, for the Classis Huron Administrators' Day scheduled for November 1, 2016 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 September 2016.

4.4 Finance Resource Team, 2017 Classis Huron Budget: Treasurer John Bell

4.5 Home Missions: Rev. Henry Steenbergen

4.6 Campus Ministry – Waterloo: Rev. Brian Bork

4.7 Ministerial Leadership Team: Rev. Brian Bork

4.8 Youth Ministry Report: Amy Baarda

LUNCH BREAK
[Credentials Committee Meets]

5. Credentials Committee Report

6. Ordination Exam Candidate Victor Laarman [Collingwood]

7. Diaconal Ministry Update: Mary Blydorp

8. Blyth CRC Overture Report: Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen

9. Church Counsellors' Reports

- o Collingwood – Rev. Harry Zantingh
- o Guelph New Life – Rev. Ed Den Haan
- o Maranatha [Camb.] – Rev. Vic Vandermolten

10. Update re 'The Bridge', Fergus: Rev. John Vanderstoep

11. Adjournment

Future Classis Meetings

DATE	PLACE	REPORTS DUE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
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	Vanastra	April 5, 2017	John Medendorp	Paul Droogers
Sept. 20, 2017	Kitchener Community	August 10, 2017	Paul Droogers	Gary Van Leeuwen
Feb. 14, 2018	Palmerston	January 10, 2017	Gary Van Leeuwen	Amanda Bakale
May 16, 2018	Cambridge Maranatha	April 10, 2018	Amanda Bakale	Ralph Wigboldus
September 2018	Clinton		Ralph Wigboldus	Henry Steenbergen

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."