

Mandate for the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team of Classis Huron

(as approved by classis, September 16, 2009)

1. **Membership:**
It shall consist of three or four members who have a passion for the church's ministry, who are knowledgeable about ordination issues, and who reflect the diversity of classis. No fewer than half of the members shall be Ministers of the Word in the CRCNA.
2. **Consultation:**
The CMLT will be a consultation and advisory resource to the member congregations of Classis Huron, to Classis itself, and to other interested parties (for instance, Leadership Development Networks) regarding matters related to ministerial candidacy in the CRC.
3. **Information:**
The CMLT shall provide information and advice to the member congregations of Classis Huron, to Classis itself, and to other interested parties (for instance, Leadership Development Networks) concerning the candidacy process.
4. **Encouragement:**
The CMLT shall encourage the member congregations of Classis Huron to be pro-active in identifying possible candidates for ministry in the CRC and offer resources to help people discern their calling.
5. **Ministry Readiness Profile:**
The CMLT is to provide counsel that will help councils, classis, and those preparing for the ministry in the completion of the individual's Ministry Readiness Profile. Such profiles will be progressive documents testifying to the candidate's development and growth in areas of character, knowledge, and skill.
Reference: http://www.crcna.org/pages/candidacy_index.cfm
6. **Endorsement:**
Upon receiving a positive recommendation to enter the candidacy process from an individual's council, the CMLT will interview the individual and work with them to prepare a Financial Plan, as well as a Study Plan or Learning Covenant. The CMLT will then forward their endorsement to the CRC Candidacy Committee. In the case of individuals entering the candidacy or affiliation process through Article 7 or 8, the CMLT will also request licensure on behalf of the individual to the CRC Candidacy Committee.
7. **Financial Assistance:**
Students applying for acceptance into a Master of Divinity program, as well as students already in such program may apply to the CMLT for classical financial support. The CMLT will recommend to classis and administer the distribution of appropriate financial resources to assist those preparing for minister, following the guidelines of the Classis Huron CMLT.
8. **Celebration:**
Assist the church and classis that initiated the study/candidacy process in appropriately celebrating the progress of those preparing for the ministry under its care, giving thanks to God for his provision of faithful and gifted leadership for his church.