



CLASSIS HURON
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AGENDA

May 9, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

**Waterloo
Christian Reformed Church
209 Bearinger Rd.
Waterloo**

The PURPOSE of Classis Huron

To support, equip and encourage our churches in the ministries as God has called us.

The VISION of Classis Huron

The churches of Classis Huron will foster deeper relationships with the Lord and each other through community and accountability as we support, encourage and equip one another to reach the lost, gather those made alive in Jesus Christ, and disciple all his people, through the ministries of individual churches and the joint ministries of Classis.

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2. Constituting Classis

Call to Order, welcome, devotions by Waterloo CRC at 9:00 am.
 Credentials Committee reports on attendance.
 Classis is declared constituted.

3. Devotions for the Day

Opening – Waterloo
 Pre-lunch – Acton
 Post –lunch – Classis Home Missions Committee
 Pre-supper – Chair

4. Officers of Classis

Chair: Rev. Bill Hoogland
 Vice chair: Rev. Tom Van Milligen
 Stated Clerk: Keith Knight

5. Opening of Classis

Officers of Classis take their positions

Welcome. Guests: Rev. Bruce Adema, Mary Both, Rev. Dave Tigchelaar (Guelph First)

6. Scheduled presenters

11 a.m. Rev. Bruce Adema, CRCNA Director of Canadian Ministries

11:30 a.m. Mary Both, classis rep on CRWRC

1 p.m. Rev. Adrian Van Giessen of Home Missions: *“Church Growth, Kingdom Growth”*

7. Committees for the Day

Credentials Committee – Guelph New Life and Acton

Balloting Committee – Waterloo and Guests

Overtures Committee – Owen Sound and Collingwood

8. Classis Ministry Committee -- Rev. Ralph Wigboldus

8.1 Committee Report

Chair: Rev. Ralph Wigboldus

Vice-chair: Rev. Rita Klein-Geltink

Diaconal Conference: Len Bakelaar

Safe Church Committee: Atie Ott

Home Missions: Rev. John Vanderstoep

Campus Ministry: Gary Van Arragon

Financial Resources Team: Bill Elisen

Youth Ministry: Lesli Van Milligen

Stated Clerk: Keith Knight, ex officio.

1. The current Classis Huron Ministry Plan concludes in 2013. The plan includes a number of broad statements, without specific goals. CMC has appointed a committee which will look at adding more ‘teeth’ to the plan by incorporating the plans/goals of the various ministry committees. The intent is to present proposed revisions to the fall meeting of CMC so that they could come to either the January or May, 2013 meetings of classis in time for approval of a new ministry plan for 2014-2017.

2. Both the Administrative Committee and the Financial Resources Team are conducting a review of the job descriptions of the stated clerk and treasurer respectively.

3. At the March meeting of CMC, each of the ministry committees reported on their work.

The Safe Church Committee continues to look for a representative from each church to serve on the classis committee.

The Home Missions Committee is looking for two new members to fill vacancies on the committee.

Guelph Campus Ministry is moving to a new location since their present facilities will be demolished for University of Guelph expansion. The Waterloo Campus Ministry will meet with Mark Wallace of Home Missions as they determine the best way to focus their ministry, which has been divided among two campuses.

The Youth Ministry Committee is dealing with the fallout of Youth Unlimited’s decision to eliminate their Canadian staff. Many churches and classes miss the leadership development opportunities that existed when they had access to YU staff.

Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) recently interviewed three young people who are going to Calvin Seminary. Their recommendations appear elsewhere in the agenda. Brian Bork was recently

approved as a new member of CMLT.

The Financial Resources Team is looking to expand its membership in order that it can more adequately carry out its mandate: “This team will have a visionary role to develop the funding for new Classis-wide initiatives in training and ministry: ie funding from foundations for leadership training.”

4. The spring workshop on preaching for exhorters and others, held in Kitchener, was well-attended. About 20 people took part. It may become a biennial event.

5. CMC has begun a discussion to look at pastoral care for pastors, and how to most effectively carry that out; through regional pastors, through teams of mentors, etc. Recommendations will come back to a future meeting of CMC with the intention that they be incorporated as part of a proposed new Classis Huron Ministry Plan for 2014 – 2017.

6. Maintain moratorium on new licenses to exhort. Classis in May 2011 determined that the slate of seven men with licenses to exhort was sufficient to meet the needs within classis which, at that time, had two vacancies. CMC reviewed the need at its March meeting. There are currently three vacancies but two of them have an interim pastor. CMC determined that there is not sufficient need within classis to lift the moratorium. Those who currently hold licenses to exhort will go through the usual renewal process

7. Future classis discussion themes:

May 9, 2012 (Waterloo): Church Growth, Kingdom Growth.

What is the church growth vision within Classis Huron?

Should church growth simply be allowed to happen or should churches and classis become more intentional about church growth?

Speaker: Adrian VanGiessen, regional director with CR Home Missions.

September 12, 2012 (Owen Sound): Providing resources to help churches ‘make disciples’.

It was suggested that we hold a Ministry Fair, where various denominational ministries display their resources as they pertain to ‘making disciples.’ AdCom and the stated clerk will follow up.

January 9, 2013 (Listowel): Christian education: Article 71 (CO) says that councils “shall diligently encourage members ... to establish and maintain good Christian schools” and also “urge parents to have their children educated in harmony with this vision.”

What should councils do besides ‘encourage’ and ‘urge’ parents? Are there exceptions?

How is this Article played out at the congregational level?

This discussion (ie panel discussion, speakers) will be shaped by CMC at the June meeting.

8. CMC will meet next on Thursday, June 14 at Bethel CRC, Listowel at 9 a.m.

8.2 AdCom (Administrative Committee)

The Administrative Committee consists of the executive of CMC. The chair, Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, and the vice-chair, Rev. Rita Klein-Geltink, are appointed by classis. The third member, Rev. John Vanderstoep, is appointed by CMC. The stated clerk serves as an ex officio member.

AdCom acts on behalf of classis between meetings. Its task is primarily to set the agendas of meetings of CMC and of classis.

In January, AdCom approved the transfer of the ministerial credentials for Rev. David Tigchelaar from Classis Eastern Canada to Classis Huron ... just in time for his installation at Guelph (First) CRC.

In March, AdCom approved the appointment of Rev. Brian Bork as a new member of the Classis Ministry Leadership Team.

Since they oversee the work of the stated clerk, AdCom is undertaking a review of his job description, comparing the printed version with the actual work that is being done, and also comparing the work of our stated clerk with that being done in other classes. The Financial Resources Team is undertaking a similar review of the treasurer’s job description. Recommendations will eventually go to CMC and, if there are

suggested changes, to classis.

AdCom turned down a request by Charles Powell, president of the Timothy Leadership Training Institute, to address classis. His presentation was not deemed to relate to the theme and focus of the day's agenda.

8.3 Stated Clerk's Report

Since the January 2012 meeting of Classis Huron, the stated clerk has engaged in about 250 email conversations, and a few phone calls. Those conversations cover everything from inquiries from chairs of councils, ministers or individual congregation members to creating pulpit supply schedules.

There were two instances where individual congregation members asked for 'classis intervention' in a conflict with a local pastor and council. Who does a person go to when he/she is in conflict with the local pastor and council? There is, ecclesiastically, no mechanism for that. In these cases, after consultation with AdCom, the church visitors were asked to make a visit.

Considerable time is dedicated to pulling together agendas for meetings of AdCom, CMC and classis. In the case of classis, that involves reminding committees and representatives of the need for a report, regularly reviewing the Servants of Classis document to see whose term is expiring. It also involves contacting synodical deputies from neighbouring classis when matters come up that require their attention and concurrence.

There is also regular correspondence with the denominational office, various denominational agencies and stated clerks of other classes.

On average, about five hours per week are devoted to the work of classis; much more just before and just after meetings of classis.

Below are some of the highlights of that work.

- Processed the minutes and summary of the January 11 classis meeting.
- Collected and processed delegate credentials to Synod 2012 and sent them to the denominational office.
- Processed the ministerial credentials of Rev. David Tigchelaar from Classis Eastern Canada to Classis Huron in time for his installation service.
- Sent out various bits of correspondence with respect to the Quad Classis Retreat.
- Maintained contact with vacant churches concerning pulpit supply needs.
- Email correspondence concerning the status of the Classis Huron Diaconal Conference
- Email correspondence concerning the status of the Young Adult Ministries Team.
- Renewing annual liability insurance for the 'officers' and institution of Classis Huron.
- Minutes received and filed of various classes meetings across Canada.
- Develop agendas and make arrangements for meetings of AdCom and Classis Ministry Committee.
- Create minutes and follow up on action items as a result of those meetings.
- Distribute any denominational newsletters and materials as appropriate.

MOTION: That the work of the Classis Ministry Committee, AdCom and Stated Clerk be approved.

9. Request to create Ministry Associate position at Bethel (Acton) CRC.

Bethel CRC requests that classis approve the creation of a new position of Ministry Associate to oversee its Children and Youth Ministries. The position is currently held by a person who is a ministry coordinator.

Classis, with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies, needs to determine whether or not the position to which the person is being called fits the guidelines adopted by Synod 2001. Once that has been

determined, arrangements are made for a classical examination of the candidate at a future meeting of classis. Concurrence of the synodical deputies is not required for the examination of the candidate for the office of ministry associate. (article 23-a)

The change in Church Order Supplement, Article 23-b, adopted by Synod 2001 expands the office of ministry associate to include those who serve in “ministries such as education, evangelism, music, and ministries to children, youth, adults, and others within our outside of the congregation.”

Through the position of Ministry Coordinator, Bethel CRC strives to develop the children and youth ministries (Ages 3 – Young Adults) and small groups ministries. In consultation with the senior pastor and ministry board, and together with others involved in leadership in these ministries, the Ministry Coordinator will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for these ministry areas.

Recruiting, equipping and encouraging leaders within these ministry areas, the Ministry Coordinator will coordinate and mobilize our members to serve, to learn from, and to fellowship with one another and the community, while growing stronger in their faith in the Lord. The ministry plans will be complemented by a leader support system, which will provide for a timely succession of leadership in all aspects of education and equip and encourage leaders in the exercise of their functions. The ministry plans will be supported by training, promotion, encouragement, and accountability. The Ministry Coordinator will implement a system for tracking the effectiveness of the ministry programs and for encouraging the leaders of those ministries.

Qualifications:

- o Exhibit a vital and personal relationship with Jesus and have the ability to articulate this relationship to different age groups.
- o Have an understanding of trends in today’s culture and an ability to develop ministry sensitive to these trends.
- o Have a love for and good relations with youth, and demonstrated ability to work successfully with youth on a regular, sustained basis.
- o Embrace Bethel’s vision for small group ministry.
- o Have a working knowledge of group dynamics, discussion and teaching techniques
- o Be a dynamic and energetic team worker with interpersonal, leadership, organizational and communication skills.
- o Be able to take initiative, develop programs and carry projects through to their completion
- o Have an appreciation and sensitivity for music -- musical gifts would be an asset.
- o Ideally have a minimum Bachelor of Arts in church education/youth ministry or equivalent and a strong sense of calling.
- o Is or is willing to become a member of Bethel CRC.

MOTION: That the position of Ministry Associate at Bethel (Action) CRC fits the guidelines adopted by Synod 2001.

If the motion passes,

MOTION: That Classis Huron, at its September 2012 meeting, examine Andrew Nunn to serve as Ministry Associate at Bethel CRC, Acton.

10. Classis Ministerial Leadership Team – Harry Frielink

The CMLT, which includes Rev. Harry Frielink, Rev. Rita Klein-Geltink and Michelle Vanderwal, welcomed a fourth member -- Rev. Brian Bork, to their March meeting. Brian's nomination to the committee was approved at the March 22, 2012 meeting of the Classis Huron Administrative Committee. Seminarian Mark deVos's funding to attend Calvin Theological Seminary for the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Credentials has been delayed while he takes on a year long chaplaincy internship at Carleton University.

One of the recipients of classical funding, who did not enter ordained ministry, has repaid the loan. A thank you acknowledgement has been sent.

The CMLT presents the following motions to classis for approval:

MOTION: To approve the awarding of a forgivable loan to three students who have reapplied for classical support for the 2012-13 academic year. The students and the amounts are as follows:

- i. Laura Guichelaar, CTS, \$11,000 (full tuition)
- ii. Paul deWeerd, CTS, \$11,000 (full tuition)
- iii. Gareth Harker, CTS \$5,500 (full tuition of the EPMC)

MOTION: To approve the awarding of a forgivable loan to three students who have applied for classical support for the 2012-13 academic year. The students and the amounts are as follows:

- i.) Charles Van Hoffen, CTS, \$11,000 (full tuition)
- ii.) Ben Vanstraten, CTS, \$11,000 (full tuition)
- iii.) Josh Friend, CTS, \$5,500 (1/2 time studies)

Grounds: The CMLT has interviewed Charles, Ben and Josh and recommends them to classis for support.

11. Financial Resources Team – Clarence Louter

The 2011 financial statements have been reviewed. The review was completed by the auditor, Ralph Bakker, in early March. It should be noted that the Guelph Campus Ministry and the Waterloo Campus Ministry fiscal year end has been changed to December 31. Due to this change, there are four statements for the Campus Ministries included in the financial statements. The financial statements are included for your information.

A letter from auditor was received and is being dealt with at the committee level. Any further suggestions or course of action will be reported on at a later date.

The Financial Resource Team is recommending that a separate account be set up in the name of the "Huron Campus Ministry Guelph". There are a number of reasons to support this :

- a. Guelph Campus Ministry(GCM) has established itself as a charitable organization.
- b. With the increased need for third-stream funding, this provides a clear way to contribute to the ministry. Currently all donations are made payable to Classis Huron with Guelph Campus noted on the memo line. This has been a little confusing to donors outside of Classis Huron and the CRC. A separate account in the name of the ministry would provide a clearer way to contribute to the ministry.
- c. The board of the Guelph Campus Ministry feels that they are financially stable enough to be on their own. With the change of the fiscal year end to December, Ministry Shares contributions and now properly aligned with the Campus Ministry year.

The FRT looked at the request from Maranatha CRC (Cambridge) to invoice each congregation their Classical Ministry Share amount each year. The classis Treasurer is going to continue with the current

notification practice with a couple of improvements. After the budget is approved in September, the classis Treasurer will mail out a letter stating the per member rates for Denominational and Classical Ministry Shares and Redeemer University College to the churches within Classis Huron and to their treasurers. Since the membership numbers are not available to the classis Treasurer until the yearbook is printed and received sometime in January the following year, it would be easier for the churches to calculate the total amount due when they receive the letter in September – since they have their membership totals readily available. Membership calculations are the same as the membership number used by the denominational office – Professing member less professing member under the age of 18 less inactive members. It should be noted that there is no reduction due to the size of church. The website now includes the Ministry Shares per member rate for 2012.

All considerations for next year's budget need to be received by the Financial Resource Team by June 10, 2012.

MOTION: That the 2011 Financial Statements be received.

12. Discussion: Church Growth, Kingdom Growth – Rev. Adrian Van Giessen
Presentation, table discussions.

13. Classis Home Missions Committee – Rev. John Vanderstoep

SURVEYS: Since Classis approved our revised mandate at the January 2012 meeting, we have been active asking each congregation (by which we mean churches, plants, and campus ministries) in classis to help us know how we can work with them specifically. We have sent out a survey to each church, asking what our churches are doing to develop local leaders and missional initiative, as well as asking what support or funding they envision needing to carry out that mission. By inviting our congregations to dream a bit about what God might do among and through them in their communities, we hope to foster mission initiative and follow that up with conversations which lead to new practices. Some of the responses which have come back give evidence of the Spirit's work and the eager, albeit cautious, readiness of our members. As some members of our committee have described it, it is like the Lord is getting ready to ignite something in our classis to foster a new posture toward our neighbours where we all realize that our churches exist not only for the glory of God but also for the salvation of our neighbours and transformation of our cities, towns, villages, and counties. It truly is an exciting time to be a part of God's mission and we are glad to work alongside you in it.

TEAM-BUILDING: We have also been asking congregations to consider whom in their midst might be called to serve with us on the Classis Huron Home Missions Team. We say TEAM rather than committee because we don't intend to simply meet and talk but to engage in the ministry of fostering missional leaders and initiatives in our classis. Our dream is that those leaders in our congregations who are already eager for the mission of God will be able to encourage each other and build each other in knowledge, skill, and depth of insight, so that by building each other up and sharing good news stories and best practices, we can help our churches be effective tools of God's Mission in God's hands.

KINGDOM-GROWTH CONVERSATION: We are excited to see today's conversation led by Christian Reformed Home Missions Eastern Canada Regional Director Rev. Adrian VanGiessen. We are excited because the need for the conversation was borne from the churches who wanted to see a conversation about church growth. It is our prayer that stories will be shared of how God is already using our churches.

We are praying that as Adrian shares the opportunities and challenges in front of Classis Huron member congregations, that the Spirit will give us insight and courage and that tangible plans of partnership for leadership development will be fostered and that at the end of May 9, gatherings of delegates will be

huddling with excitement and wonder about specific plans for ministry. May our imagination and faith deepen as we step forward in Christ's name to bless the communities to which we are called!

14. Nominations Committee – Stated Clerk

A ballot will be presented at the classis meeting to approve recently appointed committee members as well as the denominational ballot, below.

Redeemer University College is looking for a representative from Classis Huron to replace Dr. Henry Feenstra, who has served two terms on their board. Classis is asked to approve a new board representative.

DENOMINATIONAL BALLOT—REGION 4 (Classes Chatham, Hamilton, Huron, and Niagara)

Christian Reformed Home Missions

(Vote for one nominee.)

_____ *Mr. Gerald Klein-Geltink* from Lucknow, Ontario, is a general contractor and has served on boards for educational institutions, building and finance committees, and as a deacon, elder, and as a delegate to synod. He would be pleased to serve on a denominational level.

_____ *Ms. Beth Fellingner* has served in various ministries: an associate pastor at a new church plant in London, Ontario; as a director of youth and outreach at Oakridge Presbyterian Church; as director of Youth Alpha Canada; as director of Family and Children's Ministries at Oakridge Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario; and in 2010 assumed the role as lead pastor of a new church plant, Destination Church, in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Faith Alive Christian Resources

(Vote for one nominee.)

_____ *Ms. Deb Flaherty* is a member of Talbot Street CRC in London, Ontario. She has a B.A. (Hons.) in history and an M.A. in journalism. She is an award-winning journalist of twenty-five years, winning or being a finalist in over ten Ontario newspaper awards for news features, enterprise, breaking news, and beat reporting. Ms. Flaherty currently serves as a reporter and relief assignment editor at *The London Free Press*. She has led several college-level and community seminars on reporting and public relations. She is active in her church has served on several committees. Since 2004, Ms. Flaherty has been the church school coordinator and a member of the leadership team for children and youth. She has also served as a deacon. She is a hockey coach and a cancer survivor.

_____ *Ms. Lesli Van Milligen* is a co-pastor and ministry associate at New Life CRC in Guelph, Ontario. She received her teaching certificate from Calvin College and her M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. She has served on several boards and committees including synodical study committees, youth ministry teams, and councils of all three churches in which she served. She has also been president of the West Chester Liberty Arts Council. She is passionate and articulate about youth ministry and has a strong familiarity with and advocacy for Faith Alive curriculum.

- 15. Synodical Delegates Report on Agenda 2012 –**
Rev. Harry Frielink, Rev. Ray Vanderkooij, Jamie Vandenberg, Janet Ryzebol.

16. Reports

16.1 Redeemer University College – Dr. Hubert Krygsman, President

Greetings from Redeemer University College. We trust that you have been blessed this Easter with the knowledge and hope of our redemption and resurrection of our Lord, through whom God is making all things new!

We at Redeemer have rested in this hope this academic year, especially in the sudden death of our colleague John Krueger. On March 23, John suffered a massive heart attack while at his desk, and passed away. John has worked in Redeemer's Student Life department since 1990, providing academic support and career counseling to many students over the years. He was 58 years old and leaves behind his wife, Martha, a son Nathan, and a daughter Rachel. His loss will be felt deeply by his family, friends, colleagues, and students, even as we long for the coming of the new creation.

Despite our loss, we nevertheless give thanks to God for His many blessings. As we press toward the end of the academic semester, we celebrate our students – 864 FTE (full-time equivalent) for the winter semester – who have grown in faith, understanding, and service this year. We also are deeply grateful to our faculty and staff for giving of their Christ-centered learning, teaching, and care for our students and for Redeemer's mission, and for their strong efforts at retention and recruitment. None of this would be possible without our generous donors and faithful support community, including increasingly strong support from churches. Please convey our thanks to your congregations for their gifts and prayers.

As always, this has been a busy semester on Redeemer's campus. Our students have been very active both in their courses and outside of classes. During our Reading Break, student teams served on mission trips to down-town Hamilton, Amsterdam, and Mexico. In addition to our CLEAR programs, we hosted many other special events on campus this semester: our "The World and Our Calling" and ARIHE Lectures, with Dr. Peter Leithart as speaker for both; the OCAA Badminton Championships; the annual Ministers' Conference with Bruxy Cavey and Tim Day as the guest speakers; several music concerts; our Theatre Main Stage production; and our annual Scholarship Night. Our academic year will end with Commencement on May 26, with Dr John Patrick, retired from the University of Ottawa, as the speaker.

Plans are well under way for next year. We are encouraged that student enrolment numbers for 2012-13 are tracking ahead of last year at this time. Our Board has approved a balanced budget for next year. And we are thankful for new faculty to fill open positions, including Ms. Laurie Busittil, who will move from part-time to full-time in the Business Department; Dr. Heather Strong, who will take on the first full-time position in our new BSc (Honours) in Health Sciences Major; and Dr. Allan Curnew, who has accepted an appointment to move from a one-year Sessional post in the French Department to a tenure-track position. Dr. Curnew will take on the challenge of carrying forward the work pioneered over several decades by Dr. Thea Van Til Rusthoven. The search for a successor for Bill van Staalduinen, Vice President, Advancement, is actively underway, and we hope to announce a replacement this month.

God continues to be faithful in providing for Redeemer, and we can truly say that in all things God is good indeed. We have indeed seen God at work throughout this academic year. May He continue to bless, guide, and encourage your church congregations and Redeemer in our service together in lifting up the name of Christ in all of life, including in university education.

16.2 Calvin Seminary Board of Trustees – Rev. Jeff Klingenberg (Zone 4)

Lord willing, by the time this letter is received and read by Classis Hamilton, Huron, Chatham and Niagara at our spring meetings, we will have celebrated a well-deserved May long weekend. Hopefully, by that time, many of us will have also heard wonderful reports from our high school students, their leaders and a few of our pastors returning from the All-Ontario Convention. By that time, Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) will have also celebrated Commencement on Saturday, May 19 (D.V.) marking the graduation of new students who are looking forward to the challenges of serving our LORD Jesus. The end of May has always been a time of God-guided, hope-filled opportunity as a new season approaches.

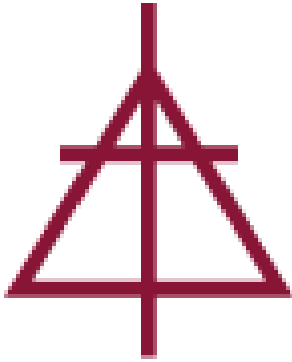
Our God is good. This past February, CTS received a letter from the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools granting CTS permission to offer a hybrid distance education Master of Divinity degree. Beginning this fall, CTS is pleased to offer its M.Div in distance format (<http://calvinseminary.edu/academics/distance-learning/>). This is a five-year program with approximately 2-3 courses per semester; the distance M.Div will maintain the same quality of education as the 3-year residential program. Students in the program will complete much of their work online, travelling to the CTS campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan several weeks each year for on-campus intensives. Together we are encouraged to *“imagine the possibilities . . . A youth pastor in New York City will be able to continue ministering in the Big Apple and learn alongside a farmer in California, a schoolteacher in Iowa, and a homemaker in Alberta. Twice a year they will come together with a cohort of students from all over North America for a week of learning and bonding in Grand Rapids. Along the way, they will enrich each other and deepen the seminary’s connection to the kaleidoscopic diversity of ministry contexts.”* No doubt this new venture may present new opportunities for potential ministerial candidates here in Southern Ontario.

As a board, we ‘met’ via conference-call on February 9. President Medenblik presented his ‘State of the Seminary’ report highlighting four areas: Missionary-in-Residence Appointment, Alumni Awards, Admissions as well as search committees for the positions of Dean of Students, Professor of Missiology and Director of Mentored Ministries. Committee reports concerning new board members, faculty handbook revisions, development and finance, tuition, scholarships and academic affairs were presented and discussed. Finally, we concluded in prayer and adjourned our meeting together. Our meeting was positive and foundational for our on-campus meeting scheduled for May 17-18.

On a different note, I have had the distinct pleasure of working alongside fellow board member Hank Vanderlaan from London 1st CRC. We have tried to keep in mind the relationship between the Canadian CRC congregations and CTS. We have had many conversations with many partners concerning fund-raising for our students and for the seminary. We have also visited with about 30 Canadian students (and their spouses) asking them questions about their life at CT. We want to thank the CTS president for footing the bill for all the pizza, salad and refreshments. As a result of that conversation, the staff of CTS learned a great deal concerning the challenges that Canadian students face when applying to CTS. Finally, we also remind CTS about the unique challenges faced by graduates serving within the context of the Canadian CRC congregation. I would ask that we would spend a few moments ‘surfing’ our seminary’s website (<https://calvinseminary.edu/>) for the soul purpose of seeing what God is doing.

17. Future Classis Meetings

Date	Place	Reports due	Chair	Vice-chair
May 9, 2012	Waterloo	April 4, 2012	Bill Hoogland	Tom Van Milligen
Sept. 12, 2012	Owen Sound	August 8, 2012	Tom Van Milligen	Ralph Wigboldus
Jan. 9, 2013	Listowel	Dec. 12, 2012	Ralph Wigboldus	Darren Roorda
May 8, 2013	Acton	April 3, 2013	Darren Roorda	



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2011 Financial Statements

To: Classis Huron
From: Ralph A Bakker CGA
Re: Review of 2011 Financial Statements of Classis Huron

I conducted a review of the Financial Statements for Classis Huron as prepared by its Treasurer.

I reviewed the Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the General Fund, the Student Fund, the Classis Church Plant, the Creative Outreach, and the Huron Campus Ministry for Waterloo and Guelph, for the year ended December 31, 2011.

These statements have been prepared solely for use by Classis Huron and not for the use of any other persons or purposes. I have not performed an audit, but a review or a verification of such statements for accuracy or completeness of the information contained therein.

Based on my review I found the Financial Statements in order and satisfactory.

Palmerston, Ontario
March 5, 2012

Ralph A Bakker
Certified General Accountant

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

GENERAL FUND	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET
OPENING BALANCE		\$ 47,178.25	
RECEIPTS			
MINISTRY SHARES	\$ 43,650.00	\$ 42,426.43	\$ 48,900.00
INTEREST	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,693.76	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 44,400.00	\$ 45,120.19	\$ 50,400.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
DELEGATES TRAVEL	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,432.35	\$ 3,500.00
CMC AND ADHOC EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,329.93	\$ 2,000.00
CHURCH VISITATION	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 707.38	\$ 1,000.00
HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,583.58	\$ 3,500.00
EASTERN CANADA LEADERSHIP	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
SOUTHERN ONTARIO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT			
HOST CHURCH EXPENSES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,975.87	\$ 3,500.00
SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 294.80	\$ 1,500.00
DELEGATES AND APPOINTEES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 545.73	\$ 1,000.00
STATED CLERK'S EXPENSES	\$ 800.00	\$ 831.63	\$ 800.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSES	\$ 800.00	\$ 849.84	\$ 1,000.00
HONORARIUMS	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
YOUTH COMMITTEE	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,702.49	\$ 16,000.00
SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 685.88	\$ 1,000.00
DIACONAL CONFERENCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 726.00	\$ 1,000.00
MINISTER'S RETREAT	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,316.60	\$ 2,500.00
WEBSITE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,081.36	\$ 1,100.00
TRANSFER TO CAMPUS MINISTRIES	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 44,400.00	\$ 61,313.44	\$ 50,400.00
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 30,985.00	\$ -

	STUDENT FUND	CHURCH PLANTS	HURON CAMPUS GUELPH	MINISTRIES WATERLOO	CREATIVE OUTREACH
OPENING BALANCE, JAN 1, 2011	\$ 36,189.16	\$ 150,910.81	\$ (2,738.80)	\$ (3,110.00)	\$ 6,141.51
RECEIPTS MINISTRY SHARES	\$ 42,677.96	\$ 43,998.71	\$ 60,593.26	\$ 60,593.30	\$ 2,200.91
INTEREST	\$ 381.81				
HOME MISSIONS -SALARY AND GRANTS			\$ 17,900.00	\$ 16,950.00	
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED			\$ 50,372.50	\$ 15,773.33	
GRANTS			\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND			\$ 14,457.13	\$ 10,542.87	
OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 43,059.77	\$ 43,998.71	\$ 144,322.89	\$ 104,859.50	\$ 2,200.91
DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 130,609.53	\$ 97,741.75	\$ -
STUDENT GRANT PAYMENTS	\$ 46,314.00				
COMMUNITY CRC OF MEADOWVALE		\$ 25,000.00			
JOHN BOUWERS		\$ 4,500.00			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 46,314.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 130,609.53	\$ 97,741.75	\$ -
	\$ 32,934.93	\$ 165,409.52	\$ 10,974.56	\$ 4,007.75	\$ 8,342.42

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

BALANCE , DECEMBER 31, 2010			
GENERAL FUND		\$ 47,178.25	
STUDENT FUND		\$ 36,189.16	
CLASSIS CHURCH PLANT		\$ 150,910.81	
CREATIVE OUTREACH		\$ 6,141.51	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH		\$ (2,738.80)	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO		\$ (3,110.00)	
			\$ 234,570.93
RECEIPTS			
GENERAL FUND		\$ 45,120.19	
STUDENT FUND		\$ 43,059.77	
CLASSIS CHURCH PLANT		\$ 43,998.71	
CREATIVE OUTREACH		\$ 2,200.91	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH		\$ 144,322.89	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO		\$ 104,859.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 383,561.97
			\$ 618,132.90
DISBURSEMENTS			
GENERAL FUND		\$ 61,313.44	
STUDENT FUND		\$ 46,314.00	
CLASSIS CHURCH PLANT		\$ 29,500.00	
CREATIVE OUTREACH		\$ -	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH		\$ 130,609.53	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO		\$ 97,741.75	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 365,478.72
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2011			
GENERAL FUND		\$ 30,985.00	
STUDENT FUND		\$ 32,934.93	
CLASSIS CHURCH PLANT		\$ 165,409.52	
CREATIVE OUTREACH		\$ 8,342.42	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH		\$ 10,974.56	
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO		\$ 4,007.75	
			\$ 252,654.18

**HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO
INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED		
GRANTS	\$ 998.24	\$ -
DONATIONS	\$ 17,350.57	\$ 14,932.00
CLASSIS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 72,943.60	\$ 62,000.00
OTHER INCOME - INTEREST		
OTHER INCOME		
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - PERSONNEL	\$ 17,950.00	\$ 17,000.00
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - OTHER	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 121,242.41</u>	<u>\$ 105,932.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
HM PERSONNEL		
SALARY	\$ 47,277.00	\$ 47,277.00
BENEFITS	\$ 17,172.85	\$ 14,355.00
HOUSING	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -
TELEPHONE AND AUTOMOBILE	\$ 1,621.00	\$ 1,250.00
TRAINING AND CONFERENCES	\$ 1,854.46	\$ 2,000.00
OTHER PERSONNEL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
PROGRAM COSTS		
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 677.68	\$ 750.00
EDUCATION	\$ 991.38	\$ 1,000.00
CARING/FELLOWSHIP	\$ 1,200.23	\$ 1,500.00
WORSHIP SERVICES	\$ 9.95	
SOUP AND SPEAKER	\$ 6,870.77	\$ 7,200.00
ANNUAL CRCMA DUES	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
PUBLICITY	\$ 162.95	\$ 750.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 810.00	\$ 1,000.00
FACILITIES		
UTILITIES	\$ -	\$ -
RENT MAINTENANCE		\$ 600.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -
OFFICE SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 106,748.27</u>	<u>\$ 105,932.00</u>
SUMMARY		
BALANCE, JULY 1, 2010	\$ 2,533.03	
PLUS RECEIPTS	\$ 121,242.41	
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 106,748.27	
ENDING BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2011	<u>\$ 17,027.17</u>	

**HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY WATERLOO
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011**

RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED		
GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -
DONATIONS	\$ 5,376.74	\$ 7,125.00
WINTER RETREAT FEES	\$ 1,499.00	\$ -
CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION	\$ 18,245.89	\$ 32,043.50
OTHER INCOME - INTEREST	\$ -	
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - PERSONNEL	\$ 7,975.00	\$ 7,975.00
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - OTHER	\$ -	
UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 38,096.63</u>	<u>\$ 52,143.50</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
HM PERSONNEL		
SALARY	\$ 23,638.50	\$ 23,638.50
BENEFITS	\$ 8,229.25	\$ 7,880.00
HOUSING	\$ 7,999.98	\$ 8,500.00
UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	
TELEPHONE AND AUTOMOBILE	\$ 435.00	\$ 625.00
TRAINING AND CONFERENCES	\$ 620.14	\$ 500.00
MINISTRY AREAS		
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 313.84	\$ 250.00
EDUCATION	\$ 313.34	\$ 400.00
CARING/FELLOWSHIP	\$ 649.12	\$ 750.00
WORSHIP SERVICES	\$ 52.75	\$ 50.00
SOUP AND SPEAKER	\$ 2,215.13	\$ 3,600.00
ANNUAL CRCMA DUES	\$ 150.00	\$ -
RETREAT	\$ 1,499.00	
PUBLICITY		\$ 250.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 500.00
FACILITIES		
UTILITIES	\$ -	\$ 200.00
RENT MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS		
COMPUTER/SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 51,116.05</u>	<u>\$ 52,143.50</u>
SUMMARY		
BALANCE, JULY 1, 2011	\$ 17,027.17	
PLUS, RECEIPTS	\$ 38,096.63	
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 51,116.05</u>	
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2011	<u>\$ 4,007.75</u>	

**HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH
INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED		
GRANTS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
DONATIONS	\$ 33,550.80	\$ 10,000.00
WINTER RETREAT FEES	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 5,000.00
TUMAINI - KENYA	\$ 9,657.51	\$ 32,000.00
CLASSIS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 72,943.57	\$ 62,000.00
OTHER INCOME - INTEREST		
OTHER INCOME		
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - PERSONNEL	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 19,500.00
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - OTHER	\$ 150.00	\$ -
UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 148,151.88</u>	<u>\$ 146,500.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
HM PERSONNEL		
SALARY	\$ 49,350.00	\$ 49,350.00
BENEFITS	\$ 12,357.63	\$ 12,000.00
HOUSING	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,400.00
UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -
TELEPHONE AND AUTOMOBILE	\$ 1,656.41	\$ 1,000.00
TRAINING AND CONFERENCES	\$ 1,243.94	\$ 1,500.00
INTERN CONTRACT	\$ 14,000.00	
MINISTRY AREAS		
EDUCATION	\$ 3,990.72	\$ 6,500.00
HOSPITALITY	\$ 1,160.16	\$ 1,000.00
WORSHIP	\$ 625.56	\$ 2,000.00
SOCIAL JUSTICE	\$ 215.21	\$ 500.00
TUMAINI -KENYA	\$ 12,181.26	\$ 32,000.00
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 5,907.48	\$ 8,000.00
ADMINISTRATION		
FUNDRAISING/PARTNERSHIP	\$ 2,083.49	\$ 800.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 810.00	\$ 900.00
CRCMA AND CCCD DUES	\$ 390.00	\$ 350.00
OFFICE SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 170.62	\$ 200.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 136,542.48</u>	<u>\$ 146,500.00</u>
SUMMARY		
BALANCE, JULY 1, 2010	\$ 11,687.65	
PLUS RECEIPTS	\$ 148,151.88	
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 136,542.48</u>	
ENDING BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2011	<u>\$ 23,297.05</u>	

**HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY GUELPH
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011**

RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED		
GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -
DONATIONS	\$ 12,313.80	\$ 10,000.00
WINTER RETREAT FEES	\$ -	\$ -
TUMAINI - KENYA	\$ 2,000.00	
CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION	\$ 22,160.14	\$ 22,000.00
OTHER INCOME - INTEREST	\$ -	
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - PERSONNEL	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00
CRHM CONTRIBUTION - OTHER	\$ -	
UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 49,923.94</u>	<u>\$ 45,450.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
HM PERSONNEL		
SALARY	\$ 24,675.00	\$ 24,675.00
BENEFITS	\$ 5,194.34	\$ 6,000.00
HOUSING	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	
TELEPHONE AND AUTOMOBILE	\$ 332.00	\$ 250.00
TRAINING AND CONFERENCES	\$ 127.72	\$ -
INTERN CONTRACT	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
MINISTRY AREAS		
EDUCATION	\$ 1,847.72	\$ 500.00
HOSPITALITY	\$ 1,182.14	\$ 500.00
WORSHIP	\$ 315.82	\$ 250.00
SOCIAL JUSTICE	\$ 218.68	\$ 250.00
TUMAINI - KENYA	\$ -	\$ -
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 512.42	\$ 500.00
ADMINISTRATION		
FUNDRAISING/PARTNERSHIP	\$ 152.14	\$ 500.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -
CRCMA AND CCCC DUES	\$ 195.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 293.45	\$ 50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 62,246.43</u>	<u>\$ 60,675.00</u>
SUMMARY		
BALANCE, JULY 1, 2011	\$ 23,297.05	
PLUS, RECEIPTS	\$ 49,923.94	
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 62,246.43</u>	
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2011	<u>\$ 10,974.56</u>	

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS FOR 2011		CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EACH CONGREGATION										
	TOTAL	ACTON	BLYTH	CAMBRIDGE	CLINTON	COLLINGWOOD	DRAYTON	EXETER	GODERICH	GUELPH 1ST	GUELPH NL	KITCHENER
MEMBERSHIP	4159	178	156	349	290	95	333	231	157	188	203	381
CLASSIS GENERAL EXPENSE												
CLASSIS GENERAL EXPENSE	42426.43	1726.62	1746.03	3259.20	2813.00	1057.30	3230.10	2551.10	1522.89	2384.17	1969.10	4626.90
STUDENT FUND	42677.96	1726.62	1746.04	3259.20	2813.00	1057.30	3230.10	2551.10	1522.89	2384.16	1969.10	4626.90
HM - CHURCH PLANTS	43998.71	1780.02	1800.03	3360.00	2900.00	1090.00	3330.00	2630.00	1570.01	2457.90	2030.00	4770.00
- CREATIVE OUTREACH	2200.91	89.00	90.00	168.00	145.00	54.50	166.50	131.50	78.50	122.91	101.50	238.50
HURON CAMPUS WATERLOO	60593.30	2452.87	2480.45	4630.08	3996.20	1502.02	4588.74	3624.16	2163.46	3387.12	2797.34	6573.06
ABOVE CLASSICAL SHARES-WATERLOO	9096.82	0.00	266.47	634.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HURON CAMPUS GUELPH	60593.26	2452.87	2480.45	4630.08	3996.20	1502.02	4588.74	3624.12	2163.46	3387.12	2797.34	6573.06
ABOVE CLASSICAL SHARES-GUELPH	10474.35	1500.90	266.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1666.70	4497.07	0.00
TOTAL	272061.74	11728.90	10875.94	19941.05	16663.40	6263.14	19134.18	15111.98	9021.21	15790.08	16161.45	27408.42

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS FOR 2011											
	LISTOWEL	LUCKNOW	ORANGEVILLE	OWEN SOUND	PALMERSTON	STRATFORD	VANASTRA	WATERLOO	THE JOURNEY	WINGHAM	
MEMBERSHIP	348	105	121	222	193	226	96	202	71	85	
CLASSIS GENERAL EXPENSE											
CLASSIS GENERAL EXPENSE	3376.26	1018.50	1202.00	2143.76	1872.10	2037.00	853.59	1658.70	0.00	1378.11	
STUDENT FUND	3376.27	1018.50	1202.00	2143.76	1872.10	2037.00	853.61	1658.70	0.00	1629.61	
HM - CHURCH PLANTS	3480.68	1050.00	1240.00	2210.06	1930.00	2100.00	880.01	1710.00	0.00	1680.00	
- CREATIVE OUTREACH	174.03	52.50	63.00	110.50	96.50	105.00	43.97	85.50	0.00	84.00	
HURON CAMPUS WATERLOO	4796.38	1446.90	1709.00	3045.46	2659.54	2893.80	1212.65	2356.38	0.00	2277.69	
ABOVE CLASSICAL SHARES-WATERLOO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	729.36	0.00	0.00	7466.50	0.00	0.00	
HURON CAMPUS GUELPH	4796.38	1446.90	1709.00	3045.46	2659.54	2893.80	1212.65	2356.38	0.00	2277.69	
ABOVE CLASSICAL SHARES-GUELPH	0.00	0.00	0.00	1035.33	738.31	0.00	397.94	371.63	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	20000.00	6033.30	7125.00	13734.33	12557.45	12066.60	5454.42	17663.79	0.00	9327.10	