

# AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

**Water street CRC, Guelph, ON**

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With the continuing changes in COVID, and the current restrictions by the different Health Units, etc., please **take note**:

1. **Vaccinate**: We **strongly** encourage our church councils to send fully vaccinated delegates to the meeting.
2. **Delegate Restriction**: We are planning to reduce the size of the gathering, and therefore we regret that we must restrict churches to a maximum of **2 delegates only**. It may be a pastor and elder, pastor and deacon, or elder and deacon.
3. **No Visitors**: There will not be any visitors permitted at this meeting. It is restricted to delegates only, as well as any essential participants.
4. **Face Masks**: The wearing of face masks will be required by all, anytime when indoors.
5. **Social Distancing**: Please maintain social distancing as much as we possibly can.
6. **Space and Grace**: Lets extend grace and space to all.

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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.*

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**Officers of the day:** Chair: Rev. Rev. Victor Laarman (Collingwood)  
Vice-Chair: Rev Ralph Wigboldus (Bethel, Listowel)  
Stated Clerk: Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth)

**Devotions & Prayer:** Opening → Marguerite Ridder (Water street)

**Committees for the Day:** Credentials→ Clinton CRC & Blyth CRC  
Balloting→ Water street CRC, Guelph & First CRC, Owen Sound

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**Guests & Presenters:** *(Times are tentative, final times are determined by the chair)*

9:00	Opening Devotions	Marguerite Ridder
09:30 & 10:35	CMC/AdCom	Gary Van Leeuwen
10:00	Mission Catalyzer	Joan Brady
11:30	2021 Budget	Evert Nagel
02:15	CMLT	Brian Bork
02:30	Safe Church Coordinator	Atie Ott
02:45	Council of Delegates	Ralph Wigboldus
03:00	World Renew	Mary Blydorp

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## Agenda-related documents:

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Standing Committees of Classis Huron	
Classical Ministry Committee (CMC) & Administrative Committee (AdCom)	
CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Report	# 4
Minutes of May 12, 2021 Session of Classis Huron	# 5
Rev. Jack deVries' Ministry Formation Report	# 6a,b,c
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Financial Resource Team: Proposed 2022 Budget	# 9
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Jack Tacoma (Andrew de Gelder & Brian Bork)	# 17
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CRC-Canada report (Terry Veldboom)	# 21
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Other documents:	
Classical Credentials – to be submitted to classis	# 3
Covenant of Office Bearers – to be signed by first-time delegates	# 16
Primer for new delegates	# 17

### Appendix #1: Motion re Commissioned Pastor Emeritus:

- That Rick DeGraaf be granted the title Commissioned Pastor Emeritus according Article 23e of the church order and that with this title he be given the same authority to perform official acts of ministry within Classis Huron as were given to him upon his ordination as Commissioned Pastor. (A letter of recommendation from his church council is included in the agenda package.)

### Appendix #2: Motions involving Church Order:

- That Jack DeVries be granted his request to continue to be loaned to the Christian Reformed Church of Australia for a period of up to two years, in accordance with Church Order, Article 13c. Grounds: Rev. DeVries continues to serve faithfully with the CRCA and has the support and blessing of his calling church, Bethel CRC, Listowel, to remain on loan to the CRCA.

(The concurrence of the synodical deputies is needed.)

His report on Ministry Formation is included in the agenda package.

- That Stephen Tamming's ordination be extended for one year according to Article 17c of the Church Order. Grounds: The supervisory committee, in conjunction with Rev. Tamming has deemed that more time is needed before he is able to return to active ministry. (Note: Article 17c limits extensions to one year, and should Rev. Tamming seek to continue his ordination status beyond September, 2022, he will be asked to request a further extension at that time.)

(The concurrence of synodical deputies is needed. The original Article 17 was approved for health reasons, thus providing "weighty reasons" for an extension.)

The letters of request from Stephen Tamming and from the Oversight Committee are available on request. For privacy reasons they will not be posted with the agenda on the website.

- That Andrew Zantingh be released from ministry according to Article 17c of the Church Order. Grounds: Rev. Zantingh has indicated that he does not wish to continue his ordination and has not been serving in a congregation for a period longer than two years.

(The concurrence of synodical deputies is needed. Article 17 states that ministers of the Word who have been released from a congregation for a period of more than two years shall be declared by classis to be released from ministerial office. No designation (e.g. honourably, etc.) is applied in this case.)