

AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Saturday, September 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m. First CRC, Owen Sound.
201 - 4th Ave W, Owen Sound**

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.

Officers of the day:	Chair:	Rev. Tim Keep (Trinity CRC, Goderich)
	Vice-Chair	Mr. Albert Hovingh (Palmerston CRC)
	Stated Clerk	Mr. Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth)
Devotions & Prayer:	Opening	First CRC, Owen Sound
	Pre-lunch prayer	Clinton CRC
	Post-lunch devotions	Drayton CRC
	Closing	Vice-chair, Mr. Albert Hovingh
Committees for the Day:	Credentials	Orangeville CRC & MLCC, Wingham
	Balloting	First, Owen Sound & Menti

Guests:

- Peter Meerveld (COD Member)
- Roshani Morton (Director of Advancement Canada)
- Roberta Vriesma (Canadian COD Member at Large)
- Monika Couperus de Castillo (The Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee)

Synodical Deputies:

- Joshua Tuininga (Classis Quinte),
- Michael Bootsma (Classis Hamilton)
- Philip Apoll (Classis Ontario Southwest)

Schedule for the September 17, 2023 session of Classis Huron

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Document #
8:30-9:00	Registration and fellowship		
9:00	Art. 1 Opening and First Morning Session: Welcome/Announcements Opening Worship Prayer Session	Rev. Sid Couperus	
9:50	10 Minute coffee break		
10:00 SHARP!	Art. 2 Second Morning Session Attendance Summary Covenant of Office Bearers Declaration of Conflicts of Interest Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted Classis Huron Primer The executive for the day takes the chair	Credentials Committee Rev. Sid Couperus	2.1 2.2 2.3
10:05- 11:50	Art. 3 Examination of Cameron Oegema per C. O. Art. 10. Welcoming the Synodical Deputies Introduction of Cameron Oegema to classis. Practica (no time limit) Motion to proceed. Sermon Evaluation Motion to proceed, with the concurrence of the synodical deputies. Biblical and Theological Position (minimum thirty minutes) Motion to admit (Executive session) Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit The synodical deputies leave to prepare their recommendation The classis votes by ballot/Menti The synodical deputies offer their statement on whether they concur with Classis	Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. Martin Dam Rev. Andrew Vis Chairman	 3.1 3.2 3.3
11:50	Art. 4 The request of the Council of the Exeter Christian Reformed Church that Classis Huron declares that the work of the Director of Planned Gifts & Investments of the Christian School Foundation is consistent with the calling of the Minister of the Word per Church Order article 12-c. and that Classis Huron grant approval for Kevin teBrake to be called to this position (This will require the concurrence of the synodical deputies) Motion to grant the request of the Exeter CRC. The synodical deputies leave to prepare their recommendation. The classis votes by ballot The synodical deputies offer their statement on whether they concur with Classis	Exeter CRC	4.1 4.2 4.3

12:00	Pre-Lunch Prayer	Clinton CRC	
	Lunch Break and Meet & Greet Cameron		
12:45	Post-Lunch prayer	Drayton CRC	
12:50	Art. 5 CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk report: Including the following motions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to classis to accept the 2024 Classis Huron Budget ▪ Motion to elect Sara DeMoor as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. The term shall commence immediately. ▪ Motion to approve the actions of AdCom, CMC and the Stated Clerk 	Rev. Victor Laarman Mr. Evert Nagel	5.1 5.2
1:05	Art. 6 Classical Credentials Report	Orangeville CRC MRCC, Wingham	
1:15	Art. 7 COD: Ministry Shares (20 min) The new governance structure (15 min)	Roshani Morton, Director of Advancement (Can) Roberta Vriesema (Can. Member at Large)	7.1
1:50	Art. 8 Other Denominational reports Thrive (15 min) Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee (5 min)	Rev. Lesli Van Milligen Monica Couperus de Castillo	8.2
2:10	Art. 9 MAID	Dr. John Van Dorp	
2:50	Art. 10 Exhortation License Review Committee Motion: to renew the license to exhort of Dorothea Vuyk for five years	Rev. Ray Vander Kooij Rev. Wesley Collins	10
2:55	Art. 11 Classical Counselors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acton, Bethel, ▪ Blyth CRC ▪ Exeter ▪ Guelph, New Life ▪ Guelph, Water Street, ▪ Listowel Bethel ▪ Lucknow Community ▪ Kitchener Community ▪ Waterloo (Campus Minister) 	Rev. Andrew Vis Rev. Bart Eisen Rev. Martin Dam Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. John Vanderstoep Rev. Wesley Collins Rev. Tim Keep Rev. Vicki Cok Rev. Norm Sennema	
3:05	Art. 12 Other Classical Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe Church Committee ▪ Classical Ministerial Leadership Team ▪ Mission Catalyzer ▪ Synodical Delegates reports 	Atie Ott Rev. Wesley Collins Joan Brady	12.2 12.3 12.4

	Art. 13 Other printed reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Denomination ▪ Resonate ▪ World Renew ▪ Redeemer University ▪ Historical Committee ▪ Diaconal Ministries Canada ▪ Calvin Seminary 		13.1 13.2 13.3 13.4 13.5 13.6 13.7
3:55	<u>Art. 14 Evaluation Sheets</u>		
4:00	Art. 15 Motion to Adjourn and Closing	Chair & Vice-Chair	

****A reminder that Classis delegates are expected to remain present at classis for the entire session until it is adjourned. Dates of classis sessions are known well in advance, so it becomes the responsibility of delegates to 'clear' their schedules so that they can remain at the 'table'. Please refrain from scheduling appointments on this day because, in some situations, classis may deliberate longer than expected. Delegates who need to leave before adjournment (i.e. due to an emergency) may do so with the permission of the Chairperson only who will then advise classis of his/her/their absence; names of delegates who leave early will be recorded in the minutes.**
