

# AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Palmerston CRC.**

400 Whites Rd Palmerston, ON N0G 2P0

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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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<b>Officers of the days:</b>	Chair:	Rev. Ed Jager (New Life, Guelph)
	Vice-Chair:	Rev. John Vanderstoep (The Bridge, Fergus)
	Stated Clerk:	Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth)
<b>Devotions &amp; Prayer:</b>	Opening:	Palmerston CRC
	Pre-lunch prayer:	Maranatha CRC, Cambridge
	Post lunch devotions:	Water Street CRC, Guelph
	Closing:	Vice chairman
<b>Committees for the Day:</b>	Credentials:	Collingwood CRC & Bethel CRC, Acton
	Overtures:	Clinton CRC & First CRC, Owen Sound
	Balloting:	Palmerston (by Menti)
<b>Visitors:</b>	Bruce Bos,	Guelph Campus
	Melissa Burmaster,	Guelph Campus
	Peter Meerveld,	Council of Delegates
	Sean Baker,	Pastor-Church Resources
	Peter Bulthuis,	World Renew
	Becky Jones.	Regional Catalyzer, Canada East

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## Tentative Schedule for the February 15, 2023 session of Classis Huron

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Doc. #
9:00 am	<b>Art. 1 Opening:</b> Welcome/Announcements Opening Worship Attendance Summary Covenant of Office Bearers Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted Declaration of Conflicts of Interest Classis Primer	Palmerston CRC Palmerston CRC Credentials Committee Credentials Committee Credentials Committee Chair Chair	1.1   1.2 1.3  1.4
9:30	<b>First Morning Session</b> <b>Art. 2</b> Guelph Campus Ministry	Bruce Bos	2
9:50	<b>Art. 3</b> Council of Delegates Report	Peter Meerveld	3
10:00	<b>Art. 4</b> CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk report: <b>Motion</b> to reduce the number of appointments for classical pulpit supplies to one per month. <b>Motion</b> to approve the actions of CMC & AdCom	Mr. Albert Hovingh	4
10:15	Morning Refreshment Break (15 min.)		
10:30	<b>Second Morning Session</b> <b>Art. 5</b> Round-table discussion “Equipping churches in times of discernment, decision-making, and conflict”	Sean Baker <i>Ministry Consultant</i>	
12:00	Pre-Lunch Prayer	Maranatha, Cambridge	
	Lunch Break		
1:00	Post-Lunch Devotions	Water Street, Guelph	
	<b>First Afternoon Session</b> <b>Art. 6</b> The Journey <b>Motion</b> to approve the decision of The Journey to disband Acceptance of the separation agreement	Martin Dam and Frank Hoekstra.	6.1 6.2
1:30	<b>Art. 7</b> Pastor Toyosi Awesu’s next steps <b>Motion</b> to accept the overture of Community CRC, Kitchener.	Community, Kitchener	7.1 7.2 7.3
1:45	<b>Art. 8</b> Election of Synodical Delegates: 2 ministers, 1 elder, 1 deacon & alternates	Menti	8
2:00	<b>Art. 9</b> Overture Committee Report <i>This is to be chaired by the vice-chair</i> Overture of New Life to overture Synod 2023 Gravamen from New Life office bearers	Clinton & Owen Sound	9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4

	Overtures of Maitland River		
2:30	<b>Art. 10</b> Classical Credentials	Collingwood & Acton	
2:45	Afternoon Refreshment Break (15 min.)		
3:00	<b>Second Afternoon Session</b> <b>Art. 11</b> Ministry Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Classis Huron Mission Team</li> <li>▪ Mission Catalyst &amp;</li> <li>▪ Diaconal Committee/DMC (video)</li> <li>▪ Safe Church</li> <li>▪ Disability Concerns Comm. (video)</li> <li>▪ Regional pastors</li>   <li>▪ Mentors &amp; mentees</li>   <li>▪ Oversight Committee for pastor Stephen Tamming</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	Joan Brady Joan Brady Mary Blydorp Atie Ott Len Bakelaar Brian Bork Ray Vander Kooij Ray Vander Kooij Henry Meinen Tom Bomhof Kevin teBrake Kim Burgsma	11.1 11.2 11.3 11.4 11.5
3:40	<b>Art. 12</b> Classical Counselors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bethel Acton</li> <li>▪ Exeter</li> <li>▪ Water Street, Guelph</li> <li>▪ Kitchener Community</li> <li>▪ Bethel, Listowel</li> <li>▪ Lucknow</li> <li>▪ Palmerston</li> <li>▪ Vanastra Community</li> </ul>	Rev. Andrew Vis Rev. Martin Dam Rev. Ed Jager Rev. Vicki Verhulst-Cok Rev. Wesley Collins Rev. Tim Keep Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen	
3:50	<b>Art. 13</b> Denominational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agenda items for synod</li>   <li>▪ World Renew</li> </ul>	Peter Bulthuis	13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4
4:10	<b>Printed reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calvin Seminary</li> <li>▪ Calvin University</li> <li>▪ Redeemer University</li> </ul>		13.5 13.6 13.7
	<b>Evaluation Sheets</b>		14
4:15	<b>Art. 14</b> Motion to Adjourn & 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 prior to adjournment (i.e. due to an emergency) may do so with 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.***