

AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Trinity CRC, Goderich.

245 Mill Rd, Goderich, ON N7A 4A1

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 days: | Chair: | Rev. John Vanderstoep (The Bridge, Fergus) |
| | Vice-Chair: | Rev. Tim Keep (Trinity CRC, Goderich) |
| | Stated Clerk: | Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth) |
| Devotions & Prayer: | Opening: | Trinity CRC |
| | Pre-lunch prayer: | New Life, Guelph |
| | Post-lunch devotions: | Blyth |
| | Closing: | Vice-chairman |
| Committees for the Day: | Credentials: | Vanastra Community CRC & Waterloo CRC |
| | Overtures: | Stratford CRC & Palmerston CRC |
| | Balloting: | Trinity & Bethel, Listowel |
| Visitors: | Carolyn Kleefman: | Waterloo Campus Ministry |
| | Becky Jones: | Regional Catalyzer, Canada East |
| | Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman: | Calvin University |
| | Tony Kamphuis: | Calvin University |
| | Roshani Morton: | CRCNA Director of Advancement (Canada) |

Tentative Schedule for the May 17, 2023 session of Classis Huron

| Time line | Report/Item | Presenter/Reporter | Doc. # |
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| 9:00 am | Art. 1 Opening: | | |
| | Welcome/Announcements | Trinity CRC | 1.1 |
| | Opening Worship | Trinity CRC | |
| | Attendance Summary | Credentials | 1.2 |
| | Covenant of Office Bearers | Credentials | 1.3 |
| | Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted | Chair | |
| | Declaration of Conflicts of Interest | Chair | |
| | Classis Primer | Chair | 1.4 |
| 9:30 | First Morning Session Art. 2 Round-table discussion | CHMT | |
| 10:30 | Morning Refreshment Break (15 min.) | | |
| 10:45 | Second Morning Session Art. 3 CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk report: Introduction of Delegate to Synod Information Form Motion to approve the actions of CMC & AdCom | Mr. Albert Hovingh | 3.1 3.2 |
| | Art. 4 <u>Annual General Meeting of the Classis Huron Corporation</u> (As per Classis Huron Bylaw) Motion: to receive the 2022 Financial Statements of the Corporation and the Review Report. Motion: to appoint MAC LLP in Waterloo for an official Review of the 2023 Financial Statements. Motion: to endorse Rev. Victor Laarman (Collingwood) as Chair, and Rev. Amanda Bakala (Community, Kitchener) as Vice-Chair. Election of new Board member: Motion: to elect Mr. Nick Geleynse (Clinton) as Member at Large. The term of the Board member shall commence at the next meeting of the Board of Directors (June 20, 2023). | Evert Nagel (Treasurer) & Mr. Albert Hovingh (Chairman of the Board/AdCom) | 4.1 4.2 |
| 11:00 | Art. 5 Financial Resource Team Recommendations related to an overture presented to the classis on February 15, 2023 | Evert Nagel (Treasurer) | 5 |
| 11:10 | Art. 6 Final updates on the closure of The Journey | Printed report | 6 |
| 11:20 | Art. 7 Council of Delegates Report Includes responses to questions raised in February | Peter Meerveld Printed Report | 7 |

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| 11:35 | Art. 8. Safe Church Report Classis Huron Safe Church Policy | Atie Ott | 8.1 8.2 |
| 11:50 | Art. 9 Request for the retirement of Rev. Ed Jager | | 9.1 9.2 |
| 12:00 | Pre-Lunch Prayer | New Life, Guelph Ed Jager | |
| Lunch Break / Deacons' gathering | | | |
| 1:00 | Post-Lunch Devotions | Blyth Gary Van Leeuwen | |
| 1:15 | First Afternoon Session Art. 10 Waterloo Campus Ministry | Carolyn Kleefman Brian Bork | 10 |
| 1:45 | Art. 11 Overture Committee Report Overture of Waterloo CRC & cover letter | Stratford & Palmerston. | 11.1 11.2 11.3 |
| 2:00 | Art. 12 Classis Ministry Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classical Credentials ▪ Classis Huron Mission Team ▪ Mission Catalyst ▪ Classis Huron Prayer Catalyst ▪ Diaconal Committee/DMC ▪ Disability Concerns Comm. (video) ▪ Oversight Committee for pastor Stephen Tamming | Vanastra & Waterloo Jane Vander Velden Joan Brady Sid Couperus Mary Blydorp Len Bakelaar Tom Bomhof | 12.3 12.4 12.7 |
| 2:30 | Afternoon Refreshment Break (15 min.) | | |
| 2:45 | Second Afternoon Session Art. 13 Classical Counselors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bethel Acton ▪ Exeter ▪ Water Street, Guelph ▪ Kitchener Community ▪ Bethel, Listowel ▪ Lucknow ▪ Vanastra Community | Rev. Andrew Vis Rev. Martin Dam Rev. Ed Jager Rev. Vicki Verhulst-Cok Rev. Wesley Collins Rev. Tim Keep Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen | |
| 2:55 | Art. 14 Denominational: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence received, re: Gravamen appeal ▪ Classis Huron's response to this correspondence ▪ Agenda items for Synod 2023 ▪ Calvin University | Victor Laarman Victor Laarman Synodical Delegates Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman Tony Kamphuis | 14.1 14.2 14.3 |

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| 3:15 | <p>Art. 15 Printed reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redeemer University ▪ World Renew | | 15.2 15.3 |
| 3:30 | <u>Evaluation Sheets</u> | | 16 |
| 3:45 | Art. 16 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 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.***