

## Winter 2022 Report:

### Classis Ministry Committee (CMC), Administrative Committee (AdCom) & Stated Clerk

*The **Classis Ministry Committee (CMC)** consists of the Administrative Committee and the representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis: Ministerial Leadership Team, Rev. Brian Bork; Mission Team, Rev. Kevin teBrake; Safe Church Committee, Atie Ott; Guelph Campus Ministry, Sara DeMoor; Waterloo Campus Ministry, Bill Los; Diaconal Ministries & World Renew, Mary Blydorp; the Mission Catalyzer, Joan Brady; the Youth Champion, (vacant) and Treasurer, Evert Nagel (ex officio).*

*The **Administrative Committee (AdCom)** works on behalf of Classis between sessions. AdCom consists of Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen (Chair), Albert Hovingh (vice), Rev. Victor Laarman (at-large), and Fred Vander Sterre (Stated Clerk, ex officio).*

*The **Stated Clerk** serves Classis Huron by keeping accurate records of the proceedings, decisions, and rules of Classis as per Church Order, Article 32-b. The Rules of Classis Huron also task the Clerk to serve as a resource to the churches of Classis on matters of order and procedure, maintain the records and website of Classis, and serve as a central point of communication for Classis, among other responsibilities.*

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information

**AdCom** met on October 20, 2021, to review the proceedings of the September 18 session of classis and further discuss the agenda and its particulars for the winter session planned for Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

**CMC** met virtually on January 19, 2022.

**1. CMC accepted the following actions of and recommendations from AdCom:**

- The February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 session of Classis Huron will be virtual.
- The appointment of the executive of the Feb classis meeting, and the composition of the Credential and the Overture committees
- Received a preliminary update of the year-end finances.
- Appointed Ad-hoc Exhortation License Review Committee to review Dr. John Van Dorp's sermon. (Pastors Ed Jager and Henry Meinen)
- Approved the work of the Stated Clerk.
- Approved the Pulpit Supply schedule for Dec – June 2022 (will be adjusted again on March 1)
- Appointments:
  - Regional Pastor renewal of Norm Sennema (pastor of Maranatha, Cambridge)
  - Ray Vander Kooij as mentor for Tim Keep (pastor of Trinity, Goderich)
  - Ed Jager as Classical Counsellor for Water Street CRC in Guelph (pastor of New Life, Guelph)
  - Mary Blydorp as Classis Huron representative to the board of Diaconal Ministries Canada
- **Nominations for classis' endorsement:**
  - Henry Meinen for Classical Ministerial Leadership Team (Pastor of Bethel, Listowel)
  - Wes Collins for Classical Ministerial Leadership Team (pastor of Drayton CRC)
  - Paul DeWeerd for Classis Huron Ministry Team (pastor of Vanastra Community CRC)
  - Stan Puklicz for church visitor (member of the Stratford CRC)
  - Henry DeYoung for church visitor (member of Stratford CRC)

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- Tom Bomhof as member of the Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee.
- John Greydanus as member of the Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee.
- Jeremy Vandenberg as member of the Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee.
- Gary Van Leeuwen for synodical deputy (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Sid Couperus for alternate synodical deputy (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Voting:

- **Nomination for election by synod:**
  - Council of Delegates (COD) one to be chosen:
    - Peter Meerveld, from New Life, Guelph. (Bio is included)
    - Lawrence Lutgendorff, from Community CRC, Kitchener. (Bio is included)

Note:

- Still needed: nominations for Board of Directors Calvin Theological Seminary for region 4. (Classes Hamilton, Huron, Niagara, and Ontario Southwest)

## 2. **Other Actions**

- Reports/updates were provided by the ministry representatives serving on CMC.
  - Both Guelph and Waterloo Campus ministries are struggling due to the COVID restrictions. They are asking for our prayers.
  - The Classical Ministerial Leadership Team reports that currently they are providing support to only one student enrolled at a theological seminary.
  - Diaconal Committee – a new deacon coach is in place covering the eastern side of the classis Huron area: Jane Vander Velden. Mary Blydorp is the rep on the Diaconal Ministries Canada board

Note:

- The classis Huron treasurer reported that 2021 ended with a healthy financial balance. He noted that the **Classis Huron Ministry Shares** are to be sent in a timely fashion. They should be submitted by Dec. 32.
- The Classis Huron Mission Team, along with Joan Brady, is planning to introduce Big Wall exercises among the various ministry committees of classis. There was also a discussion about the startup of Vital Point sites.

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- As Classis Huron currently does not have a Youth Ministry Champion, nor a Y.M. committee, **CMC is recommending to classis**, to appoint an ad-hoc committee to come with suggestions to classis, how to move forward with addressing the need.
- Received the request of the Exeter CRC and pastor Kevin teBrake, to discuss the release of Pastor Kevin from his call as pastor of the Exeter CRC.

- Received the request for the examination of candidate Bart Eisen, who accepted a call to Maitland River Community Church in Wingham.

The examination will take place during an special (virtual) session of classis on February 23, at 7:30 pm. The examiners are: Wes Collins for practica; Andrew deGelder (along with his choice of elder/pastor) for sermon; Gary Van Leeuwen for biblical/theological. His OT text will be Exodus 34:1-9.

- Received overtures and a communication related to the Human Sexuality Report (HSR) that is expected to go to synod 2022. These overtures have been passed on to the overtures committee: the delegates of Orangeville and Trinity, Goderich.
- Received one overture related to the SALT Report. AdCom will make a recommendation to classis.
- Appointed classis delegates to attend the Canadian Catalytic Conversation: Jack Van Dorp, Dirk Kroon, Tim DeWeerd, John Vanderstoep.

Classis'  
approval

**Approve** the actions of AdCom and the CMC

*-submitted by Fred Vander Sterre, Stated Clerk*