

Spring 2021 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. John Vanderstoep; Safe Church Committee, Atie Ott; Guelph Campus Ministry, Rev. Ray Vander Kooij; Waterloo Campus Ministry, Bill Los; Diaconal Ministries & World Renew, Mary Blydorp; 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. Martin Dam (Chair), Rev. Gary VanLeeuwen (vice), Albert Hovingh (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.*

AdCom met on March 2, 2021, to review the proceedings of the February 10 session of classis and further discuss the agenda and its particulars for the spring session planned for Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

CMC met via Zoom on April 7, 2021.

Reports/updates were provided by the ministry representatives serving on CMC.

1. CMC accepted the following recommendations from AdCom:

- May 12, 2021 session of Classis Huron will be virtual.
- We will experiment with an evening session of classis, as the agenda is light, and the meeting will be virtual.
- Lesli Van Milligen will be invited to lead a 45-minute “*Our Journey 2025*” presentation.
- The opening devotions at classis meetings will from now on be assigned based on a rotational schedule of the serving pastors of our classis.
- The Stated Clerk was given the go-ahead to contract Irving Bos for the development of the new classis’ website.
- During the COVID restrictions, while sessions of classis will be conducted virtual, the sessions will be chaired by those pastors who have had experience leading virtual gatherings.
- CMC nominates Rev. Victor Laarman as at-large member of AdCom. (This requires a vote)
Current chair Rev. Martin Dam will retire from AdCom, Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen will take on the position of chair of AdCom and of CMC and Albert Hovingh will serve as vice-chair.
- CMC nominates Jane VanderVelde for the position of Alternate Stated Clerk of classis. (This requires a vote).
- Guelph Campus Ministry nominates Brian Smith as Classis Huron Representative on the Board of GCM. AdCom supports that nomination. Classis needs to affirm that. (This requires a vote)

2. Other Actions

- Announcement that Betsy DeVries completed her term call at Community CRC in Kitchener and is available for call.

- AdCom acknowledges that Rev. Henry Steenbergen has been granted his retirement, effective the end of July 2021. He is planning to move back to Alberta, therefore, this will be his final classis meeting as delegate of Maitland River Community Church in Wingham.
- Classis Agenda Deadline: August 14, 2021
Next Classis meeting: Saturday, September 18, 2021

A Final Note:

Some of the committees and ministries of Classis Huron are in need of new and/or additional members. Please give prayerful thought to serving classis in such a capacity or consider approaching members of your congregation with gifts of ministry or leadership to do so.

Mandates are available for reference and current or recently “retired” members can be contacted for more information.

-submitted by Fred Vander Sterre, Stated Clerk