

**Winter 2023 Report:
Classis Ministry Committee (CMC), Administrative Committee (AdCom) & Stated Clerk**

*The **Classis Ministry Committee (CMC)** consists of the Administrative Committee and the representatives of the ministries/committees within Classis: Safe Church Team, Atie Ott; Waterloo Campus Ministry, Brian Bork (interim); Treasurer, Evert Nagel (ex officio); Mission Team, Jane Vander Velden; Mission Catalyzer, Joan Brady; Diaconal Ministries & World Renew, Mary Blydorp; Guelph Campus Ministry, Sara DeMoore (interim); Ministerial Leadership Team, Wesley Collins; Youth Champion, (currently vacant).*

The duties include: Nurture vision and planning within Classis, Provide accountability, guidance, and support for existing ministries of Classis, Provide governance support for Classis Huron.

***Administrative Committee (AdCom)** consists of Albert Hovingh (Chair), Rev. Victor Laarman (vice), Rev. Amanda Bakale (at-large/interim). Fred Vander Sterre (Stated Clerk, ex officio).*

AdCom takes care of all matters between Classis meetings and is empowered to act in an administrative capacity, and is accountable to CMC.

*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.*

For information

AdCom met on November 22, 2022, to review the proceedings of the September 17th session of classis and further discuss the agenda and its particulars for the winter session of classis scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

CMC met on January 4, 2023 and presents classis with the following report:

1. Reports:

The classis Huron ministry representatives serving on CMC presented their reports/updates.

NOTE:

1.1 **Classis Huron Mission Team is in need of people excited about the promotion and stimulation of church revitalization, community engagement and development. Please, prayerfully consider joining this exciting team!**

1.2 Joan Brady (Mission Catalyzer) is working towards a draft Ministry Plan for classis.

1.3 Both Guelph and Waterloo Campus Ministries will be celebrating 50 years of ministry in 2023.

1.4 Safe Church Team is planning the Annual Inter-classis Safe Church Conference, March 4. They have been working on finalizing the Classis Huron Safe Church Policy. Classis will need to formally adopt this policy at the May session.

For Information

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

- The tentative agenda, location, date and the appointment of the executive of the February classis meeting, the Overture Committee and the Credential Committee.

- CMC encourages **all delegates to classis bring an electronic device** (laptop/tablet/smartphone) to the meeting, as the voting will be done by Menti app.

- Election of delegates to synod: will be done electronically.

Note: **the second round of voting for minister and the “fourth” delegate** will be based on **the four ministers with the greatest number of votes** in the first round of voting.

- CMC reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 17, 2022 session of classis Huron.

- AdCom sent a letter to the church councils, expressing our appreciation for their commitment to send delegates to classis meetings and solicit suggestions from those that have challenges sending delegates.
- AdCom is to send a letter to the Classis Ontario Southwest Interim Committee, expressing the concerns of Classis Huron regarding the development of Vitalpoint satellite churches in Exeter and Clinton.
- CMC received information regarding the decision to disband The Journey.
- CMC received several overtures and a gravamen for the February agenda
- Appointments:
 - Oversight Committee for Rev. Stephen Tamming:
Rev. Kevin teBrake, Rev. Tom Bomhof and Ms Kim Burgsma.
 - CMC accepted the offer of Rev. Sid Couperus to serve classis Huron as Classical Prayer Catalyst, to strengthen our drive towards the desired purpose of Classis Huron in Spiritual Renewal. He will serve in coordination with the CHMT and also interact with the other ministries of classis through the CMC.

Motions:

3 Motions for Classis

- **Motion to revise the rules related to the Pulpit Supply Schedule:** that the Rules of Classis be revised to read:

“The Administrative Subcommittee shall approve and distribute a schedule granting churches without an ordained pastor one (currently: “at least two”) classical appointment per month and distributing appointments equally among the non-vacant churches of classis”.

This change is to go into effect on September 1, 2023.

1. The reason for Classical appointments is to allow churches without pastor to celebrate the sacraments. This could be accomplished through one monthly classical appointment.
 2. Classical appointments require a pastor to be gone from their home church which creates a lack of continuity on the pulpit.
 3. Technology allows churches to use a pre-recorded messages which reduces the need for pulpit supply.
 4. Classis Huron currently has a list of 14 ministers/exhorters available to our churches.
- **Motion** to classis to approve the actions of AdCom, CMC and the Stated Clerk, including the appointments listed in this report.

-submitted by Fred Vander Sterre, Stated Clerk