

To Classis Huron

RE: HUMAN SEXUALITY REPORT (HSR) – AN OVERTURE

Attached is a private Overture. We hereby request that Classis Huron review and endorse this Overture when it meets on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. This private Overture has been signed by 18 (non elder/deacon) confessing members of the Kitchener CCRC. Essentially it encourages Synod to delay a decision on HSR at this time and to first study and report on a number of other - but important & missing – HSR gaps, questions and relevant biblical teachings.

As members of the Kitchener CCRC, please note that we approached the Kitchener Admin Council (our church executive body) to secure their support and endorsement. They however – in their wisdom - decided not to endorse our private Overture as they were working on their own overture and felt that their own overture “had a better chance at being accepted by Classis“ if they endorsed 1 (instead of 2) overtures. So they encouraged us to submit our Overture to Classis Huron independently.

We were disappointed in our Council's decision not to endorse our Overture. We see no problem with any CRC endorsing 2 or more overtures at the same time. In addition, we see our overture and their overture as being mutually supportive. In fact - whether Classis grants (or denies) HSR as having “confessional status” - we see our Overture as a natural follow-up and response to the question: “Ok. Now that we've decided that HSR should have (should not have) confessional status, where do we go from here?” A second report that fills in the missing theological questions that our Overture has identified, is the natural response to this question. We hope and pray that Classis Huron will see our Overture in the same light.

It is our understanding that Classis normally appoints an Overture Committee to deal with incoming overtures and that this Overture Committee will make recommendations to Classis on how to proceed with the many overtures before it. We fully understand that Classis Huron has sole responsibility to determine how to proceed with the overtures before it. However, we hope that both the planned Overture Committee and Classis may be receptive to and see the wisdom in first considering those overtures that deal with granting (or not granting) HSR “confessional status” and then follow that up by considering and dealing with the other overtures before it.

In closing, please note that I will gladly stand by and make myself available - to both the Overture Committee and / or to Classis Huron as a whole – to answer any questions related to our attached private Overture. If Classis chooses to take advantage of this, a few days notice would be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you on your deliberations and decisions.  
Respectfully submitted by:

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