

**Summer 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, Carolyn Kleefman; Treasurer, Evert Nagel (ex officio); Mission Team, Jane Vander Velden; Mission Catalyzer, Joan Brady; Diaconal Ministries & World Renew, Mary Blydorp; Guelph Campus Ministry, Sara DeMoor; Ministerial Leadership Team, Wesley Collins; Prayer Catalyzer, Rev. Sid Couperus, Youth Champion, (currently vacant).*

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

***Administrative Committee (AdCom)** consists of Rev. Victor Laarman (Chair), Sara DeMoor (vice), and Nick Geleynse (at-large). 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 June 27, 2023, to review the proceedings of the May 17<sup>th</sup> session of classis, further discuss the agenda and its particulars for the September session of classis and to appoint individuals to various classical positions.

**CMC** met on August 16, 2023, and presents the following report to classis:

**1.      Reports:**

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

**NOTE:**

- 1.1 **Classis Huron Mission Team continues to need people excited about the promotion and stimulation of church revitalization, community engagement, and development.**

**Please, prayerfully consider joining this exciting team!**

**For Information**

- 1.2 Joan Brady (Mission Catalyzer) is working towards a draft Ministry Plan for classis.  
 1.3 Sara DeMoor is excited to be back on campus again, while Melissa Burmaster is serving as the interim campus minister at Waterloo.  
 Both Guelph and Waterloo Campus Ministries will be celebrating 50 years of ministry in 2023.  
 1.4 CMC recommends the 2024 budget to classis.  
 It was noted that, based on the ongoing financial support, it is clear that the churches/members of this classis are interested in doing ministry together.  
 1.5 The Safe Church Team continues to nurture a culture of safety among our churches and within the structure of classis. They are currently looking for a new Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator to replace Atie Ott.  
 1.6 Our classis is also in need of more Church Visitors.

**2.      Items discussed:**

**For  
information**

2.1 VitalPoint: AdCom sent a letter to the interim committee of Classis Ontario Southwest, expressing the following concerns:

- The fact that Ron is the lead pastor of Vitalpoint, while David—his son—is a site leader. Having a parent and child in leadership positions, especially with one reporting to the other, poses significant risks for accountability, abuse of power, and reporting.
- Currently, David is not ordained. He should undertake the process of education and formation that leads toward ordination in the denomination. That will also establish a structure for supervision and accountability for life and doctrine and encouragement toward ongoing learning and professional development.
- The Christian Reformed Church is committed to Safe Church Policies; VitalPoint does not appear to have a valid Safe Church Policy in place.

AdCom will continue to communicate with Classis OSW to explore ways to improve the relationship with VitalPoint.

**3. CMC approved the following actions and recommendations from AdCom**

3.1 CMC reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 17, 2023 session of classis Huron

3.2 Appointments:

**3.2.1** Regional Pastor: Rev. Martin Dam

**3.2.2** Synodical Deputy: Sid Couperus

**3.2.3** Alternate Synodical Deputy: Victor Laarman

**3.2.4** Classical Counsellor for Blyth CRC: Bart Eisen

**3.2.5** Classical Counsellor for New Life, Guelph: Victor Laarman

**3.2.6** Classical Counsellor for Waterloo (campus minister): Norm Sennema

3.3 CMC accepted the tentative agenda with the understanding that AdCom will restrict the number and lengths of the reports, so the meeting can adjourn no later than 4:00 PM.

**NOTE:**

CMC included in the agenda the request of the Exeter CRC, to grant Rev. Kevin teBrake an Art 12-c status.

CMC is not convinced, however, that the Exeter church has demonstrated, by the sharing of the “Opportunity Profile” of the Christian Schools Foundation, that the position of Director of Planned Gifts & Investments for the Foundation is indeed consistent with the calling of the Minister of the Word.

**Motions:**

3.4 **Motion** to classis to accept the 2024 budget for classis Huron.

3.5 **Motion** to classis to elect Sara DeMoor as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors.  
The term shall commence immediately.

3.6 **Motion** to classis to approve the actions of AdCom, CMC and the Stated Clerk.

*-submitted by Fred Vander Sterre, Stated Clerk*