

Report from Classis Huron Oversight Committee with Pastor Stephen Tamming:

The CH oversight committee consists of Gil vandenHeuvel and Kevin teBrake. We thank Ralph Wigboldous for being part of our committee. Ralph is no longer on the committee, and no longer in our Classis, having accepted a call to Maranatha CRC, Woodstock (Classis Ontario Southwest). The role of our committee is to connect with Pastor Stephen Tamming, and to oversee his readiness into ministry.

As part of our role of connecting, we want to share with Classis Huron what Stephen is currently doing. Stephen is working full time for Resilience Huron Perth Mental Health as a case manager. This position allows him to support those who are dealing with Mental Health problems. Most of his work is around supporting people with appointments, apartment searches, finding proper therapy, and more. There is joy in this work, as he is learning how mental illness and substance use disorder are the two biggest social issues facing our society. Stephen is also currently enrolled in the Foundation of addictions certificate program through Durham College. The certificate program consists of 12 courses, of which 9 have been completed. The hope is to be certified by April 2023. Stephen has reached out to Classis in the past and offered to speak or present a workshop to classis about substance use disorder and mental health, and how we can respond as the church. The oversight committee encourages Classis to consider this offer and opportunity for learning. We also give God thanks for the journey of healing that Stephen has been on.

As an oversight committee, at this time, we also want to request an extension of the article 17 for Stephen Tamming with the following motion and grounds:

Motion: That Stephen Tamming's ordination be extended for another year according to Article 17c of the Church Order.

Grounds:

- *The oversight committee, in conjunction with Rev. Tamming has deemed that more time is needed before returning to active church ministry.*
- *Rev. Tamming is exploring his gifts and God's calling in the area of mental health.*
- *Rev. Tamming also requests an extension to Classis Huron.*

In His Service

On behalf of the Oversight Committee

Kevin teBrake