

Report from your Classis Huron Mission Team (CHMT) September 2022

Greetings from the CHMT. The current members of this committee are Kevin teBrake (chair), Jane Vander Velden (reporter), and ex-officio member Joan Brady (CH Mission Catalyzer). Jane is completing her first 3-year term and has agreed to stay on for another term. Kevin will be completing his second 3-year term and will be moving on to different things. As much as a committee of one would result in no disagreements 😊, **we appeal to the folks in Classis Huron to prayerfully consider joining this exciting team as together we assist and encourage existing churches and new church plants to join God in His mission.**

The CHMT oversees the work of Classis Huron Mission Catalyzer, Joan Brady. We are thankful for Joan's work and encourage churches to connect with Joan as a resource for working out God's mission for your church. Joan continues to work alongside the CHMT as we continue to explore the mission of CHMT, and how what we do complements and supports the mission of Classis Huron. Joan will be further connecting with other Classis committees to discern their role in the bigger picture. Please continue to keep Joan and the many leaders and churches in prayer.

At our previous CHMT meeting, the CHMT asked challenging questions about its viability and relevance, especially since we are short on committee members. In discussing these questions, at this time, the CHMT will continue with the visioning process led by Joan, and continue with its current role of equipping churches and supporting the Mission Catalyzer.

At our last Classis meeting in May, the CHMT asked Classis the question "where do we see God leading Classis Huron to partner with Vitalpoint Church?" The CHMT has listened to that conversation and feel that, at this time, we will not be financially supporting VPC. We have informed VPC of this decision. And we look forward to journeying together in God's kingdom work, The CHMT will continue to share with Classis Huron transformative stories of where God is at work in Vitalpoint (see the report following this report). The CHMT will also continue to report the exciting things that God is doing in other church plants as well: The Bridge (Fergus) and The Journey (Kitchener). (We hope to have further reports in the next Classis agenda).

The CHMT thanks you for your prayers and encouragement, and we continue to lift your churches and ministries in prayer as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with any one of the CHMT members.

On behalf of the CHMT,
Kevin teBrake

Report From Vitalpoint Church

This past season of ministry was one of growth in numbers and depth of faith. Our overall theme this year has been "abundantly more." Ephesians 3:20 has been at the forefront of all we have seen God do.

Our two sites that run weekend gatherings are Poplar Hill and Exeter and experiencing incredible growth. These are both very strongly attended with many non-church people being invited by our VPC community. One guy Andrew was invited by one of our band members to our Exeter site, it was so amazing to see how God was working in him. After a month of attending, he was baptized at our outdoor service in Poplar Hill.

The baptism service was a true move of God. We had 17 adults signed up to go into the waters of baptism and on that day we had 5 spontaneous baptisms bringing the total to 22. Andrew mentioned

above was one of them. We also had 7 families bring their children to the front to publicly proclaim they would raise their children within the Christian Family. All Glory to God for “abundantly more.”

Clinton will be hosting it's first weekend gathering Sept 25th. Because of our involvement in the community, we're seeing a huge interest, plus we are seeing believers getting fired up about their walk with Jesus and a growing desire to reach their friends. I guess having a VPC car in the Clinton Demolition Derby helps raise awareness. 😊

In the VPC Family(Kids & Students) ministry area we've seen a powerful move of God. The teams are growing (90 team members VPC wide) and there have been more students than we have ever seen before. Some of the students are now bringing their parents to weekend gatherings. In the kids' area we have shifted to a discipleship model and we are teaching children about spiritual gifts and how they are part of the church now, not the future.

At Vitalpoint, we're seeing a faith filled resilient community ready to fulfill the mission Jesus gave His Church. No doubt there's struggles, but we have seen so many believers refreshed and ready to learn, grow and reach more and more people for Jesus. We are hearing stories of people who have left the church years ago coming back for the first time and are now plugging in.

God is doing “abundantly more” than we could ever imagine and it's to His Glory!

Thank you,
Ron Baker