# Mission Catalyst – Report to Classis – September 17, 2022

Hi Everyone,

I am sorry to miss this meeting. I enjoy very much the opportunity to get to know various congregations and their leaders better and to understand the passion and practicality around our work together as Classis. I also will be missing lunch which is always awesome and represents the caring and sharing we have with one another.

I am attending a Resonate Retreat in Orlando in the coming week and have taken the opportunity to go early to visit with my sister and her family.

After, a natural summer slow down, my work in engaging churches and ministries has ramped up considerably. We had a productive retreat with youth and youth ministry leaders, also attended by the denomination’s Youth Ministry Consultant, Ron Devries last weekend. Although, attendance could have been better, there was good reflection and a start to a planning process that we hope to engage others in. We acknowledge the demands made on our youth ministry leaders with the upcoming fall retreat, already taking them away from home for a weekend. You will hear more shortly from some that attended the Youth Ministry Retreat about the things we learned there.

I continue to work with the various entities in Classis Huron to develop a Classis Ministry Plan. The work with Youth and Youth Ministry leaders will be included, as will consultations with the Classis Huron Mission Team and the Classis Huron Diaconal Committee. I hope to meet with others this fall. I am also working with a number of Churches and Church Councils on visioning initiatives. I invite Churches and Ministries to reach out directly if I can support them in any way. I hope to get out to meet some of you, especially if I have not already done so given COVID restrictions.

The Classis Huron Mission Team will be hosting a conversation on Church Plants and Church Renewal as part of their ongoing discussion related to the Classis Huron Ministry Plan. Please look for an invitation in the near future.

I also want to encourage you to consider the invitation of Exeter CRC to join them in the Thriving Essentials course, to be held on 2 consecutive evenings at the end of this month. The course which highlights various areas of mission and leadership has received an approximately 95% approval rate from those who have attended previously. I was pleased to experience the course as part of an initial pilot and again a more recent version, both online. The advantage of the upcoming in-person construct is that Church leaders attending together can learn together and begin to visualize its impact on their congregations.

Although I am away, please reach out for more information on any of the topics included in this brief report, I will be available. I wish you a time of authentic fellowship and discernment.

In His Name,

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