

AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. New Life CRC, Guelph, ON.
400 Victoria Rd N, Guelph.**

Classis Huron Vision Statement

As we live out our mission and His calling, Classis Huron will be an active, compassionate and loving community of churches and ministries who rejoice in fellowship with God and each other. We will share joys, burdens and responsibilities with dedication and grace.

Classis Huron Mission Statement

Classis Huron is a regional community of churches, ministries, missional communities and people sharing biblical values, aspirations and connections as members of the Christian Reformed Church of North America. As a Classis, we encourage and support one another in our respective and corporate journeys of faith and in carrying out God's mission, so that all might know God's love and saving grace.

Classis Huron Mission Plan Priorities/Goals

Authentic Community, **Discipleship**, God's Mission, Covenantal responsibilities and tasks.

Officers of the day:	Chair:	Rev. Sid Couperus (First, Owen Sound)
	Vice-Chair	Rev. Craig Hoekema (Bethel, Acton)
	Stated Clerk	Mr. Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth CRC)
Devotions & Prayer:	Opening	New Life, Guelph
	Pre-lunch prayer	Lucknow Community CRC
	Post-lunch prayer	Drayton CRC
	Closing	Rev. Couperus
Committees for the Day:	Credentials	Bethel CRC, Acton & Blyth CRC
	Overture	N/A
	Balloting	New Life CRC, Guelph & Bethel CRC, Listowel

Guests/Speakers:

- Rev. Shawn Brix – Calvin Seminary
- Rebecca Reeve - Advancement Associate
- Rev. Joel Vande Werken - Director of Ecclesiastical Governance
- Evelyn Knetch – World Renew

Schedule for the September 23, 2026, session of Classis Huron

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Document #
8:30-9:00	Registration and fellowship		
9:00	Worship	New Life, Guelph	
9:20	Art. 1 Welcome and Introduction: - Welcome/Announcements - Attendance Summary (credentials) - Covenant of Office Bearers - Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted - Classis Huron Primer - The executive for the day takes the chair	New Life Credentials Committee Host church	1 1.1 1.2 1.3
9:30	Art. 2 Round Table Session Discipleship	Joan Brady, Rev. Cam Oegema, Rev. Sid Couperus	2
10:30	Snack time		
10:45	Art. 3 Denominational - Director of Ecclesiastical Governance (15 min) - Report from delegates to Synod 2026 (15 min) - Calvin Seminary Report (15 min) - World Renew (10 min) - Resonate Global Mission (15 min)	Rev. Joel Vande Werken Rev. Cam Oegema Rev. Jason Crossen Rev. Shawn Brix Evelyn Knetch	3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5
11:50	Art. 4 Diaconal Story/Clothing Closet	Ed Koopman	
	Pre-Lunch Prayer	Lucknow Community	
12:00	Lunch Break & Deacons gathering Also, a chance to visit one of New Life's ministries: the Clothing Closet		
	Post-Lunch prayer	Drayton CRC	

1:00	Art. 5 Classical Ministries		
	• Credential Committee	Bethel, Acton Blyth CRC Henry Meinen	5.2.1
	• CMC/AdCom Report ○ Motion: We will follow the decision of Synod to affirm the Covenant for Office Bearers by signing the Covenant by the classis delegates before every session of Classis Huron. This is to go into effect on February 17, 2027. (Note: Classis delegates who cannot affirm the Covenant for Office Bearers will not have voting rights at the classis sessions.) ○ Motion to approve the mandate of the Youth Ministry Oversight and Support Team (YMOST). ○ Motion to appoint Sonya Dykstra, Karen Knip, Trevor Askes and Pastor Bart Eisen as members of YMOST, with Nick Geleynse serving as CMC liaison. ○ Motion to approve the members of the Waterloo Campus Ministry ○ Motion to approve the members of the Classis Huron Safe Church Team ○ Motion to approve the work of CMC and AdCom.		5.2.2
	• Budget presentation	Ever Nagel	5.3
	• Mission Catalyzer	Joan Brady	5.4
	• Introduction of Grace-Emma Bierma, the Classis Huron Youth Ministry Consultant	Nick Geleynse	
	• Safe Church Report	Rev. Carel Geleynse	5.6
	• Church Visits ○ Waterloo CRC ○ River City CRC	Revs Ed Den Haan & Ray Vander Kooij Rev. Martin Dam & Stan Puklicz	5.7.1 5.7.2
	• Classical Counsellors ○ Blyth ○ Collingwood ○ Community, Kitchener ○ Maranatha, Cambridge ○ Orangeville	Classis Clerk	

	○ Vanastra Community ○ Water Street, Guelph ○ Waterloo CRC Motion to approve the work of the Classical Counsellors • Classical Ministerial Leadership Team Motion to approve the work of the CMLT • Exhortation License Review Committee ○ Motion to renew Stan Puklicz's license to exhort for five years	Rev. Wes Collins Revs. Raymond Evans & Cam Oegema	5.9 5.10 5.10
3:30	Art. 6 Other printed reports: • General Secretary ○ Classis Letter ○ Video Message ○ CRCNA Church Planting Strategic Plan Implementation Team • Redeemer University • Thrive Playlist with four-minute video • Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee Newsletter • Diaconal Ministries Canada • Moving Forward in Faith Conference	Zach King Becky Jones	6.1 6.1 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6
	Art. 7 Evaluation	by Menti	
	Art. 8 Motion to Adjourn and Closing	Chair & Vice-Chair	

****A reminder that Classis delegates are expected to remain present at classis for the entire session until it is adjourned. Dates of classis sessions are known well in advance, so it becomes the responsibility of delegates to 'clear' their schedules so that they can remain at the 'table'. Please refrain from scheduling appointments on this day because, in some situations, classis may deliberate longer than expected. Delegates who need to leave before adjournment (i.e. due to an emergency) may do so with the permission of the Chairperson only, who will then advise classis of his/her/their absence; names of delegates who leave early will be recorded in the minutes.**
