

CLASSIS HURON
of the Christian Reformed Church in North America
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AGENDA

May 15, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Clinton Christian Reformed Church

Clinton, ON

The PURPOSE of Classis Huron

We will foster the Kingdom through shared resources toward spiritual renewal

The VISION of Classis Huron

The congregations, ministries, missional communities and people of Classis Huron will surrender to the work of the Spirit of Mission of Jesus, to embody the Kingdom of God. Recognizing the urgency of the times, we stand on the foundation laid for us by previous generations and step forward in the same faith we have been taught.

Classis delegates are reminded that they are expected to remain seated 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 evening appointments on this day because, in some situations, classis may unexpectedly continue through the supper hour. Delegates who need to leave prior to adjournment (i.e. due to an emergency) may do so with 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.

Index of Agenda Items

| Timeline | Report/Item | Presenter/Reporter |
|--|--|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | Opening of Classis: •Welcome/announcements/opening devotions/worship •Credentials Committee attendance summary •Constituting of Classis | → Clinton CRC → Vanastra & Exeter CRC's |
| | •Being missional & Reformed Theology, the changing Canadian context, the work and ministry of RGM | Rev. Kevin DeRaaf, <i>Regional Coordinator</i> <i>Resonate Global Mission</i> |
| Morning Refreshment Break (15 minutes) | | |
| | •update on the Fergus Church Plant: <i>The Bridge</i> •the "Dreaming Exercise" | Rev. John VanderStoep |
| | •CH Home Missions Committee •Mission Catalyst position | →committee rep/chair →Janet Ryzebol, secretary for CHHMC |
| Pre-lunch | Redeemer University College | <i>President</i> Dr. Robert J. Graham |
| •Pre-lunch prayer → Blyth Lunch Break (45 minutes) <i>[& during which time the Credentials Committee Meets]</i> | | |
| p.m. | •Post-lunch devotions •Credentials Committee | →Guelph New Life CRC → Vanastra & Exeter CRC's |
| | 2018 Financial Statements (pp. 5–13) | FRT: Treasurer John Bell |
| | Youth Ministry | Committee member/ <i>Youth Champion</i> |
| | Safe Church Ministry | Committee member/ <i>SC Coordinator</i> |
| | Update on <i>River City Church Organization</i> | <i>River City</i> delegates |
| | Church Counselors: •to <i>First CRC</i> , Owen Sound •to Clinton | → Rev. Victor Laarman → Rev. Gary VanLeeuwen |
| | Regional Pastors (West and East) | West: Rev. Henry Steenbergen East: Rev. Norm Sennema |
| Afternoon Refreshment Break (15 minutes) | | |
| | Church Visitation •[printed] report on visit to Blyth CRC (pp. 14-16) • re: "Church Visiting Process Guide" | Rev. Andrew DeGelder |
| | CH Diaconal Initiative (Exeter CRC) | <i>Exeter</i> delegates |
| | World Renew | Mary Blydorp |
| | CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk report (pp. 17+18) | Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok |
| | Council of Delegates (COD met early May 2019) | Rev. Ralph Wigboldus |
| | Synod 2019: 'bigger' agenda items | Synodical delegate: Rev. Victor Laarman |
| | Adjournment | Chair & Vice-Chair of Classis |
| Rec'd for info | •Canadian Ministries Update •Redeemer University College | →Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda →David Zietsma, <i>VP External Relations & Enrolment</i> |

Officers: Chair: Rev. Amanda Bakale
Vice-Chair: Rev. Henry Steenbergen
Stated Clerk: Sharon Van Kampen

Devotions/Prayer: •Opening → Clinton CRC, Clinton
•Pre-Lunch → Blyth CRC
•Post-Lunch → Guelph New Life CRC

Committees for the Day: •Credentials→ Vanastra and Exeter CRC's

1. Opening of Classis/ Welcome/Announcements/Opening Devotions: Call to Order, opening devotions by Clinton CRC, Credentials Committee attendance report, constituting of Classis, etc.

2. 2.1 **Resonate Global Mission:** Regional Coordinator Rev. Kevin DeRaaf
2.2 Update on the ministry of the Fergus Church Plant **The Bridge** and the **“Dreaming Exercise”**: Rev. John VanderStoep
2.3 **CH Home Missions Committee & Mission Catalyst** Position: Janet Ryzebol, Secretary

3. Redeemer University College President Dr. Robert J. Graham
(RUC printed Spring 2019 report issued as an attachment for information purposes)

5. Pre-lunch prayer: Blyth CRC delegate

6. Post-Lunch Devotions: Guelph New Life CRC delegate

7. Credentials Committee Report: Vanastra and/or Exeter CRC delegate

8. Financial Resource Committee: 2018 [Reviewed] Financial Statements: Treasurer John Bell (pp. 5 – 13)

9. Youth Ministry: Committee Rep or Youth Champion Amy Baarda

10. Safe Church Ministry: Committee Rep or Safe Church Coordinator Atie Ott

11. Organization of River City Church: RCC delegates

12. Church Counsellors 12.1 to **First CRC Owen Sound:** Rev. Victor Laarman
12.2 to **Clinton CRC:** Rev. Gary VanLeeuwen

13. Regional Pastors: 13.1 **West:** Rev. Henry Steenbergen
13.2 **East:** Rev. Norm Sennema

14. Church Visits & the “Church Visiting Process Guide”: Rev. Andrew DeGelder (Blyth Visit report pp. 14-16)

15. CH Diaconal Initiative: Exeter CRC

16. World Renew: Mary Blydorp, WR Board Member

17. AdCom/CMC/Stated Clerk Report: (Chair) Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok

18. Council of Delegates (COD) report/update (body met in May, 2019): Rev. Ralph Wigboldus

19. Synod 2019: “bigger agenda items: Synodical delegate Rev. Victor Laarman

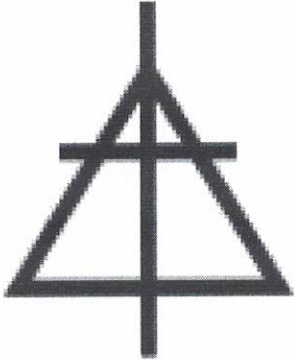
20. Closing/Adjournment: (Vice-Chair) Rev. Henry Steenbergen

Future Classis Meetings

| DATE | LOCATION | REPORTS DUE | CHAIR | VICE CHAIR |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Wed., Sept. 18, 2019 | Drayton | August 14, 2019 | Henry Steenbergen | Ralph Wigboldus |
| Wed., Feb.12, 2020 | Palmerston | January 10, 2020 | Ralph Wigboldus | Martin Dam |
| Wed., May 13, 2020 | First, Guelph | April 15, 2020 | Martin Dam | Stephen Tamming |
| Sat, Sept. 19, 2020 | Community, Kitchener | August 15, 2020 | Stephen Tamming | John Medendorp |
| February, 2021 | | | John Medendorp | Paul Droogers |
| May, 2021 | | | Paul Droogers | Gary Van Leeuwen |
| September, 2021 | | | Gary Van Leeuwen | Vicki Verhulst-Cok |

Spring

A special thank you to those Churches who have conveyed their willingness to host the classis sessions of February, May, and September, 2020.
Again, please give prayerful consideration to hosting in 2021 and advise the Stated Clerk if interested.



Classis Huron

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2018 Financial Statements

March 26, 2019

To: Classis Huron

From: Tina Wolting

**Re: Review Of The 2018 Financial Statements of Classis Huron and Guelph
Campus Ministry.**

On March 25, 2019 I completed a review of the financial statements of Classis Huron and Guelph Campus Ministry for the year ending December 31, 2018.

I reviewed Bank statements and reconciliations that they were done regularly and matched general ledger. Went through two months and matched to deposits and cancelled cheques were checked to their respective invoices.

I reviewed the statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the various ministries For the year ended December 31, 2018.

I reviewed that payroll deductions were made and sent to Canada Revenue Agency and balanced with their records.

Based on this review I found the books to be in good order.

Respectfully submitted

**Tina Wolting
Guelph, Ontario**

**Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church
as of December 31, 2018**

| | Receipts | | | | | | | | Change Year over Year | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Dec 31/17 | Ministry Shares | Resonate | Donations | Other Income | Interest | Total Receipts | Disbursements | | Dec 31/18 |
| Classis Expenses | 60,331 | 41,802 | | | 442 | 3,799 | 46,043 | (41,821) | 64,553 | 4,222 |
| Church Plants | 107,557 | 36,265 | | 0 | | | 36,265 | (35,000) | 108,822 | 1,265 |
| Creative Outreach | 18,665 | 206 | | | | | 206 | (1,000) | 17,871 | (794) |
| Student Fund | 0 | 46,570 | | | | | 46,570 | (19,196) | 27,374 | 27,374 |
| Youth Ministry | 34,069 | 19,541 | | | 40,569 | | 60,110 | (50,910) | 43,269 | 9,200 |
| Guelph Campus | 13,893 | 86,206 | 14,940 | 15,684 | 19,164 | 399 | 136,393 | (125,215) | 25,071 | 11,178 |
| Waterloo Campus | 16,646 | 90,330 | 8,000 | 10,119 | 10,000 | | 118,449 | (114,318) | 20,777 | 4,131 |
| Total | 251,161 | 320,920 | 22,940 | 25,803 | 70,175 | 4,198 | 444,036 | (387,460) | 307,737 | 56,576 |

Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the year ended December 31, 2018

| | Budget | Actual | Difference Fav / (Unfav) |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| 430NP · Receipts General Fund | | | |
| 43000 · Ministry Shares from Churches | 39,450 | 41,802 | 2,352 |
| 43200 · Miscellaneous Income | | | 0 |
| 43250 · Safe Church - Grants | | 442 | 442 |
| 43300 · Interest Income | 2,000 | 3,799 | 1,799 |
| Total 430NP · Receipts | 41,450 | 46,043 | 4,593 |
| Disbursements | | | |
| 610 NP · General Fund | | | |
| 611 NP · Expenses, Classis Huron | | | |
| 61101 · Delegates Travel | 3,000 | 1,724 | 1,276 |
| 61103 · Classical Ministry Committee | 5,000 | 1,405 | 3,595 |
| 611031 · The Bridge App | | 12,000 | |
| 61105 · Home Missions Committee | 750 | 51 | 699 |
| 61106 · Classis Administrators Day | | | 0 |
| 61107 · Host Church Expenses | 4,500 | 3,516 | 984 |
| 61108 · Special Committee Expenses | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 611081 · Regional Pastors | | 657 | (657) |
| 611083 · Church Visits | 500 | 252 | 248 |
| 611085 · Disability Concerns | | 300 | |
| 61109 · Delegates and Appointees | 500 | 253 | 247 |
| 61110 · Classis Leadership Development | 1,000 | 798 | 202 |
| 61111 · Stated Clerk Expenses | 1,000 | 624 | 376 |
| 61112 · Treasurer Expenses | | | 0 |
| 611121 · Computer Software | 800 | 821 | (21) |
| 61112 · Treasurer Expenses - Other | 1,000 | 542 | 458 |
| Total 61112 · Treasurer Expenses | 1,800 | 1,363 | 437 |
| 61113 · Insurance Premiums | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 |
| 61115 · Honorarium/Professional Fees | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0 |
| 61117 · Pastors' Retreat | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 61118 · Classical Safe Church Team | 1,400 | 1,163 | 237 |
| 61119 · Diaconal Conference | | 120 | (120) |
| 61122 · Website | 500 | 95 | 405 |
| Total 611 NP · Disbursements | 39,450 | 41,821 | (2,371) |
| Total 610 NP · General Fund | 39,450 | 41,821 | (2,371) |
| General Fund Change for 2018 | 2,000 | 4,222 | 2,222 |

Church Plants**Ministry Shares**

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 43010 · Church Plants | 35,000 | 36,265 | 1,265 |
| | | | 0 |
| | <u>35,000</u> | <u>36,265</u> | <u>1,265</u> |

Disbursements

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| 61210 · Church Plants | 35,000 | | |
| The Bridge Fergus | | 35,000 | |
| | <u>35,000</u> | <u>35,000</u> | <u>0</u> |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| Church Plant Change for 2018 | 0 | 1,265 | 1,265 |
|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|

Creative Outreach**Ministry Shares**

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----|-----|
| 43020 · Creative Outreach | 0 | 206 | 206 |
|---------------------------|---|-----|-----|

Disbursements

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|
| 61220 · Creative Outreach | 0 | 1,000 | (1,000) |
| Change Creative Outreach for 2018 | 0 | (794) | (794) |

Student Fund**Ministry Shares**

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 43230 · Student Fund | 45,000 | 46,570 | 1,570 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|

Disbursements

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 61114 · Student Fund | 45,000 | 19,196 | 25,804 |
| Student Fund Change for 2018 | 0 | 27,374 | 27,374 |

Youth Ministry Team**Receipts**

| | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 44000 · Youth Ministry Team | | | |
| 44110 · Youth Ministry - Ministry Shares | 19,550 | 19,541 | (9) |
| 44144 · Fall Leadership Studio | | 1,714 | 1,714 |
| 44146 · Fall Retreat | | 38,855 | 38,855 |
| | <u>19,550</u> | <u>60,110</u> | <u>40,560</u> |

Disbursements

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 61114 · Youth Ministry Team | | | |
| 611141 · Other | | | 0 |
| 611142 · Spring Leadership Studio | | 0 | 0 |
| 611144 · Fall Leadership Studio | 1,700 | 0 | 1,700 |
| 611146 · Fall Retreat | 10,500 | 36,680 | (26,180) |
| 611148 · Bursary | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 611150 · Youth Leadership Support | 5,750 | 1,210 | 4,540 |
| 611152 · Equip Day | | 12,625 | |
| 611160 · General Administration | 600 | 395 | 205 |
| | <u>19,550</u> | <u>50,910</u> | <u>(31,360)</u> |
| Youth Ministry Team Change for 2018 | 0 | 9,200 | 9,200 |

Huron Campus Ministry Guelph
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2018

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| 430 NP · Receipts - GCM | | |
| 43100 · Donations | | |
| 43102 · Donations (Receiptable) | 1,700.00 | |
| 43104 · Donations (Non-receiptable) | 8.33 | |
| 43106 · Donations (Canada Helps) | 5,925.90 | |
| 43108 · Donations - Church Offerings | 8,050.67 | |
| 43100 · Donations - Other | 0.00 | 16,989.96 |
| Total 43100 · Donations | <u>15,684.90</u> | <u>16,989.96</u> |
| 43130 · RESONATE Contribution | 14,939.80 | 8,000.04 |
| 43150 · Grants | 3,350.00 | 2,000.04 |
| 43160 · University Contribution | 10,000.00 | 9,999.96 |
| 43180 · Interest Income | 398.92 | |
| 43500 · Conferences/Winter Retreat Fees | 1,060.00 | 2,000.04 |
| 43550 · Ministry Shares from Churches | 86,206.20 | 86,000.04 |
| 43600 · Classis Huron Transfer | 4,753.50 | |
| Total 430 NP · Receipts - GCM | <u>136,393.32</u> | <u>124,990.08</u> |
| Total Income | <u>136,393.32</u> | <u>124,990.08</u> |

Huron Campus Ministry Guelph Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2018

| | Actual | Budget |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expenses | | |
| 600 NP · Expenses | | |
| 610 A · Administration | | |
| 61010 · Office Services | 10,000.00 | 9,999.96 |
| 61020 · Fundraising/Partnership | 952.31 | 999.96 |
| 61030 · Telephone | 1,186.15 | 600.00 |
| 61040 · Automobile | 471.00 | 2,000.04 |
| 61050 · Liability Insurance | 889.92 | 900.00 |
| 61060 · CRCMA & CCCC Dues | 250.00 | 200.04 |
| 61070 · Miscellaneous | 1,458.89 | 200.04 |
| 61080 · Computer/Software Services | 38.40 | |
| 61100 · Transportation & Parking | 1,446.85 | |
| 61110 · Office Makeover | 297.05 | |
| 61111 · Office Supplies | 75.61 | |
| Total 610 A · Administration | 17,066.18 | 14,900.04 |
| 620 M · Ministry Areas | | |
| 62010 · Education | 2,375.84 | 3,500.04 |
| 62020 · Hospitality | 2,561.31 | 999.96 |
| 62030 · Worshp | 442.60 | 999.96 |
| 62040 · Social Justice | 126.29 | 500.04 |
| 62050 · Leadership Development | 503.35 | 2,000.04 |
| 62060 · Caring/Fellowship | 1,637.49 | |
| 62070 · Conferences | 27.22 | |
| Total 620 M · Ministry Areas | 7,674.10 | 8,000.04 |
| 630 P · Personnel | | |
| 63010 · Salaries | 68,850.51 | 78,090.00 |
| 63015 · Honorarium | 3,520.00 | |
| 63020 · Payroll Epenses/Benefits | 20,759.66 | 21,999.96 |
| 63030 · Trainig & Conferences | 597.01 | 2,000.04 |
| 63040 · Housing Allowance | 6,747.76 | 11,237.04 |
| Total 630 P · Personnel | 100,474.94 | 113,327.04 |
| Total 600 NP · Expenses | 125,215.22 | 136,227.12 |
| Total Expenses | 125,215.22 | 136,227.12 |
| Net Income | 11,178.10 | -11,237.04 |

Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church
Waterloo Campus Ministry - Financial Statement
 January through December 2018

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| 470NP · receipts - WCM | | |
| 47000 · Ministry Shares from Churches | 90,330.02 | 93,000.00 |
| 47100 · CRCNA Contributions | 8,000.00 | 8,000.04 |
| 47300 · Donations (All) | 0.00 | 14,000.04 |
| 47305 · Donations - Church Offerings | 9,179.62 | |
| 47400 · Grants | 6,383.77 | |
| 47500 · University Contribution | 10,000.00 | 9,999.96 |
| Total 470NP · receipts - WCM | <u>123,893.41</u> | <u>125,000.04</u> |
| Total Income | <u>123,893.41</u> | <u>125,000.04</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| 613 NP · Expenses, Campus Ministry | | |
| 613 P · Personnel | | |
| 61300 · Salaries | 50,490.00 | 55,080.00 |
| 61301 · Payroll Expenses/Benefits | 22,287.88 | 21,999.96 |
| 61307 · Training and Conferences | 0.00 | 1,749.96 |
| 61311 · Housing Allowance | 22,000.00 | 22,999.92 |
| Total 613 P · Personnel | <u>94,777.88</u> | <u>101,829.84</u> |
| Total 613 NP · Expenses, Campus Ministry | 94,777.88 | 101,829.84 |
| 633 NP · Expenses - Campus Ministry | | |
| 633 A · Administration - WCM | | |
| 63302 · Office Supplies & Expenses | 0.00 | 249.96 |
| 633021 · Office Services | 10,000.00 | 9,999.96 |
| 633031 · Publicity | 0.00 | 999.96 |
| 63306 · Telephone | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| 63316 · Automobile | 862.13 | 720.00 |
| 63317 · Liability Insurance | 889.12 | 999.96 |
| 63318 · CRCMA & CCCC Dues | 150.00 | 399.96 |
| 63323 · Computer/Software/Services | 705.32 | 500.04 |
| Total 633 A · Administration - WCM | <u>13,086.57</u> | <u>14,349.84</u> |
| 633 M · Ministry Areas | | |
| 63309 · Faith Formation | 1,913.05 | 5,000.04 |
| 63310 · Hospitality | 1,776.10 | 999.96 |
| 63312 · Worship | 0.00 | 99.96 |
| 63322 · Events | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Total 633 M · Ministry Areas | <u>3,689.15</u> | <u>7,599.96</u> |
| 633 P · Personnel | | |
| 63307 · Training and Conferences(W) | 1,214.91 | 1,749.96 |
| Total 633 P · Personnel | <u>1,214.91</u> | <u>1,749.96</u> |
| Total 633 NP · Expenses - Campus Ministry | <u>17,990.63</u> | <u>23,699.76</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>112,768.51</u> | <u>125,529.60</u> |
| Net Income | <u>11,124.90</u> | <u>-529.56</u> |

**Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church
as of December 31, 2018**

Classical Ministry Shares Summary

| Church | Expected | Received | Difference | % Given |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Acton | 19,135 | 19,135 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Blyth | 13,126 | 13,100 | -26 | 99.80 |
| Cambridge Maranatha | 23,009 | 22,930 | -79 | 99.66 |
| Cambridge RC | - | | 0 | - |
| Clinton | 22,140 | 22,140 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Collingwood | 4,823 | 5,693 | 870 | 118.04 |
| Drayton | 21,832 | 21,832 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Exeter | 15,260 | 14,549 | -711 | 95.34 |
| Goderich | 11,702 | 11,702 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Guelph First | 15,814 | 15,814 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Guelph NL | 14,549 | 15,870 | 1,321 | 109.08 |
| Kitchener Com. | 40,405 | 40,405 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Kitchener Journey | - | | 0 | - |
| Listowel | 26,568 | 26,600 | 32 | 100.12 |
| Lucknow | 7,749 | 7,749 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Orangeville | 9,172 | 8,924 | -248 | 97.30 |
| Owen Sound | 18,265 | 18,275 | 10 | 100.05 |
| Palmerston | 14,786 | 14,785 | -1 | 99.99 |
| Stratford | 22,772 | 18,028 | -4,744 | 79.17 |
| Vanastra | 7,037 | 7,037 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Waterloo | 11,228 | 16,395 | 0 | 146.02 |
| Wingham | 4,665 | 4,665 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Total | 324,037 | 325,628 | 1,591 | 100.49 |

Church Visitor Report – Blyth CRC – February 4, 2019

Conducted by Pastor Andrew de Gelder (Palmerston CRC) and Pastor Tim Leferink (Lucknow CRC), with Andrew taking the lead and Tim as the note-taker.

Opening devotions were led by elder Gerry Exel on Matthew 4:8-11 and a short reading in *Twilight* by Andrew Kuyvenhoven. A discussion was had by those around the table surrounding the topic of obedience within the church.

Pastor Andrew thanked Council for the opportunity to visit and the great welcome we received. He explained that a church visit is like a pastoral visit for churches, and that Church Order mandates that churches have regular visits annually. This is a valuable practice that seems to have fallen by the wayside recently. It was established that the last church visit Blyth CRC had was in 2017.

Pastor Andrew opened with some housekeeping questions regarding the status of the church.

- Prior to the meeting, the visitors were included in a communication to the congregation at Blyth which invited the congregants to the meeting if they chose to be there, however Council received no response.
- The latest church financial records were available for the visitors to review. Pastor Tim reviewed the official auditor's report of those records.
- Elders and deacons have all signed the Covenant for Officebearers and know its content
- Blyth CRC has adopted a 'hybrid' form of selecting officebearers, utilizing the congregation's input as well as the choice by lot.
- Blyth CRC is in the process of updating their membership records. Pastor Andrew emphasized the importance of keeping accurate records.
- The Council at Blyth CRC should develop accountability measures to evaluate the ministries of Pastor Gary, the Council, and the different ministry groups.

Pastor Andrew then moved on to asking what the Council members *were excited about* at Blyth CRC.

- Cadets and GEMS are doing well. About 10 boys attend Cadets while 25 girls come to GEMS (3 or 4 from the Blyth congregation).
- The congregation is generous – they are consistent with meeting their annual budget. They have paid 100% of their ministry shares.
- Young adults are staying! They are finding work and establishing themselves locally
- Stability in pastoring coupled with sound preaching is appreciated. Evidence of this came when Pastor Gary was called to Dunnville CRC last year. The congregation made it known to Gary that he is appreciated and his work in Blyth was not yet done.
- Newcomers are coming into the congregation!
- An addition to the building may be in the works to house the growth in ministry.
- Kids give the church potential. Blyth has several young families.

Pastor Andrew asked about *the challenges* that the Council and church face at Blyth CRC

- Finding volunteers to pick up temporary duties is difficult at times
- Youth Group (high school ages) has a declining attendance
- The program “A Way Forward” was adopted by the church, but has trouble with implementation. The program discusses the church’s interaction in the community.

Using the “Four Arrows” of ministry, the Blyth Council was asked how the church was doing in the areas of worship (upward), preaching of the Word (downward), fellowship, discipleship, prayer and discipline (inward), and outreach, community involvement, and stewardship (outward).

Upward

- There is a blended style of worship, using the different talents of anyone who wishes to use them to serve the Lord
 - o Some complaints arise from congregants regarding music choice.
- The format of the worship service is typically CRC
- Second service continues to be a strong ministry
- While Blyth CRC continues to host evening Sunday services with attendance in the range of 25-50, the priority of Council attendance is lacking.
- Newer Council members are growing in their knowledge of all congregants.

Downward

- Pastor Gary just completed a sermon series on Prophet, Priest and King which was well received.
- Gary teaches from the Heidelberg Catechism at times. He is considering a series based on the Canons of Dort
- Blyth has a generous education allowance
- Gary may attend conferences for continuing education, but is more apt to enroll in courses.
- Gary’s family lives in their own home – not a parsonage
- A sabbatical policy is not discussed.

Inward

- Elders
 - o District visits by elders is at about 25%. Some congregants make it difficult to arrange for a visit.
 - o Elder visits include Bible reading, prayer.
 - o Pastor Gary has introduced a common theme for the elders to use on their visits
 - o Elders are encouraged to ask congregants about their faith life
- Deacons
 - o Deacons visit upon need and request
 - o They host the annual Seniors’ Dinner

Church Visitor Report – Blyth CRC – February 4, 2019

- They arrange for the Seniors' Bus Trip to certain attractions

Outward

- Blyth CRC is connected with the local community through these outreach avenues:
 - Community Remembrance Day services
 - GEMS
 - Cadets
 - Coffee Break
 - Palm Sunday Walk
 - Community Advent service
 - Community Outdoor service in summertime
 - Shared VBS
- Blyth CRC is blessed in the congregation's generous financial giving.

Pastor Andrew asked about Blyth CRC's involvement and stance on Christian Education/Schools

- The closest Christian School is in Clinton. Approximately ½ of families send their students there.
- Some high school students make the long bus ride to London Christian High, while others attend local catholic or secular high schools.
- Students are encouraged to attend Redeemer University as well

Finally, Pastor Andrew asked if there were any questions from Council. Only one suggestion arose: that the visitors report to Classis Huron the importance of Church Visiting. It is seen as a crucial link of communication between the churches and Classis.

Pastor Tim commented that Blyth CRC has a lot to celebrate, and so they should remember to thank God for the good things that are happening in Blyth. Churches have a tendency to focus on the negative while negating the positive aspects of their ministries.

Pastor Tim ended the visit in prayer.

Spring 2019 Report from the Classis Ministry Committee, Administrative Committee, and Stated Clerk

The Classis Ministry Committee (CMC) consists of representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis: Chair, Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok; Vice-Chair, Rev. Martin Dam, Member at Large: Rev. Gary VanLeeuwen: Classis Ministry Leadership Team, Rev. Brian Bork; Home Missions Committee, Rev. Kevin te Brake; Safe Church Coordinator, Atie Ott; Huron Campus Ministry (Guelph), Rev. David Tigchelaar; Diaconal Ministries, Mary Blydorp: Huron Campus Ministry (Waterloo), Rev. John Medendorp; Youth Champion, Amy Baarda; Treasurer John Bell, ex-officio, and Stated Clerk, Sharon Van Kampen, ex officio.

The Administrative Committee (AdCom) works on behalf of classis between meetings. AdCom consists of Rev. Vicki Verhulst Cok, [chair], Rev. Martin Dam [vice-chair], Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen, [Member] and Stated Clerk Sharon Van Kampen, ex-officio. Since the last meeting of classis, AdCom has met to respond to issues raised at the last meeting of Classis, and also to address a number of new matters, which have subsequently been referred to CMC and are addressed below.

Following, are a number of administrative matters provided for your information.

A] Rev. Kevin teBrake is the new Chair of the Home Missions Committee and rep to CMC.

B] The issues raised in the Credentials submitted to the February 2019 Classis Meeting, have been dealt with by AdCom/CMC with Collingwood's request to return to a Wednesday session in February approved and the decision made to hold a Saturday session in September as of 2020.

C] the minutes of the February, 2019 session of Classis Huron were approved.

D] Items to be included in the May classis agenda were reviewed

E] Review of the "Rules of Classis Huron" has resulted in some updates occurring to reflect current practices; mandates and membership of the ministries of CH have also to be reviewed and potentially updated. Target of completion is Summer 2019 with a view to finalize for September, 2019.

F] Due process has been followed to review sermon manuscripts and accompanying documents for purposes of renewal of licenses to exhort. Recommendations to Classis are below.

G] Baptism-Infant Dedication [panel] discussion planned [& being coordinated] for the September, 2019 session of CH [as follow-up to the February, 2019 session with approval of River City Church's pursuit of organization].

H] A new member-at-large will be sought out for AdCom as Pastor Vicki Verhulst Cok will be concluding her term at the close of August. Pastor Martin Dam will move into the position of Chair and Pastor Gary VanLeeuwen into the position of Vice-Chair.

I] Hosts for the 2020 sessions of Classis Huron have been secured:

February: Palmerston CRC

May: Guelph First CRC

September: Kitchener Community CRC

In addition to these administrative matters, the following recommendations are submitted for Classis' approval:

R1] Evaluating Sermons of Licensed Exhorters in Classis Huron

In the event that the evaluators are concerned about the quality of the sermon they were asked to evaluate, the following steps shall be taken:

1. The evaluators will identify the specific problems/concerns they discovered in the sermon they were given.
2. The evaluators will communicate their concerns to the AdCom along with a recommendation regarding the kind of work that might enable the exhorter to improve his/her sermon writing abilities.
3. The evaluators will speak with the exhorter, outlining their concerns to him/her along with recommendations for ways to improve their skills.
4. AdCom, with the input of the exhorter, will assign a mentor who will assist the exhorter to develop his/her skills in sermon preparation.
5. At the end of the year, the exhorter will present a new sermon to AdCom, along with sermon evaluations from churches in which he/she preached that sermon. The mentor will also present his/her report to AdCom.
6. AdCom will assign evaluators for this sermon in the same manner as they normally assign evaluators.
7. Depending on the outcome of this second evaluation, the exhorter's license will either be extended or discontinued.

R2] Following review of the sermon evaluation and the other pertinent documents received, that

- a) a five-year license renewal be granted to Nick Kuiper
and Frank Folkema
- b) a one-year license renewal be granted to Steve Vogel with the review understood to be still 'in process' and the condition that a preaching mentor be put in place.

Please note: review yet 'in process' with recommendations to Classis Huron pending for Wilma Hiemstra and Jim Williams. Thank you to those pastors who have participated to date in these reviews.

R3] Ratification of the work of the Classis Ministry Committee (CMC), Administrative Committee (AdCom), and Stated Clerk.

Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk serves as secretary of Classis Huron, its Classis Ministry Committee [CMC], and Administrative Committee (AdCom). The Clerk continues to respond to ongoing requests for information and direction from individual members, church leadership, classis committees, and denominational offices. Since late September to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to a handful of [phone] conversations and requests for information.
- Since late January, dealt with/responded to 800+ email messages and requests for information from Denominational agencies, Classis Huron churches/pastors/members/committees/treasurer, etc.
- attended, prepared agendas for, wrote minutes, and did follow-up work and correspondence for one AdCom meeting and one CMC meeting
- on behalf of Denominational agencies, para-church organizations, and others, forwarded a number of announcements and other information to the Classis Huron churches/leadership.
- filed the minutes and agenda of the February 23, 2019 Classis meeting with the Denominational office.
- prepared the agenda and attachments for this Classis Huron meeting of May 15, 2019