

Summer 2025 Report:
Classis Ministry Committee (CMC), Administrative Committee (AdCom) & Stated Clerk

*The **Classis Ministry Committee (CMC)** consists of the Administrative Committee and the representatives of the ministries/committees within Classis: Safe Church Team, Rev. Carel Geleynse; Waterloo Campus Ministry, Carolyn Kleefman; Treasurer, Evert Nagel (ex officio); Mission Team, Mission Catalyzer, Joan Brady; Diaconal Ministries & World Renew, Mary Blydorp; Guelph Campus Ministry, Carel Geleynse; Ministerial Leadership Team, Rev. Wesley Collins; Prayer Catalyzer, Rev. Sid Couperus, Youth Champion, (currently vacant).*

The duties include: Nurturing vision and planning within Classis, Providing accountability, guidance, and support for existing ministries of Classis, Provide governance support for Classis Huron.

***Administrative Committee (AdCom)** consists of Nick Geleynse (Chair), Rev. Henry Meinen (vice), and Craig Hoekema(at-large). Fred Vander Sterre (Stated Clerk, ex officio).*

AdCom takes care of all matters between Classis meetings and is empowered to act in an administrative capacity, and is accountable to CMC.

*The **Stated Clerk** serves Classis Huron by keeping accurate records of the proceedings, decisions, and rules of Classis as per Church Order, Article 32-b. The Rules of Classis Huron also task the Clerk to serve as a resource to the churches of Classis on matters of order and procedure, maintain the records and website of Classis, and serve as a central point of communication for Classis, among other responsibilities.*

AdCom met on June 24, and August 16, 2025.

- AdCom reviewed the proceedings of the May 26 session of classis, as well as reviewed the responses on the Evaluation Sheets.
- On April 7 classis approved the recommendation that AdCom research/explore the potential legal implications for unseating classis delegates, at a cost of up to \$5000, and report back to classis at a future meeting.

Sara De Moor joined the AdCom meeting briefly to talk about her initial connection with a Not-For-Profit lawyer. She was advised to contact Wayne Gray a Not-For-Profit lawyer, based in Toronto.

AdCom presented Wayne with the following questions:

“Assuming Classis Huron intends to follow the decisions of the CRCNA Synod 2024 (the 2 key decisions in particular), can Classis Huron follow/implement them at this time, based on the CNCA and its current Articles and by-laws?

Could Classis Huron follow the decisions if it amended the by-laws first?”

In August AdCom met to discuss the response from Wayne and subsequent comments from Al Postma, Executive Director, Canada.

Based on these comments, AdCom decided to take those comments and go to CMC with three options.

In response, CMC decided to **hold off the implementation** of Synod 2025’s instruction, that all classes are requiring all of their delegates to affirm the Covenant for Officebearers at each classis meeting. We will continue to ask first time delegates to sign the Covenant.

- AdCom also met with Joan Brady (Ministry Catalyst for Classis Huron) to discuss the proposed Youth Champion position. The qualifications, hours, remuneration and accountability structure were discussed.
- The proposed Pulpit Supply Schedule was approved, with the understanding that the scheduled is subject to change.

CMC met on August 27, 2025.

1. Minutes of the May 21 session of classis

CMC reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 21, 2025 session of classis Huron.

2. Received Ministry Reports:

The classis Huron ministry representatives serving on CMC shared their reports and ministry updates.

3. Items discussed:

3.1 Financial Resources Team presented the 2026 proposed budget.

Motion to classis, to approve the 2026 proposed budget of \$318,000.

3.2 Mission Catalyzer Joan Brady:

3.2.1 She talked about the need to review the classis' committee structure, including the standing committees' mandates, structures and compositions.

An ad hoc team will be formed for a brain-storming session, followed up with a discussion at a future CMC meeting.

3.2.2 Community Outreach Venture 2.0: several churches are asking for support.

3.2.3 Several churches have invited Joan to do vision exercises with them.

3.2.4 *Moving Forward in Faith Conference* is scheduled for November 14 & 15.

Churches are encouraged to send their ministry teams, for a greater impact.

3.3 Prayer Catalyst Sid Couperus reported on the pastors' retreat, scheduled for February 15, 16 and 17, at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

3.4 The membership of CMC and the voting authority were discussed.

It was decided that only the representatives, or their alternates, appointed by each of the Standing Committees of Classis Huron, along with the three members of AdCom, as the executive team of the CMC, have voting rights at the CMC meetings.

As CMC approves the agenda of the following session of Classis Huron, the chair and the vice-chair of that session will also have voting rights.

3.5 For the Round Table discussion, Authentic Community was chosen as the main theme. This is one of the Ministry Plan Priorities and Goals.

3.6 CMC welcomed the offer of Zac King, the General Secretary of our denomination, to lead us in opening devotions, also with a focus on Authentic Community.

3.7 A request from Classis Quinte for a one-hour discussion during the classis meeting was declined.

3.8 CMC discussed and approved the agenda items for the September session of classis.

3.9 **Motion** to classis to elect Rev. Wesley Collins for a second term on the CMLT.

4. Motion to classis to approve the actions of AdCom, CMC and the Stated Clerk