September 5, 2025

To Classis Huron:

We were made aware by a letter on July 4, 2025, that a group of members and former members of Community CRC intends to form an emerging church in Waterloo Region. Other than the signatories of the letter, we are not aware of the identities of these individuals and families. We are grieved at this turn of events and the wording “irreconcilable differences.” This is the language of divorce and a decisive breaking of fellowship.

Four members of our church council initiated a face-to-face meeting with members of the emerging church leadership team for an open conversation, which took place on August 21, 2025. We are seeking to be as amicable as possible, for we have known these individuals for a long time. In many cases there are family relationships, work relationships, and relationships of proximity that we are not willing to tarnish.

Community CRC's council offered to be the sponsoring church, offered to seek resolution of grievances and offered areas of partnership (e.g. ministries like GEMS, Cadets, Seniors Bible study, etc.). The representatives of the group expressed no interest in further resolution of differences as they said they could not speak for others. No desire was expressed for intentional partnerships, as they felt their members could decide for themselves whether they might participate in any CCRC ministries. The emerging church is determined to proceed and not to return to Community CRC.

Our door continues to remain open to these departing members, who have been an integral part of Community CRC for years. We see them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Individual members and families of the emerging church are welcome to participate in any of the ministries we are offering.

On behalf of the Council of Community CRC

Derrick Grift, Chair

Harriette Mostert, Clerk