

Winter 2026 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 Ministry Consultant, (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.*

Meetings:

- Since the September 24 session of classis, AdCom met seven times, via Zoom, including meetings with David van der Woerd (lawyer), David Den Haan (Thrive – Church Visitor coach) and Joel Vande Werken (Director of Ecclesiastical Governance).
- CMC met once (via Zoom).
- Classis Huron met once (via Zoom) in a special session on December 8, 2025.

CMC presents the following motions to classis:

- **Motion:** to acknowledge that Rev. William Steele can't be a CRC minister anymore, as he is no longer a member of the CRC.
- **Motion:** based on legal advice: (Art 4.2.1 and 4.2.2)
 - We follow the decision of synod, affirm the Covenant for Office Bearers at every classis meeting.
 - The delegates of churches that are under suspension will have no voting rights at this time.
 - Individuals (delegates) who cannot affirm the Covenant for Office Bearers will not have voting rights.

This goes into effect at the May 20, 2026, classis meeting.

- **Motion:** to elect Sharon Van Kampen (Bethel, Listowel CRC) as alternate stated clerk.

AdCom and CMC took the following actions:

- Decided to call a special meeting of Classis Huron on December 8 to deal with the motion to recognize Cornerstone CRC as an emerging church.

- Reviewed the proceedings of the September 24 and the December 8, 2025, sessions of classis and approved the minutes of those sessions.
- Received the Classis Huron ministry reports and updates.
- Appointed a Youth Ministry Consultant interview committee.
Members are: Joan Brady, Nick Geleynse, Rev. Sid Couperus, Jim Broekema, Mykayla Schenk. The Safe Church Team will also be brought into the loop.
- Received and approved the request from Cornerstone CRC to be included in the classical appointment schedule starting in September.
- Received for information: *The Canadian Wide Gathering being presented by Classis Quinte (under church order Article 44) be concluded as inviable.* (Art 4.3)
- Cornerstone CRC is requesting to be allowed to send delegates to the sessions of classis. CMC will let classis decide. (Art 4.4)
- Accepted *Living Missional* as the focus of the February 2026 session, the third of the four Classis Huron Priorities (Goals).
- Appointed examiners and sermon critics for Jan Oorebeek's license to exhort.
- AdCom met with Joel Vande Werken to decide how to proceed with the overture from Drayton, requesting Classis Huron to approve the release of Rev. Duane VanderLaan from his active ministerial service with the Drayton Reformed Church as per Church Order Art 17a.
These conversations are ongoing, and a report with recommendation(s) will be presented to classis in May 2026.
- Decided to have a conversation about generosity, sometime during a future meeting, in response to a letter from the Clinton Council that requests to have a conversation at a session of classis about greed.
- Accepted the resignation of Jane Vander Velden from the position of alternate stated clerk.
- Was informed that the second three-year term of the Stated Clerk is ending in February 2027. CMC will search for his successor.

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

Nick Geleynse – Chair

Fred Vander Sterre – Stated Clerk