

## CMC Summer 2026 Report

### 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.

## Classis Ministry Committee, Administrative Committee & Stated Clerk Report

*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, Rev. Melissa Burmaster; 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, Grace-Emma Bierma.*

*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 Rev. Henry Meinen (Chair), Rev. Craig Hoekema(Vice), and Nick Geleynse (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 May 20<sup>th</sup> session of classis, AdCom met twice, via Zoom.
- CMC met once on August 19.

**CMC presents the following motions to classis:**

- **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.

The Credentials Committee will be overseeing the signing of the “Covenant” as delegates arrive.

- **Motion** to approve the mandate of the Youth Ministry Oversight and Support Team (YMOST).

This is a separate document: Art 5.2.2

- **Motion** to appoint Sonya Dykstra, Karen Knip, Trevor Askes and Pastor Bart Eisen as members of YMOST, with Nick Geleynse serving as CMC liaison.

- Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee

-Steve Fluit, Chair

Community, Kitchener

-Jeremy Vandenberg, Clerk

-Jennifer Talsma, Evaluations

-Jeremy Vander Hoek

Waterloo CRC

Development / Church Connections

-Jeff Vandermeer Financial Management,

New Life, Guelph

Pastor Rep

-Melissa Burmaster Campus Minister

Waterloo CRC

**Motion** to approve the members of the Waterloo Campus Ministry Committee

- Classis Huron Safe Church Team

Carel Geleynse (chair)

Community, Kitchener

Mykayla Schenk

Bethel (Acton)

Ashley Zieleman

Bethel (Listowel)

Giena Nonkes

Blyth

Angela Kaptein

Clinton

Richard Golby

Collingwood

Paula La Fontaine

Community (Kitchener)

Dave Koster

Drayton

Jake Zantingh

—

Tim Wellstead

Yolanda Ritsema

Colene Maerz

Tom Bruulsema

—

Irene Drost

Melinda Saunders

Tom Scott

Wilma Duckworth

Albert Haak

Michael Davis

Atie Ott

Exeter

First (Owen Sound)

Lucknow Community

Maitland River (Wingham)

Maranatha (Cambridge)

New Life (Guelph)

Orangeville

Palmerston

River City (Cambridge)

Stratford

Trinity (Goderich)

Vanastra Community

Water Street (Guelph)

Waterloo

**Motion** to approve the members of the Classis Huron Safe Church Team

**AdCom and CMC took the following actions:**

- Received the ministry updates of the Classis Huron ministries.
- Approved the Round Table theme of “Discipleship” for the September session of classis.
- 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

**Note:** Jack Tacoma has decided, after much deliberation, not to request the renewal of his license to exhort.

The past 29 years of preaching have filled him with joy. He thanks Classis Huron for having allowed him the humble honour of serving the Church in this way.

*Rev. Henry Meinen – Chair*

*Nick Geleynse – Reporter*

*Fred Vander Sterre – Stated Clerk*