

# AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Water Street, Guelph.  
287 Water St, Guelph**

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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.*

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<b>Officers of the day:</b>	Chair:	Rev. Tom Bomhof (Community CRC, Kitchener)
	Vice-Chair	Rev. Sid Couperus (First CRC, Owen Sound)
	Stated Clerk	Mr. Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth CRC)
<b>Devotions &amp; Prayer:</b>	Opening	Water Street CRC, Guelph
	Pre-lunch prayer	Exeter CRC
	Post-lunch devotions	Orangeville CRC
	Closing	Vice-chair, Rev. Sid Couperus
<b>Committees for the Day:</b>	Credentials	Clinton CRC & Blyth CRC
	Motion	Pastors Ed Den Haan, Victor Laarman, Darrell Bierman and Ken Labbé
	Balloting	Water Street & Exeter.

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## Guests:

- Rosanne Lopers (Calvin University Board Rep.)
- Willemina Zwart (SOCO)

## Synodical Deputies:

- Rev. Phil Apol (Classis Ontario Southwest)
- Rev. Josh Tuininga (Classis Quinte)
- Rev. Michael Bootsma (Classis Hamilton)

## Schedule for the May 15, 2024 session of Classis Huron

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Doc. #
8:30-9:00	Registration and fellowship		
9:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 1 Welcome and Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome/Announcements Welcome guests New pastor: Rev. Jay Crossen (Exeter CRC)</li> <li>• Attendance Summary</li> <li>• Covenant of Office Bearers</li> <li>• Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>• Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted</li> <li>• Classis Huron Primer</li> <li>• The executive for the day takes the chair</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Water Street CRC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Credentials Committee</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1a</p> <p>1b</p> <p>1c</p>
9:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 2 Morning Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Worship</p>	Water Street CRC	
9:35	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 3 Gathering</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Round Table Prayer Delegates split up to sit with other church delegates</p>	Rev. Sid Couperus & Joan Brady	
10:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church delegates move to sit together</p>		
10:50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 4 "Gather" report</b></p>	One of the "Gather" delegates	
11:10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 5 Youth Ministry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOCO and Act five ministries</p>	Willemina Zwart	
11:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 6 Waterloo Campus Ministry</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of WCM.</p>	Melissa Burmaster	6
12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-Lunch Prayer</b></p>	Exeter CRC	
Lunch Break & Deacons' meeting			
12:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post-Lunch prayer</b></p>	Orangeville CRC,	
12:50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 7 Motion from Bethel CRC, Listowel</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">To move that officebearers of Waterloo CRC not be seated as delegates at meetings of Classis Huron.</p>	Church Vistors	7

1:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 8 Credentials Committee</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> that Classis agrees that the position description submitted by Maitland River Community Church is in keeping with the requirements of C.O. Article 23 and its Supplements and that AdCom shall schedule the classical examination of Tyler Kirkbride and secure appropriate examiners. <i>(This needs Synodical Deputies' concurrence)</i></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the credentials committee.</p>	Clinton & Blyth CRC	
1:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 9 Classical Reports:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classical Ministries Committee</b> (written report) <b>Motion</b> to approve the actions of CMC &amp; AdCom.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classical Counsellors</b> (written reports)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acton, Bethel</li> <li>▪ Blyth</li> <li>▪ Guelph, New Life</li> <li>▪ Guelph, Water Street</li>   <li>▪ Lucknow Community</li> <li>▪ Maranatha, Cambridge</li> <li>▪ Stratford</li> <li>▪ Waterloo (Campus Minister)</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the church counsellors, with special gratitude to those who have completed their work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Safe Church:</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the Safe Church Team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classis Huron Mission Team:</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of CHMT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Catalyst:</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of Mrs. Joan Brady</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Catalyzer</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to approve the work of Rev. Sid Couperus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional Pastors</b> (written reports) <b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the Regional Pastors, Rev. Ray Vander Kooij and Martin Dam.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>License to Exhort Review Committee</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to renew the license of Frank Folkema for five years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diaconal Story</b></p>	<p>Rev. Victor Laarman or Sara DeMoor</p> <p>Rev. Andrew Vis Rev. Bart Eisen Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. John Vanderstoep Rev. Tim Keep Rev. Darryll Bierman Rev. Robert Hoekstra Rev. Martin Dam</p> <p>Atie Ott</p> <p>Jane Vander Velden or Joan Brady</p> <p>Joan Brady</p> <p>Rev. Sid Couperus</p> <p>Rev. Martin Dam Rev. Ray Vander Kooij</p> <p>Mary Blydorp</p>	

3:10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 10</b> <i>Adjournment for the Annual General Meeting</i> <b><u>Annual General Meeting of the Classis Huron Corporation (AGM)</u></b> (As per Classis Huron Bylaw)</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on May 17, 2023</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to receive the 2023 Financial Statements of the Corporation, and the Review Report and to approve the treasurer, Evert Nagel's work.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to appoint MAC LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to conduct an official Review of the 2024 Financial Statements.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to endorse Pastor Sara DeMoor (Guelph) as Chair, and Mr. Nick Geleyense (Clinton) as Vice-Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Election of new Board of Director member:</u></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to elect Rev. Henry Meinen as Member at Large. The Board member's term shall commence at the next meeting of the Board of Directors (June 18, 2024).</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to Adjourn the Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p>	Rev. Victor Laarman or Sara DeMoor	
3:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 11 Denominational Ministries:</b></p> <p>Council of Delegates Calvin University Agenda for Synod 2024 report</p>	Peter Meerveld Rosanne Lopers Synodical Delegates	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 12 Other printed reports:</b></p> <p>Denomination/COD Calvin Seminary Redeemer University</p>		12b 12c
4:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Art. 13 Evaluation Sheets</u></b></p>	by Menti	
4:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 14 Motion to Adjourn and Closing</b></p>	Chair & Vice-Chair	

**\*\*A reminder that Classis delegates are expected to remain present 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 appointments on this day because, in some situations, classis may deliberate longer than expected. Delegates who need to leave before adjournment (i.e. due to an emergency) may do so with the 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.**

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