

# AGENDA

for CLASSIS HURON of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

**Exeter CRC, Exeter. 332 Huron St W, Exeter**

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## *C.O. Article 39*

A classis is a group of Christian Reformed churches that come together to:

- seek, discern, and submit to God's will;
- offer one another mutual support and accountability;
- find ways to live out a collective calling within their region;
- and allow for a healthy and sustained connection to the wider denomination.

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<b>Officers of the day:</b>	Chair:	Rev. Sid Couperus (First CRC, Owen Sound)
	Vice-Chair	Rev. Victor Laarman (Collingwood CRC)
	Alternate Vice-chair	Rev. Martin Dam (Stratford CRC)
	Stated Clerk	Mr. Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth CRC)
<b>Devotions &amp; Prayer:</b>	Opening	Exeter CRC
	Pre-lunch prayer	Bridge (Fergus)
	Post-lunch devotions	Community CRC, Kitchener
	Closing	Vice-chair, Rev. Victor Laarman
<b>Committees for the Day:</b>	Credentials	River City CRC & Drayton
	Overtures	N/A
	Balloting	Exeter & Orangeville.

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### **Guests:**

- John Kowtecky from Family Outreach Ontario
- Rick Zomer ThereforeGo Ministries
- Kevin DeRaaf

### **Synodical Deputies:**

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

Schedule for the September 25, 2024 session of Classis Huron

Timeline	Report/Item	Presenter/Reporter	Doc. #
8:30-9:00	Registration and fellowship		
9:00	<p><b>Art. 1 Welcome and Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome/Announcements Welcoming guests</li> <li>Attendance Summary</li> <li>Covenant of Office Bearers (first-time delegates)</li> <li>Classis Huron Primer &amp; Basic Rules of Order</li> <li>Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>Declaration of Classis Huron Constituted</li> <li>The executive for the day takes the chair</li> </ul>	<p>Exeter CRC</p> <p>Credentials Committee</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1a</p> <p>1b</p> <p>1c</p>
9:15	<b>Art. 2 Opening Worship</b>	Exeter CRC	
9:35	<p><b>Art. 3 Gathering</b></p> <p>Round Table Sharing Session</p> <p>Delegates split up to sit with other church delegates</p>	Nick Geleynse	
10:05	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p>Church delegates move to sit together</p>		
10:20	<p><b>Art. 4 Examination of Tyler Kirkbride</b></p> <p>Examiners:</p> <p>Sermon critics:</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to declare Tyler Kirkbride eligible to be ordained as a Commissioned Pastor. Upon admission, the chair shall congratulate and bless Tyler, provide the classical diploma, and lead in a prayer of thanksgiving.</p>	<p>Rev. Carel Geleynse</p> <p>Rev. Harry Zantingh</p> <p>Rev. Ken Labbé</p> <p>Rev. Jay Crossen</p>	<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>
11:40	<b>Art. 5 Family Outreach Ontario.</b>	John Kowtecky	
12:00	<b>Pre-Lunch Prayer</b>	Bridge	
Lunch Break & Deacons' meeting			
12:45	<b>Post-Lunch prayer</b>	Community, Kitchener	

12:50	<p><b>Art. 6 Exeter CRC's request for Art 12-c</b> for Kevin teBrake (This will require the concurrence of the synodical deputies) <b>Motion</b> to declare that the work of the Director of Planned Gifts &amp; Investments of the Christian School Foundation is consistent with the calling of the Minister of the Word and that Classis Huron grants approval for Kevin teBrake to be called to this position as requested by the Exeter CRC. The synodical deputies leave to prepare their recommendation. The classis votes by ballot. The synodical deputies offer their statement on whether they concur with Classis.</p>	Exeter	6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4
1:15	<p><b>Art. 7 Credentials Committee</b> <b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the credentials committee.</p>	River City & Drayton CRC	
1:30	<p><b>Art. 8 ThereforGo Ministries</b></p>	Rick Zomer	8
1:50	<p><b>Art. 9 Classical Ministries:</b> <b>Classical Ministries Committee</b> (written report) <b>Motion:</b> to renew Frank Folkema's license to exhort for five years. <b>Motion:</b> to approve the actions of AdCom, CMC and Stated Clerk.</p> <p><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>▪ Orangeville</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><b>Financial Resources Team:</b> Presentation of the 2025 Classis Huron Budget <b>Motion</b> to approve the proposed 2025 budget <b>Motion</b> to approve the work of the FRT</p> <p><b>Safe Church:</b></p>	<p>Pastor Sara DeMoor</p> <p>Rev. Andrew Vis Rev. Bart Eisen Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. John Vanderstoep Rev. Tim Keep Rev. Darryll Bierman Rev. Victor Laarman Rev. Robert Hoekstra Rev. Martin Dam</p> <p>Evert Nagel</p> <p>Rev. Carel Geleyense</p>	<p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p>

	<p><b><u>Motion</u></b> to approve the work of the Safe Church Team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classis Huron Mission Team:</b> Presentation on the Bridge in Fergus</p> <p><b><u>Motion</u></b> to approve the work of CHMT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Catalyst:</b> <b><u>Motion</u></b> to approve the work of Mrs. Joan Brady</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Classical Ministerial Leadership Team</b> <b><u>Motion</u></b> to approve the work of CMLT</p>	<p>Rev. John Vanderstoep</p> <p>Joan Brady</p> <p>Rev. Wesley Collins</p>	<p>9.5</p> <p>9.6</p> <p>9.7</p>
3:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
3:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 11 Denominational Ministries</b></p> <p>Report on Synod 2024 Resonate General Secretary (including a video, 7.5 min.)</p>	<p>Synodical Delegates Kevin DeRaaf Zachery King</p>	<p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p> <p>11.4</p>
3:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art. 12 Other printed reports:</b></p> <p>Canadian Executive Director Ministry Shares Thrive Playlist Redeemer University Diaconal Ministries Canada World Renew Calvin University Calvin Seminary</p>	<p>Al Postma Roshani Morton Becky Jones</p>	<p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p> <p>12.5</p> <p>12.6</p> <p>12.7</p> <p>12.8</p>
3:50	<b>Art. 13 Evaluation Sheets</b>	by Menti	
4:00	<b>Art. 14 Motion to Adjourn and Closing</b>	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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