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**CLASSIS HURON**  
**of the Christian Reformed Church in North America**  
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**MINUTES**

**May 18, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**

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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.*

### Delegates to Classis

Church	Minister delegate	Elder Delegate	Deacon Delegate
Acton Bethel		Nick Kuipery	David Steckley
Blyth	Gary Van Leeuwen	Ken Shortreed	Jane Klasen
Cambridge Maranatha	Rick DeGraaf	Ed Dyk	
Cambridge River City	Darrell Bierman	Melinda Saunders	
Clinton	Ray Vander Kooij	Gerben Wynja	Al Durrer
Collingwood	Victor Laarman	James Visser	Clarence Hofing
Drayton	Wes Collins	Ed Kraal	
Exeter	Tim DeWeerd (elder)	Bert Visscher	Leo Weverink
Fergus The Bridge	John Vanderstoep		
Goderich Trinity		Jim Giilck	Steve Wynja
Guelph Campus Ministry	Sara DeMoor		
Guelph New Life	Ed Jager		Dirk Kroon
Guelph Water Street	Webb Kamminga (elder)	Marguerite Ridder	Mary Blydorp
Kitchener Community	Tom Bomhof	Larry Lutgendorff	Bernie DeJonge
Kitchener The Journey	Toyosi Awesu	Frank Hoekstra	
Listowel Bethel	Henry Meinen	Marcel Van Leeuwen	Gerrit Scholte
Lucknow Community	Tim Leferink	Margaret VanderVaart	
Orangeville	Andrew Vis		
Owen Sound	Sid Couperus	Richard Huizinga	Laura Taylor
Palmerston	Andrew deGelder	Wim Den Hartog	
Stratford	Henry DeYoung (elder)	Barry Horensma	
Vanastra Community	Paul DeWeerd		
Waterloo	Vicki Cok	Chantel Huinink	Ralph Van Dalen
Waterloo Campus Ministry			
Wingham Maitland River	Bart Eisen	Doug Kuyvenhoven	Jack Wilkins



### 3.1.6 **Annual General Meeting of Classis Huron Corporation:**

- 3.1.6.1 **Motion** to appointment MAC LLP in Waterloo for an official Review of the Financial Statements 2022. Carried.
- 3.1.6.2 **Motion** to formally endorse the appointment to the Directors of the Corporation Albert Hovingh as president and Rev. Victor Laarman as vice-chair. Carried.  
The position of Member at Large will be filled in September.  
Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen will serve as Member at Large until then.
- 3.1.6.3 The Treasurer Evert Nagel presented the Financial Statement of 2021.  
**Motion** was made and supported to receive the financial statement. Carried.

### 3.2 **Waterloo Campus Ministry:**

Bill Los submitted a written report. Rev. Tom Bomhof reported on the ministry through the COVID pandemic. They are looking forward to a new start in September.

### 3.3 **Classis Huron Mission Team – Rev. Kevin teBrake**

He pleads for new members to join the mission team.

He presented an updated verbal report on VitalPoint church. He pointed out that classis Huron does not supervise VitalPoint. Satellites are now in place in Exeter and Clinton. They do have a Safe Church Policy. Some question that need to be worked out are: How do we discern our involvement, our relationship with VitalPoint? What does partnership mean? What does that look like? What about the connections with the local churches? CHMT will continue to explore if and what kind of collaboration can develop between classis and VitalPoint.

Joan Brady (Mission Catalyzer) reported on Thriving Essentials for leaders. Classis Huron is selected to serve as a pilot project for this leadership course. <https://www.crcna.org/thrive>  
Joan also reported on the development of the new Classis Huron Ministry Plan.

### 3.4 **Safe Church:**

Atie Ott reported on the Safe Church Committee ministry. She pointed out that webinars are available on the website.

<https://network.crcna.org/safe-church/2022-webinar-series-safe-church-basics-five-steps-safer-church>

There will also be workshops at “Inspire”. Signing-up is required.

### 3.5 **Youth Ministry update.**

The clerk reported on new developments of the ministry. A planning session for all youth leaders and Young Adults is scheduled September 9 & 10 at a retreat centre.

- 4 **Andrew de Gelder** shared about his ministry as church visitor in classis. He also expressed his appreciation that people are serving where they are gifted (He never had to lead a classis meeting). Andrew led in prayer for lunch.

- 5 **Rev. Paul De Weerd** reflected after lunch on his time in classis Huron.

He read from Ps 133 describing the people of Israel go up to the house of God.

He described that Classis Huron is a healthy, fruitful, worshipping body.

He opened with prayer.

## **6 Other Classical Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Classical Credentials Committee**

Vanastra Community requests a classical counselor – referred to AdCom.

### **6.2 Classical Counselor reports:**

- 6.2.1 Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen reported that Rev. Bart Eisen is installed at Maitland River Community Church in Wingham.
- 6.2.2 Rev. Vicki Cok reported on Kitchener Community CRC. They are doing well and Rev. Amanda Bakela returned from her sabbatical.
- 6.2.3 Rev. Andrew Vis reported on Bethel CRC in Acton. They are searching for a pastor; they are also happy to be open again following COVID.
- 6.2.4 Rev. Ed Jager reported on Water Street, Guelph. They are expecting a transitional pastor in September.
- 6.2.5 Exeter reported that a search team is in place and that they are expecting to get make use of a coach, Rev. Visser.
- 6.2.6 Rev. Wesley Collins reported on Bethel, Listowel, where all is going well. They are expecting to have a summer student.

### **6.3 Church Visitor Reports:**

- 6.3.1 Andrew de Gelder reported on a visit to Bethel, Acton.
- 6.3.2 He also briefly reported on some conversations with the leadership team of The Journey.

### **6.4 Denominational Ministries.**

- 6.4.1 Council of Delegates – submitted a written report.  
Rev. Ralph Wigboldus is representing classis Huron in the interim, until Mr. Peter Meerveld (New Life CRC, Guelph) is officially elected by Synod.
- 6.4.2 Transitional Canadian Director – Rev. Al Postma sent his regrets, as he tested positive for COVID.
- 6.4.3 Mary Blydorp reported on the work of the Classis Huron Diaconal Team. A zoom workshop on benevolence policies was presented to the deacons.  
In the fall a workshop on “When Helping Hurts” is planned. Mary shared a few things about her experience with people with special needs.
- 6.4.4 Mary reported also on the work of World Renew. They will be celebrating 60 years of ministry. And it all started with a gathering of some Hamilton deacons with a vision!
- 6.4.5 Calvin Seminary – Rev. Shawn Brix presented a report on the seminary, introducing changes to reflect the use of electronics for off-campus training opportunities.  
Also all Canadian tuition dollars will be accepted at par.
- 6.5 Christian Stewardship Services – Maynard Wiersma in a presentation explaining: Why do we do stewardship? Who should be doing stewardship? How do we do stewardship?  
Teaching should come from the leadership of the church. Modeling is an effective way to teach the younger generation.

**7** Vice-chair, Darrell Bierman, thanked Sid Couperus for his leadership during the meeting.

**8** Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 2:30.

- 9 The session concluded with a time of small-group prayer for Synod 2022 and for our denomination.

Chair of Classis  
Rev. Sid Couperus

Stated Clerk of Classis  
Fred Vander Sterre

**Minutes were approved by CMC, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022**

**Next Session: D.V., Saturday, September 17, 2022, Stratford CRC, Stratford.  
Deadline for agenda items is August 13, 2022.**

**Future Classis Meetings (tentatively)**

DATE	LOCATION	REPORTS DUE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
Wed., May 18, 2022	Community CRC, Kitchener	April 13, 2022	Rev. Sid Couperus	Rev. Darrell Bierman
Sat., Sept. 17, 2022	Stratford CRC	August 13, 2022	Rev. Darrell Bierman	Rev. Ed Jager
Wed., Feb. 15, 2023	Palmerston CRC	January 11, 2023	Rev. Ed Jager	Rev. John Vanderstoep (?)
Wed., May 17, 2023	Trinity CRC Goderich	April 12, 2023	Rev. John Vanderstoep (?)	
Wed., Sept. 16, 2023		August 12, 2023		