



CLASSIS HURON
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MINUTES

December 8, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

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.**

The Classical Ministry Committee decided to have this special meeting in response to the request from the church visitors.

Delegates to Classis Dec. 8, 2025.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister delegate</u>	<u>Elder Delegate</u>	<u>Deacon Delegate</u>
Bethel, Acton	Craig Hoekema	Simon Feddema	Ken Kamminga (Elder)
Bethel, Listowel	Henry Meinen	Rick Vandonkersgoed	Hugh Vanderwier
Blyth	Douwe Top (Elder)	David Passchier	Mathew Steele
Clinton	Ray Vander Kooij	Lorraine DeRijk	
Collingwood	Victor Laarman	Ron Jack	Case Roest
Community, Kitchener	Derrick Grift (Elder)	Nicole Mohle	Pete Hansma
Drayton	Wes Collins	Bill VanAndel	Teresa Wikkerink
Exeter	Jay Crossen		Diane Soer
First, Owen Sound	Sid Couperus	Greg Lougheed	Heather Burrows
Guelph Campus Ministry			-
Lucknow Community	Raymond Evans	Stacey Wellstead	Ida Piel
Maitland River Community, Wingham	Bart Eisen	Tyler Kirkbride	Doug Kuyvenhoven
Maranatha, Cambridge			Dave Timmerman
New Life, Guelph	Jeff Vandermeer	Brad Wallace	Edward Koopman
Orangeville	Jim Broekema (Elder)	Justin Groen	Rose Hodgson
Palmerston	Ken Labbé	Garth Bierma	Irene Drost
River City, Cambridge	Darrell Bierman	James Burmaster	Lauren Harvey (elder)
Stratford	Martin Dam	Harry Vander Kuylen	
The Bridge, Fergus			
Trinity, Goderich	Tim Keep	Ryan De Vries	Phil Dalton
Vanastra Community		Albert Haak	Nikki Wynja
Water Street, Guelph		Webb Kamminga	Jason Stoter (Elder)
Waterloo Campus Ministry	Melissa Burmaster		
Waterloo	Carolyn Kleefman (Elder)	Pieter Looyenga	

Several representatives of the Cornerstone CRC were also present: Michael Grootenboer, John Lammers, Bill Pennings and Greg Stryker.

Officers of the evening:

- Chair: Rev. Craig Hoekema (Bethel CRC, Acton)
- Vice-chair: Rev. Martin Dam (Stratford CRC)
- Stated Clerk: Mr. Fred Vander Sterre (Blyth CRC)

Committees of the Day:

- Zoom host: Nick Geleynse, chair of AdCom (Clinton CRC)
- Credentials: Classis clerk.
- Balloting: Zoom poll.

Art 1. Welcome, Devotions & Opening:

- 1.1 Rev. Craig Hoekema (Bethel CRC, Acton) welcomed the delegates.
- 1.2 Rev. Ken Labbé (Palmerston CRC) opened with devotions, based on Cor. 5: The old has gone, the new is here! We have been given the ministry of reconciliation.
- 1.3 The clerk reported that a quorum was present and the officers were in place.
- 1.4 The chair declared Classis Huron constituted and highlighted some of the Zoom protocols.

Art. 2 Church Visitors Report

- 2 Rev. Victor Laarman (Collingwood CRC), one of the church visitors, explained the steps that were taken and their findings/observations. He highlighted the summary of the church visitors' report.

- 2.1 **Motion #1:** That Classis Huron recognize Cornerstone CRC as an emerging congregation under the supervision of Stratford CRC (at the nearest appropriate opportunity).
Rev. Victor Laarman, reporting for the church visitors, moved motion #1. Delegate Dave Timmerman supported the motion.
Several comments of appreciation for the work of the church visitors were shared.
The delegates voted by Zoom poll. *The motion passed.*

- 2.2 **Motion #2:** That Church Visitors be commissioned to meet again with the leadership of Community CRC and Cornerstone CRC in May 2026 to assess ongoing relationships, shared ministry considerations, and emerging concerns.
Rev. Victor Laarman moved motion #2. Rev. Ken Labbé supported the motion.
It is assumed that the same church visitors will continue that conversation.
The delegates voted by Zoom poll. *The motion passed.*

- 2.3 **Motion #3:** That AdCom appoint Church Visitors to provide oversight and guidance to Community CRC, particularly regarding its "Statement on the HSR" and its alignment with denominational decisions.
Rev. Victor Laarman moved motion #3. Delegate Ron Jack supported the motion.
It was noted that a healthy dialogue with classis is important.
The delegates voted by Zoom poll. *The motion passed.*

- 2.4 **Motion #4:** That AdCom review how Classis Huron communicates to congregations their right to request Church Visitors, appeal council decisions, and seek assistance in situations of

significant conflict.

Rev. Victor Laarman moved motion #4. Rev. Martin Dam supported the motion.

The delegates voted by Zoom poll.

The motion passed

A question was raised about classical appointments for Cornerstone CRC.

This is to be discussed by AdCom following this meeting.

Art. 3 Adjournment

- 3 Rev. Craig was thanked for his leadership during this meeting.
The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 and closed in prayer.