



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

**September 23, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Guelph First Christian Reformed Church**  
**287 Water Street**

**Guelph, Ontario**

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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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9:00 a.m.	Welcome, announcements	Guelph First	
	Constituting Classis: Report of the Credentials Committee		
9:05 a.m.	Opening of Classis: Officers take their seats, Chair: Rev. Amanda Bakale, Vice Chair: Rev. Ralph Wigboldus Opening Comments from Chair		
9:10 a.m.	Worship/Devotions	Nick Kuipery	
	License to Exhort Exam: Nick Kuipery Practica: Rev. Ray Vander Kooij Theology: Rev. Steve Tamming		
10:20 a.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
10:40 a.m.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Reports	Rev. Ralph Wigboldus	3
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11:50 p.m.	Church Counselors Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collingwood – Rev. Harry Zantingh</li> <li>• Guelph New Life – Rev. Ed Den Haan</li> <li>• Maranatha [Camb] – Rev. Vic Vandermolen</li> </ul>		5
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12:10 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <b>Credentials Committee meets</b>		
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1:30 p.m.	Presentation re <i>Discipling and Discipline</i>	Rev. Jack Vos	5
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment		
	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Renew</li> <li>• Redeemer University College</li> <li>• "Classis Primer" for New Delegates</li> </ul>	Information attached Information attached Information attached	
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<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>		

### 1. Constituting Classis

Call to Order, welcome by host church  
 Credentials Committee reports on attendance.  
 Classis is declared constituted.

### 2. Classis constituted

Chair: Rev. Amanda Bakale  
 Vice-chair: Rev. Ralph Wigboldus  
 Stated Clerk: Rev. Vic Vandermolen

### **3. Devotions for the Day**

Opening Worship – led by Nick Kuipery, Bethel CRC, Acton  
Pre-lunch – Goderich  
Post –lunch – Blyth  
Pre-supper – Chair

### **4. Committees for the Day**

Credentials Committee – Orangeville and Guelph New Life  
Balloting Committee – Guelph First CRC and Guests

### **5. Examination of Nick Kuipery for Licensure to Exhort**

### **6. Classis Ministry Committee**

#### **6.1 CMC Report**

The Classis Ministry Committee consists of representatives of all ministries/committees within Classis Huron: Chair, Rev. Ralph Wigboldus; Vice-chair, Rev. Amanda Bakale; Classis Ministry Leadership Team, Rev. Stephen Tamming; Home Missions Committee, Rev. Andrew de Gelder; Safe Church Committee, Atie Ott; Financial Resources Team, Clarence Louter; Huron Campus Ministry (Guelph), Rev. David Tigchelaar; Huron Campus Ministry (Waterloo), Rev. Brian Bork; Youth Ministry, Lesli Van Milligen; Treasurer John Bell, ex-officio, and Stated Clerk, Rev. Vic Vandermolen, ex officio.

CMC continues to monitor and encourage the various ministries that are part of Classis, and has dealt with a number of specific issues since the last meeting of Classis.

A major ongoing concern is the need for volunteers to serve on Classis Committees, and CMC strongly encourages the Churches in Classis to be pro-active in recommending its members for the needed Committee positions, as those requests come to the Churches. It was agreed that the September 2016 meeting of Classis will be hosted by Stratford CRC. Classis will be hosting a day-long meeting [most likely early November] for Church Administrators and Secretaries to provide up-to-date information on both Classis and CRCNA Canada activities, and also to provide information on sources of needed information to assist them in their work on behalf of the Church. Further information will be coming soon.

There has been suggestions that we should consider the use of 'lots' in determining Synod delegates, but in light of Synod's decision re delegate representation [now three representatives per Classis], this matter will be further reviewed by CMC and reported on at a future date.

Attached is an updated 'Rules of Classis' as amended at our last meeting [including the Stated Clerk's new job description].

CMC, on behalf of Classis, expresses its appreciation to Len Bakelaar for his many years of service as the Diaconal Ministries representative on CMC. [see recommendation below for his replacement]. CMC also approved the appointment of Amy Baarda and Tom Mosterd [both of Stratford CRC] to the Youth Ministry Committee.

Research and meetings are ongoing re the incorporation of Classis and registration as a charity. The Treasurer and Stated Clerk have been appointed by CMC to meet with legal representatives to effect the necessary documentation that can be brought to Classis for final approval.

**CMC makes the following recommendations for consideration and approval by Classis:**

- A. That Rev. Martin Dam of Stratford be appointed as a Church Visitor.**
- B. That notwithstanding having completed 2 terms of 3 years on the Finance Committee [the stated maximum in the Rules of Classis Huron], Clarence Louter be appointed to serve a further term of 3 years on the Finance Committee.**
- C. That Wilma Hiemstra [Trinity CRC, Goderich] be approved to be examined for Licensure to Exhort at the February 2016 meeting of Classis Huron.**
- D. That Classis approve the draft Budget as attached to this Agenda, to be the 2016 Budget for Classis Huron.**
- E. That Mary Blydorp be appointed as the Diaconal Ministries representative to the Classis Ministries Committee of Classis Huron.**

The next meeting of CMC will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Waterloo CRC.

### **6.2 Administrative Committee (AdCom)**

The Administrative Committee of Classis (AdCom) works on behalf of classis between meetings. AdCom consists of Rev. Ralph Wigboldus (chair), Rev. Amanda Bakale (vice-chair), Rev. Stephen Tamming, and stated clerk Rev. Vic Vandermolen. Since the last meeting of classis AdCom has met to respond to issues raised at the last meeting of Classis, and also to address a number of new matters, which have subsequently been referred to CMC and addressed in its report above.

### **6.3 Stated Clerk**

The Stated Clerk serves as secretary of Classis Huron, its Classis Ministry Committee [CMC], and Administrative Committee (AdCom). The Clerk continues to respond to ongoing requests for information and direction from individual members, church leadership, classis committees, and denominational offices.

In the period of May 13 to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to some 125 telephone conversations and requests.
- dealt with/responded to over 600 email messages and requests.
- attended, prepared agendas for, wrote minutes for, and did follow-up work and correspondence for two AdCom meetings, two CMC meetings, and one Classis meeting. This is in addition to meetings and conversations with CRCNA/pastors/members and others re various issues dealing with matters relative to Classis and its member churches.
- filed minutes and agendas of Classis meetings with both CRCNA Canada and the Denominational offices, and also forwarded these to Classis Huron churches.
- met twice with Lawyer Teresa Douma to discuss incorporation of Classis Huron and its registration as a Charity, including an extensive review and consideration of new Bylaws and Rules and Regulations that are part of the incorporation process.
- responded to numerous written and verbal request for opportunity to address Classis at this meeting, and upcoming meetings.
- prepared the agenda for Classis September 2015.

**7. Treasurers Report: Approval needed for 2016 Budget [see attached]**

**8. Waterloo Campus Ministry [see attached]**

**9. Youth Ministry Committee Report [see attached]**

**10. Synod Delegates' Report:** Rev. Brian Bork, Rev. Henry Steenbergen, Elder Marguerite Ridder, Elder Richard Vander Wal

**11. Diaconal Ministries: [see attached]**

**12. Church Counselors Reports**

Collingwood: Rev. Harry Zantingh  
Guelph New Life: Rev. Ed den Haan  
Cambridge [Maranatha] Rev. Vic Vandermolen

**13. Classis Huron Home Missions Report: Fergus Church Plant Report**

We're very grateful and excited to report that, since our last classis meeting, Rev. John Vanderstoep has accepted New Life CRC's call to serve as a church planter in Fergus. John began serving as the planter in mid-August and he is actively at work making connections, developing relationships, and discerning the vision of the church plant. We invite and encourage the churches of Classis Huron to pray for John and for this work that God is doing in Fergus. Pray specifically for: a clear vision for the plant; an eager core team; growing relationships with the people of Fergus; and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We thank classis for its support of this ministry and we look forward to sharing regular updates at future classis meetings!

**14. Home Missions**

**15. LUNCH BREAK**

**16. Credentials Committee Report**

**17. Discipling and Discipline: Rev. Jack Vos**

**18. INFORMATION REPORTS [attached]**

**18.1 World Renew**

**18.2 Redeemer College University**

**18.3 'Classis Primer'**

**19. Future Classis Meetings**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>
Sept. 23, 2015	Guelph First	August 19, 2015	Amanda Bakale	Ralph Wigboldus
Feb. 17, 2016	Listowel	January 13, 2016	Ralph Wigboldus	Vicki Verhulst Cok
May 11, 2016	Guelph New Life	April 6, 2016	Vicki Verhulst Cok	
Sept. 14, 2016	Stratford	August 10, 2016		

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