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**CLASSIS HURON**  
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**AGENDA**

**May 13, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Waterloo Christian Reformed Church  
209 Bearinger Road**

**Waterloo**

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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.*

## Index of Agenda Items and the day's schedule

<b>TIMELINE</b>	<b>REPORT NUMBER AND NAME</b>	<b>REPORTER</b>	<b>Page</b>
9:00 a.m.	Welcome, announcements	Waterloo	
	Constituting Classis: Report of the Credentials Committee		
9:05 a.m.	Opening of Classis: Officers take their seats, opening comments by Chair, Committees for the day,		
9:10 a.m.	Worship/Devotions	Rev. Amanda Bakale	
9:30 a.m.	CMC/AdCom/Stated Clerk Reports	Rev. Ralph Wigboldus	
9:45 a.m.	Campus Ministry Waterloo [see attached]	Rev. Brian Bork	
9:50 a.m.	Youth Ministry Committee [see attached]	Lesli Van Millgen	
9:55 a.m.	Finance Committee Report [see attached] Audit Letter [see attached]	John Bell	
10:10 a.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Church Counselors Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collingwood – Rev. Harry Zantingh</li> <li>• Guelph New Life – Rev. Bernard De Jonge</li> <li>• Maranatha [Camb] – Rev. Vic Vandermolen</li> </ul>		
10:40 a.m.	Acton CRC Request re Nick Kuipery [attached] For Licensure to Exhort	Rev. Ray Vander Kooij	
10:45 a.m.	Denominational Home Missions/World Missions Report	Rev. Carel Geleynse	
11:05 a.m.	Classis Home Missions Committee [see attached]	Rev. Andrew Vis	
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  <b>Credentials Committee meets</b>		
1:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report		
1:15 p.m.	Ordination Exams: Candidate John Medendorp Candidate Tim Leferink	Assigned sermons attached	
3:45 p.m.	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>		
4:00 p.m.	16.Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16.1 World Renew</li> <li>• 16.2 Redeemer University College</li> <li>• 16.3 "Classis Primer" for New Delegates</li> </ul>	Information attached Information attached Information attached	
	Future Classis meeting dates	Agenda Item #15	
<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. Henry Steenbergen  
 Vice-chair: Rev. Amanda Bakale  
 Stated Clerk: Rev. Vic Vandermolen

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

Opening – Waterloo CRC *Led by Rev. Amanda Bakale of Waterloo CRC.*  
Pre-lunch – Drayton  
Post –lunch – Acton  
Pre-supper – Chair

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

Credentials Committee – Kitchener [Community] and Listowel  
Balloting Committee – Waterloo CRC and Guests

### **5. Special guests**

Synodical deputies: Rev. Jack Kerkhof, Rev. Ralph Koops, Rev. Herman Praamsa

### **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 Vis; 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 Vandermolten, ex officio.

CMC continues to monitor and encourage the various ministries that are part of Classis. The discussion on Discipline as Healing, with Rev. Jack Vos leading that discussion, has been scheduled for September 2015. CMC approved the ordination examinations of Candidate John Medendorp [Community CRC, Kitchener] and Candidate Tim Leferink [Lucknow CRC] for the May 2015 meeting of Classis. CMC also received and dealt with requests for extensions of ministerial credentials held by Rev. Chris Pool and Rev. Tom Van Milligen, as well as for Rev. Jack de Vries who is 'on loan' to the CRC in Australia. CMC is studying the manner in which delegates are selected to represent Classis at Synod, and it is anticipated a number of recommendations will be submitted to Classis regarding this process at the September meeting. As noted in our last report CMC has reviewed in some detail the Stated Clerk's job description [Rules of Classis Huron Section 3.3] and is asking Classis to approve changes as noted on the attached. As a result of its recent activities, CMC makes the following recommendations for consideration and approval by Classis:

**That the amended job description of the Stated Clerk, {see attached} be approved, and replace the existing Section 3.3 of the Rules of Classis Huron.**

**That Classis Huron approve the request from Rev. Tom Van Milligen for a one year extension of eligibility for call [to May 2016] as per C.O. Article 17c.**

**That Classis Huron approve the request from Rev. Chris Pool for a one year extension of eligibility for call [to May 2016] as per C.O. Article 17c.**

**That Classis Huron approve the request from Rev. Jack De Vries for a two year extension [from Dec. 1, 2015 to Nov. 30, 2017] of him being loaned to the CRC in Australia, as per C.O. Article 13.**

The next meeting of CMC will be on June 16, 2015, to be held 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 its Administrative Committee (AdCom). Upon the approval of Classis his job description will be amended to more accurately reflect his regular activities [as per CMC report]. 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 February 11 to the time of writing this report, the Clerk has:

- dealt with/responded to over 140 telephone conversations and requests.
- dealt with/responded to over 400 email messages and requests.
- attended, prepared agendas for, written minutes for, and did follow-up for three 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.
- completed the scheduling/coordinating of two ordination examination.
- processed three requests for extensions of ministerial credentials.
- drafted a new job description for the Stated Clerk [amendment to Rules of Classis Huron Section 3.3] for submission to and approval by CMC and Classis [see CMC report]
- prepared the agenda for Classis May 2015

## **7. Waterloo Campus Ministry [see attached]**

## **8. Youth Ministry Committee Report [see attached]**

## **9. Classis Huron Home Missions Report [see two attachments]**

## **10. Credentials Committee Report**

## **11. Ordination Examination: John Medendorp, Tim Leferink [see sermons attached]**

## **12. Church Counselors Reports**

Collingwood: Rev. Harry Zantingh

Guelph New Life: Rev. Bernard De Jonge

Cambridge [Maranatha] Rev. Vic Vandermolen

**13. Request from Acton CRC re License to Exhort for Nick Kuipery [see attached]**

This request is made as per Rules of Classis Huron, Section 4.4.1.

**14. REPORTS**

**14.1 World Renew Report [see attached]**

**14.2 Redeemer College University Report [see attached]**

**14.3 'Classis Primer' [see attached]**

**15. Future Classis Meetings**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>
Feb 11, 2015	Palmerston	January 9, 2015	Gary Van Leeuwen	Henry Steenbergen
May 13, 2015	Waterloo	April 10, 2015	Henry Steenbergen	Amanda Bakale
Sept. 16, 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	