



CLASSIS HURON
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AGENDA

September 14, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

**Vanastra Community
Christian Reformed Church
50 Fifth Avenue,
Vanastra**

The PURPOSE of Classis Huron

To support, equip and encourage our churches in the ministries as God has called us.

The VISION of Classis Huron

The churches of Classis Huron will foster deeper relationships with the Lord and each other through community and accountability as we support, encourage and equip one another to reach the lost, gather those made alive in Jesus Christ, and disciple all his people, through the ministries of individual churches and the joint ministries of Classis.

Each classis meeting has a specific focus: VHS – Visioning (January), Huddle with Family of Churches (May), Skill development (September).

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2. Constituting Classis

Call to Order, welcome, devotions by Vanastra CRC at 9:00 am.
Credentials Committee report on attendance.
Classis is declared constituted.

3. Devotions for the Day

Opening – Vanastra
Pre-lunch – Guelph New Life
Post –lunch – Collingwood
Pre-supper – Chair

4. Officers of Classis

Chair: Rev. Darren Roorda
Vice chair: Rev. John VanderStoep
Stated Clerk: Keith Knight

5. Opening of Classis

Officers of Classis take their positions

Welcome. Guests: Judy Cook, Dr. Hubert Krygsman, Rev. John de Vries, Barb Ferrier

6. Special guests

11:30 a.m. – Dr. Hubert Krygsman, president of Redeemer University College

1 p.m. -- Judy Cook, facilitating discussion on Lifestyle

Rev. John de Vries, Restorative Justice

Barb Ferrier, Canadian Christian Education Foundation

7. Committees for the Day

Credentials Committee – Goderich and Lucknow

Balloting Committee – Vanastra and Guests

Overtures Committee – Stratford and Acton

8. Classis Ministry Committee -- Rev. John Vanderburgh

8.1 Committee Report

The Classis Ministry Committee (CMC) consists of representatives of all committees/ministries within classis. The committee meets three times a year.

At its last meeting, in May, it was noted that the Classis Huron Ministry Plan continues to be a work in progress as it seeks to merge all of the various committee goals and objectives into one document.

A training event is planned for the fall for those with license to preach as well as others who do so more informally within their local churches. Details continue to be worked on with Dr. John Rottman as guest speaker for the Saturday event.

In recent years, classis meetings tried to stick to certain themes: V – Vision (January), H - Huddle (May), S - Skills (September). CMC spent time discussing whether this is still an effective model to follow. It was agreed that it is important to have elements of ‘skills, knowledge and relationship’ at classis meetings but that there shouldn’t be a rigid schedule. It was felt that classis needs to respond to the needs of the churches. The credentials have turned into a vehicle where churches can raise questions for future discussion.

Within the past year, several churches asked – through their credentials – for a classis discussion on human sexuality, dealing specifically with common law relationships and young couples who live together before they get married. As a result, this theme was placed on the agenda of the September classis meeting.

Again based on requests on the credentials, there will be a discussion in January 2012 on Who is a member of your church?, looking at the growing number of faithful adherents. Do we need to look at corporate members and pastoral members?

CMC also spent time looking at the evaluation results of the May classis meeting, noting numerous positive responses, especially around the young adult ministry panel and the presentation of upcoming synod issues.

CMC will meet on Nov. 15 at Guelph New Life.

8.2 AdCom (Administrative Committee)

AdCom, the Administrative Committee of the Classis Ministry Committee, acts on behalf of CMC and classis between meetings. The committee consists of the chair and vice-chair (appointed by classis), a CMC representative and the stated clerk (ex officio). The stated clerk regularly consults with Adcom about matters that may or may not require classis’ attention. AdCom acts as a sounding board and advisor for the stated clerk.

AdCom typically meets prior to classis meetings and CMC meetings to set and shape the agendas. It also sits as the Exhortation Licence Review Committee to review sermon and congregation evaluations of those applying for renewals of their licenses to exhort.

AdCom met on August 12 to approve the agenda for the Sept. 14 meeting of classis and also to review the sermon and congregation evaluations in connection with Ken de Boer's application to extend his license to exhort. Their recommendation appears below.

There will be a change in the executive this fall. Willie Andrews of Acton is concluding six years on AdCom and CMC where she has ably served as vice-chair. Rev. John Vanderburgh of Drayton has served as chair for two years but he has accepted a call to Emo and will be leaving soon. Classis is therefore asked to appoint a new chair and vice-chair who will serve on both CMC and AdCom. A recommendation appears under the Nominations Committee report. Nominations from the floor of classis are also possible.

8.3 Stated Clerk's Report

Since the May 2011 meeting of Classis Huron, the stated clerk has engaged in about 200 email conversations, and a few phone calls. Those conversations cover everything from inquiries from chairs of councils or ministers to creating pulpit supply schedules to frequent correspondence with AdCom to processing the ministerial credentials of those leaving classis. This also involved regular connections with the denominational office concerning pension questions around retirement requests.

On average, about five hours per week are devoted to the work of classis; more just before or just after meetings of classis. Below are some of the highlights of that work.

- Processed and distributed the minutes of the May meeting of classis to churches, the denominational office and The Banner.
- Informed the denominational office of the release of Rev. John Kuyperus from Blyth CRC and other matters related to the May meeting of classis.
- Created a summary of classis decisions for use by church councils.
- Received and distributed various denominational reports.
- Prepared agenda and related items for the May 31 meeting of AdCom. Various correspondence with CMC members.
- Attended AdCom and CMC.
- Processed ecclesiastical credentials for Rev. Peter Janssens to Classis Hamilton through AdCom.
- Ongoing correspondence and discussions with Rev. John Kuperus about his ministerial status within the CRC, Pension Office questions.
- Correspondence with Judy Cook of Hamilton about facilitating discussion at September classis meeting.
- Revised pulpit supply list to reflect latest vacancies.
- Revised Servants of Classis list.
- Updates of various reports and information to the www.classishuron.ca website.
- Ongoing sharing of resources, minutes and surveys with other stated clerks across Canada.
- Respond to various inquiries about budget questions, nominations to committees, etc.
- Facilitated Ken de Boer's renewal of license to exhort: appointed sermon evaluators, received their reports, collected congregation evaluation forms, processed them through AdCom.
- Processed the request from Rev. Dwayne Thielke to retire, effective June 30. Related correspondence with Lucknow CRC, CR Home Missions, denominational office, denominational Pension Office.
- Numerous conversations of a confidential nature with various church councils concerning process. Most of them referred to regional pastors or church counsellors for follow up.

MOTION: That the work of the Classis Ministry Committee, AdCom and Stated Clerk be approved.

8.4 Renewal of license to exhort for Ken de Boer

Sermon evaluation by Rev. Carel Geleynse and Rev. Tom Van Milligen.

Review of congregational evaluations by AdCom which leads to the following recommendation:

MOTION: That a license to exhort for Ken de Boer be extended for a five-year term, ending September, 2016.

9. Correspondence -- Lucknow CRC (Request for retirement of Rev. Dwayne Thielke)

Rev. Dwayne Thielke has served as a missionary in the Philippines with Christian Reformed World Missions since 1990, after having served as pastor of Lucknow CRC for five years. Rev. Thielke has requested from his home church in Lucknow that he be granted retirement because of age. Lucknow council has granted the request and hereby notifies Classis Huron.

MOTION: That Classis Huron grant Rev. Dwayne Thielke's request for retirement because of age, effective June 30, 2011.

10. Reflections on Synod 2011 – Keith Oosthoek

Delegates to Synod will provide a verbal report on some of the decisions – and their impressions – of Synod 2011.

11. Lifestyle presentation/ discussion – facilitated by Judy Cook

Classis will listen to a presentation by Judy Cook from Hamilton and take part in an interactive discussion after lunch on Lifestyle. This discussion is the result of several requests from church councils to address pastoral care for those living common law, young couples who live together before they get married, etc. Councils have been asked, in advance of this classis meeting, to send specific questions to Judy Cook so that they can be addressed in her presentation. That can still be done by emailing her at judycook@quickclic.net. Please put "Classis Huron" in the subject line.

12. Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) – Rev. Harry Frielink

MOTION 1: To accept Michelle VanHarten's application for support to complete the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy at Calvin Seminary for \$5,810. This covers tuition, mentored ministry and Logos seminar. In one instalment for the Fall semester.

MOTION 2: To reimburse mentors for the expenses incurred for travel whenever mentoring a student in the EPMC "At A Distance" pilot program.

MOTION 3: To expand the CMLT mandate to include support of members of classis participating in the Eastern Canada Leadership Development Network.

MOTION 4: (tabled from May 2011 classis meeting) To cease efforts to recover the outstanding student loans of four people.

Grounds:

a. These people have not met the contractual requirements of items 4, 5, and 6 of the CMLT/student contract, which state:

4) The party of the second part furthermore promises and hereby agrees to make full and complete repayment to the said Classis Huron of all monies received, should (s)he discontinue his/her studies toward ordained ministry.

5) The party of the second part furthermore promises and hereby agrees to make repayment if (s)he should leave the ministry of the CRCNA within five years after his/her ordination; such repayment will be proportionate to the duration of his/her ordained ministry in the CRCNA.

6) When repayments under this term and stipulations shall be required, the party of the second part promises and hereby agrees to make repayments at the rate of 20 per cent per year of the original amount owing, which repayments shall begin not later than one year after discontinuing studies for the ministry or leaving the ministry of the CRCNA.

b. There is little chance of recovering these funds due to the financial situation of the individuals.

13. Nominations Committee – Stated Clerk

MOTION 1: That Rev. Tom Van Milligen be appointed to the Classis Home Missions Committee.

MOTION 2: That classis appoint Rev. Ralph Wigboldus as chair and Rev. Rita Klein-Geltink as vice-chair of the Classis Ministry Committee and its Administrative Committee.

14. Classis Home Missions Committee – Rev. John Vander Stoep, chair

Your committee continues to work hard on the task of helping all of us give serious attention to God's Mission to make disciples. We do this in four primary ways:

1. Calling us to recognize that the mission of God happens through PRAYER.
2. Calling us to recognize that the mission of God happens through CHURCH PLANTS.
3. Calling us to recognize that the mission of God happens through RENEWED CHURCHES.
4. Calling us to recognize that the mission of God happens through DEVELOPED LEADERS.

Your committee (supplemented by Fred VanderSterre of Diaconal Ministries and Rev. Adrian VanGeissen of Home Missions Eastern Canada) is served by four volunteers who head up the four areas above – Marguerite Ridder (year 3 of second term), Rev. Tom VanMilligen (year 1 of first term), Rev. John Vanderstoep (year 3 of first term, current chair) and Janet Ryzebol (year 3 of second term). We are currently looking for one more member and are aware of the need for nominees at the end of this year to replace Marguerite and Janet. We will support the Nominations Committee in finding and submitting these names to be voted on at the January 2012 meeting of classis.

As many of you may have already heard, our most recent church plant's planter, Rev. John Bouwers, has been hit by tragedy as his oldest son, Joshua, aged 23, died suddenly of heart failure on June 30, the very day the Bouwers were moving to Milton. For the Bouwers, while the call to plant in Milton is unwavering, human capacity to move forward is temporarily stunted. As you know, this partnership with this plant is of a new variety whereby John is working part-time for the church and expected to seek a second stream of income in a manner professionally engaged with the life of the city.

The Launch Team will be granting John a three-month leave recognizing the need for time to grieve before being able to lead the launch. As Classis Huron Home Mission Committee, we recognize that John's second stream of income is also stunted and in the spirit of partnership (seeing this hardship as an opportunity to build our bonds of doing ministry together), we encourage Classis Huron, a body representing 20 churches, 2 plants and 2 campus ministries, (24 in total), to grant John Bouwers \$9,000 (\$375 x 24). This amount is approximately what he would need to be making in his second stream in those three months and is a representative gift of Classis' 24-member churches/plants/ministries. Finally, while we normally formally report at the September meeting of Classis, we would like to forego an oral report at this Classis and be allotted time at the January 2012 meeting of Classis Huron so that we can share a developing strategy of Leadership Training Clusters.

MOTION: That Classis Huron give Rev. John Bouwers \$9,000 in second stream funding.

15. Campus Ministry – Waterloo

15.1 Board Report – Dr. Rudy Eikelboom, chair

Three years in – Five years out

Waterloo Campus Ministry has been blessed with the work of Rev. Brian Bork on the two campuses in Waterloo, University of Waterloo (UW) and Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU), for the past three years. As you can see from Pastor Brian's report the Lord has blessed this ministry this past year. In looking back over the longer term and seeing the fruits of the ministry in our churches it is clear to the board that our presence on the campuses in Waterloo has been a blessing to the church. Just two examples: The church plant we are supporting in Milton is being led by someone who was touched and redirected based on the work of Rev. Morbey when he was the campus minister in Waterloo; The current chair of the council of the Waterloo Christian Reformed Church was an active member of the campus ministry when she was a student at Laurier; I personally remember being in a Bible study with her on campus.

At the end of this year, given that Pastor Brian had now spent three years on our campuses, the campus committee felt it appropriate to review the ministry and look into the future of the ministry over the next five years. Keith Knight facilitated a retreat involving committee members, students and Pastor Brian looking five years out. It was a productive retreat and the students who were being blessed by the ministry were very vocal on what was working well and what might be possible for this ministry.

One of the themes that emerged from this retreat is the relative balance of the ministry at the two campuses. In Waterloo there are a number of Christian organizations on both campuses and we are working in cooperation with other Christian (and non-Christian religious) groups on both campuses. Over the last ten years both universities have grown significantly as student enrolment has increased. WLU has more than doubled in size and now is about the size that UW was when I came to Waterloo in '94.

The two universities are also very different. We have a large presence of active Christian Reformed students at UW who are at the heart of a flourishing ministry on this campus. This is unique among CRC campus ministers and a very exciting development for our ministry. Pastor Brian talks about the growth he has seen with other students be enfolded into this ministry and Waterloo CRC has seen and been very supportive of this enlarged body of believers and seekers. At WLU there is less of an active student presence in the ministry, but a long-standing ministry to the faculty and graduate students (both of which involve individuals from both universities). Personally I have been much blessed by this WLU ministry. In light of the demands on Pastor Brian's time we are seeing a shift in the ministry from one that services both campuses more or less equally, to one where the bulk of the presence and effort is occurring at UW. This is both a positive development and an opportunity to be explored further. As these institutions continue to grow the question arises as to whether we using our limited resources in the best manner. There is also a large community college presence in Waterloo which has not received any attention from our church but is also a place where our young people and many mature students are being further educated.

Thus the campus committee is suggesting that Pastor Brian's ministry be more focused at UW and that we review and evaluate how we should be working on the WLU campus and Conestoga College. This represents a shift from our two campus model to a primarily one campus model – UW. We would like to ask Classis to endorse this change (see the specific motion below). It is not our intention to stop the successful activities (for example the faculty book group) at WLU, and we will for now maintain a minimum presence there, until we see how we and Classis wish to move forward. The committee will be exploring further what this means for campus ministry in the Waterloo area and will come to Classis in the future with some specific recommendations.

Given the number of Christian groups on the WLU campus, the nature of this campus (it is academically much more similar to Redeemer than is UW) we wonder if we would be better served by a different model for the WLU campus; the committee feels it would make sense to spend some significant time looking into the needs and possibilities for the WLU campus, and explore what if we are called to provide a ministry to Conestoga College (the community college in Waterloo). It might be worthwhile to explore in a more intense manner what could happen in Waterloo if further resources were available. If we go in this direction there might be associated costs (hiring a student part-time) needing funding. Any costs associated with this exercise would either be funded from within our current funding or we would explicitly come to Classis for support.

The Classical Financial Resource Team will be bringing motions to Classis about the support of both Guelph and Waterloo campus ministries. We want to explicitly express our appreciation for the work our Classical Treasurer and her team does on our behalf. About 2 years ago, the classical auditor recommended that the campus ministries move their budget year into conformity with the Classis budget year (from July to June to the Classis year January to December). Given that the Classis is the largest supporter of these ministries (a change from the days Home Missions was the largest supporter) this seems appropriate. It will also help to reduce the cash flow problems we have been chronically experiencing in the fall and winter. We ask Classis to support the recommendations of the financial committee.

MOTION 1: That Classis approve the work of the Waterloo Campus committee this past year.

MOTION 2: That Classis endorse the recommendation that this ministry be largely focused on working at the University of Waterloo.

15.2 Campus Minister report – Rev. Brian Bork

God's faithfulness to Waterloo Campus Ministry was plain to see this past year. The following report provides a sketch of

what Waterloo Campus Ministry was up to last year, and a couple of the challenges it faces, too.

As far as programming goes, the ministry structure laid down two years ago continued more or less unchanged throughout the past year. Between 20 and 30 students met nearly every Thursday night for a soup dinner at Conrad Grebel, the Mennonite college at UW, and hung around for a bit after eating to hear a visiting speaker reflect on the unique challenges of integrating Christian faith with the variety of vocational options at university. We reflected on the ways faith integrates and interacts with psychology, technology and engineering, bio-ethics and physics, feminism, the book of Job, and the Gospel of Luke. This dinner fellowship has become one of the central events in the life of the ministry, and will likely continue that way for the foreseeable future.

We still begin each week with a communion service at UW on Monday mornings, at 7:50 a.m. It's been a joy to see students eager to show up early on a Monday morning for prayer and the sacrament (and breakfast afterwards). Monday afternoons a number of us gather at the student pub at Laurier for "Fermented Faith," a discussion group organized by myself and my Eastern Orthodox colleague. There's usually a great mix of undergrads and grads, and occasionally some faculty. Tuesday afternoon is open tea time in the chaplain's office at UW, attended by a variety of folks from the ministry, and the occasional student who pops in wondering what we're all laughing about. Wednesday mornings are the occasion for the faculty book club at Laurier (though we've been joined by faculty and grad students from UW, too). This past term, we've been working at cultivating a volunteer relationship with St. John's Kitchen, a street mission in downtown Kitchener. A few students from UW have been keen on taking a Friday afternoon off campus to work in the community, and I hope to see this relationship develop further.

In between scheduled events is time for meeting one on one, or in small groups with students. The best meetings usually happen with the students who are working under the Home Missions Emerging Leadership program. This year WCM had three student leaders, each one bringing unique gifts to various aspects of the ministry. The student leadership program also provides an avenue for more direct and focussed mentoring; when we get together we're not just talking about the life of the ministry, but also the life of faith – how that changes and grows during university, and how we can live into our respective vocations in a Christian way. This fall, we each developed monastic "Rules of Life," to guide and structure our lives on campus. Ironically, we found that was tough to do – when life gets busy and scattered, it's hard to follow a spiritual plan you've set out for yourself. We hope to continue this again in the fall.

The student demographic of the ministry remains CRC-focussed. UW has a number of Christian groups, so students typically find their own niche. But this past term, we did find that some mingling happened between groups, especially in the regular turnout of Campus For Christ students at our Thursday dinner fellowship. I've found that students are really keen on integrating the work and fellowship of various ministries on campus, and we hope to work to bring groups closer together this coming fall.

Another wonderful demographic change of the ministry was the presence of Chinese grad students and scholars in our midst. A couple of Reformed Christian students arrived from southern China last summer, and sought out our ministry through Waterloo CRC. They, in turn, invited friends of theirs to join us at a few of our events each week. The majority of our new Chinese friends aren't Christians. Still, they come out to ministry events every week, and they're certainly curious about the Bible and about Christian perspectives on education. It was great to see the Canadian and Chinese members of the ministry be hospitable to one another this term. Having conversations across a language gap isn't the easiest thing to do, but it's certainly a fresh reminder that the Gospel of Christ is believed by people of all tongues, tribes and places.

On an institutional level, I've felt even more integrated with the administration at UW. This past term, I've been asked to chair the UW Chaplains' Association, be a chaplains' representative on the Suicide Prevention Committee, and participate in a new diversity initiative that the administration is working on. On the denominational side of things, I remain involved the Classis Huron Youth Ministry Team, and I'm organizing the fall regional retreat of the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Association. These have been wonderful opportunities to get to know another side of both organizations, and to make connections with faculty and administration at the University.

A couple challenges:

The perennial challenge of the ministry at UW is the co-op system. Many students are on campus one term, and out of town on an internship the next term. This situation can often stall the momentum we feel from one term to the next.

The focus of WCM has been at UW these past couple of years, and not as heavily at Laurier. Though we do host Fermented Faith at Laurier, it's usually attended by more UW students than WLU students! It seems that we may become increasingly focussed at UW, with an eye to seeing what sort of ministry presence we can develop or encourage at Laurier. Of course, much consultation with Home Missions and Classis will be sought before any decisions are made.

Please join me in thanking our Lord for the wonderful ways he's blessed this ministry; for the great students, faculty, and staff who are part of it. Please join me, as well, in praying for God's direction for the future of the ministry.

16. Redeemer University College – Dr. Hubert Krygsman

Greetings from Redeemer University College! We trust that you have been refreshed and blessed by God during the summer. Redeemer has had a very active summer filled with Continuing Education sessions, workshops and other scholarly projects, Summer Rays camp, many other guests and conferences, and construction projects across the campus. We're looking forward to the arrival of our students in September, and we pray that the Lord will bless our preparation for an exciting 2011-12 academic year.

We are again expecting strong enrolment for Fall 2011. Although our new student application numbers are slightly down from last year's high numbers, we still expect to exceed last year's enrolment of 915 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. The increased use of our website, media contact and, especially social media vehicles such as Twitter and Facebook, has enabled us to get our message out to a wider and more diverse audience.

We are blessed to have several new faculty members join Redeemer for the coming year, including Dr. Laura Luchies in Psychology, Dr. Jonathan Juilfs in English, Mr. Philip Teeuwssen in Education (beginning January 2012), Dr. Allan Curnew in French (sessional) and Mr. Ben Dunson (a two-year sessional) in Religion and Theology. Dr. Terry Loerts in Education and Mr. James Tughan in Art are temporary replacements in short-staffed departments. Dr. Steve Sider, who was granted a leave of absence for the current academic year, has resigned and has taken up a tenure stream position in another university. We have also hired new administrative staff in some departments. We are deeply grateful that God continues to prepare and call outstanding and committed faculty to Redeemer and its mission of Christian university education in Canada.

We trust that God also will continue to provide new administrative leaders for Redeemer. This year, two long-serving Vice Presidents, Ineke Van Bruinessen (Administration and Finance) and Bill van Staalduinen (Advancement) will retire. Plans are under way to celebrate their work and to recruit a new Vice President, Administration and Finance and Vice President, Advancement during the coming academic year.

Our KIP and RInC projects are progressing well, though somewhat slowed due to the process of the city and Hamilton Conservation Authority approvals, but remain on target to be completed by the end of this summer. The solar PV project design is complete, and installation of the system will proceed with an anticipated fall start-up. This will help reduce Redeemer's greenhouse gas emissions and ecological footprint, and increase the institution's sustainability.

Through the collaborative effort of our Academic, Advancement, and Student Development divisions, we have received three breakthrough grants: from the "Stronger Together" foundation consortium we have received funding to support a one-year partnership between Crossroads Media and Redeemer's Theatre Department to produce performances of portions of the gospel for possible television broadcasting, and funding to partner with Hamilton's Jobs Prosperity Collaborative to allow us to hire a half-time coordinator of service learning for one year to coordinate our student volunteer and service-learning in downtown Hamilton in collaboration with other social agencies. We also received a "Students for Development" award, funded by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to enable us to fund student internships in Ghana during the next four years.

Plans for the fall 2011 CLEAR program are well underway and the program is being refined and focussed based on an assessment of the past successes and current levels of interest. Redeemer's Fourth Annual Worship Conference will take place on Saturday September 24. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Robbie F. Castleman, Associate Professor of Theology at John Brown University. Dr. Castleman will be speaking on "Incarnational Liturgy: Burning Bushes, Bare Feet, Holy Ground."

A free Faculty Artists Concert is planned on Friday, September 30 at 8:00 pm in the Auditorium, in conjunction with Redeemer's Annual General Membership meeting, starting with a reception at 5:00 pm, followed by the AGM and dinner at 5:30 pm.

We are thankful to report that the operating budget donations goal for the fiscal year was surpassed by approximately \$13,000, including a record amount from churches of \$850,000. These are amazing blessings. These gifts are essential for our student financial aid program and to make a Christian university education accessible to more students.

We praise God for the many ways that He has blessed us with strong enrolment, gifted and committed faculty and staff, and dedicated and generous donors. We have indeed seen God at work throughout the past academic year, and look forward to the next academic year in the confidence of God's provision and leading.

Dr Hubert R. Krygsman, President

17. Financial Resources Team -- Cindy Tamming, treasurer

In June, the Finance Resources Committee once again met with representatives from both Guelph and Waterloo campuses to come to an agreement as to how the financial issues of the campus ministries may be resolved. For a little background, with the ongoing reduction of Home Mission support, the growing need to raise third stream funding, and the timing of the classical Ministry Shares payments in respect to the payout of monthly ministry expenses, the campuses have felt a heavy financial strain during their more active periods of ministry, particularly during the months from October to April.

While there were a few suggestions as to how to resolve the issue in the short term, it is the desire to resolve this financial strain once and for all this coming year. The campuses have decided to move their fiscal year end from June 30 to Dec. 31. As a result there are two proposed budgets from each of the campuses. There will be one six month (July 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2011) and one twelve month budget (Jan. 1, 2012 to Dec. 31, 2012).

This change is being made in order to match the income received with the ongoing expenses of the ministry move evenly, instead of the campuses being halfway through their fiscal year before the classical Ministry Shares are due. It is the intent that this will also alleviate the need to access the overdraft that the Classis currently provides.

Because of this change, there will be an increase in the overall classical Ministry Shares due to the additional six months support needed. This should also mean that in later part of 2012, classis will not need to “carry” the campus ministries until their support is received. Since this is a ministry in which Classis Huron is a long-time supporter, as a committee, we were glad to work with the Guelph and Waterloo campus ministries to resolve some of the financial strain that they have been incurring over the past number of years. It is our hope that with this change the Guelph and Waterloo campus ministries may be able to focus on their ministry without the burden of the financial concern.

The committee thanks each congregation for its continued support of the ministries of which classis regularly supports. Generally, most of the churches within Classis Huron have been remitting their ministry shares by the due date. This is a reminder that all future classical and denominational Ministry Shares should be remitted in a timely manner. Monthly classical remittances are most helpful, especially to the Guelph and Waterloo Campuses, since their expenses are ongoing throughout the year. If the monthly option is not used, please remit the full payment in the beginning of the year. A copy of the remittance form for classical Ministry Shares is now available on the Classis Huron website, www.classishuron.ca, should your treasurer need it.

17.1 2012 Proposed budget – attached

The attached budget is for your consideration at the upcoming meeting. The following are items of change in the current proposed budget:

1. The Huron Campus Ministry budgets for Guelph and Waterloo have been included for your information. The amount of support that needs to be approved by classis is listed at the bottom of the classical budget. There is once again an increase in the classis’ contributions due to a number of factors. With the steady decline of Home Missions support, the financial burden of the ministries is resting more on the classis. Please note the following regarding the Waterloo and Guelph campus ministry budgets:

a. There are two proposed budgets for each of the ministries. It was agreed upon by both campus ministries that it would be beneficial to change their fiscal year end from June 30 to Dec. 31. Since the main source of funding is coming from the churches within Classis Huron, this change would make it easier for the budgeting and monitoring the flow of cash. The expenses would better match the incoming support. Currently, the ministries are halfway through their fiscal year before the classical support is remitted for that year. Because of this change, there is an increase in the total ministry shares required for the campus ministries because of this additional half year.

By matching the fiscal years, the need for classis to “carry” the campus ministries during the latter part of the year, as in previous years, should be eliminated. Hopefully, there will be no need to utilize the overdraft policy set up and approved by the classis in future years.

b. For the six months remaining of this year we need to finance \$16,043.40 for Waterloo campus and \$22,000 for Guelph campus which is a total of \$38,043.50 for both campus ministries. Within the budget, we propose to move \$25,000 from the general fund to the campus ministries proportional to their needs. Without the transfer of the excess funds from the classis general fund the ministry shares portion would be \$5.36 for Guelph and \$3.92 for Waterloo.

2. The Eastern Canada Leadership budget item has been added. This is an increase of \$2,000.

3. The Youth Committee has requested an increase in their funding of \$2,000 over the previous year to broaden their scope of ministry within the youth of Classis Huron.

The rules of Classis Huron state that the following items must be adopted annually.

MOTION 1: That Classis adopt the following for 2012:

1. That the rate for a church service be raised to \$100.00 per service.
2. That the kilometer expense reimbursement be kept at the rate of \$0.50 per kilometer.
3. That the host church for classis meetings be reimbursed \$500.00.
4. That the remuneration for loss of wages while conducting the business of Classis (eg. delegates to synod) remain at \$150.00 per day for up to five (5) per week.
5. That the honorariums be raised to \$4,000 for the Stated Clerk and \$4,000 for the Treasurer.

After these have been acted upon, a full list of Classical and Denominational Ministry Shares for 2012 will be sent out to the treasurers of the churches within Classis Huron.

MOTION 2 : That the 2012 Budget as presented by the Financial Resources Team be adopted.

18. Future Classis Meetings

Date	Place	Reports due	Chair	Vice-chair
Jan. 11, 2012	Drayton	Dec. 2, 2011	John Vanderstoep	Bill Hoogland
May 9, 2012	Waterloo	April 4, 2012	Bill Hoogland	Tom Van Milligen
Sept. 12, 2012		August 8,2012	Tom Van Milligen	Ralph Wigboldus
Jan. 9, 2013	Listowel	Dec. 12, 2012	Ralph Wigboldus	

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CLASSIS HURON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012				
GENERAL FUND				
	2010 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2011 JAN-JUL YTD	2012 BUDGET
OPENING BALANCE	35,469.70		47,178.25	
RECEIPTS				
EXPENSE QUOTA	28,616.22	43,650.00	37,818.95	48,900.00
INTEREST	1,414.88	750.00	1,554.21	1,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,031.10	44,400.00	39,373.16	50,400.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
DELEGATES TRAVEL	2,818.25	3,250.00	1,937.35	3,500.00
CLASSICAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE	1,884.66	2,000.00	584.97	2,000.00
CHURCH VISITATION	565.50	1,000.00	218.50	1,000.00
HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE	515.00	3,500.00	2,000.00	3,500.00
EASTERN CANADA LEADERSHIP	2,000.00	-		2,000.00
SOUTHERN ONTARIO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT				
HOST CHURCH EXPENSES	3,028.37	3,500.00	2,760.61	3,500.00
SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	352.50	1,500.00	123.30	1,500.00
DELEGATES AND APPOINTEES	827.56	1,000.00	888.61	1,000.00
STATED CLERK'S EXPENSES	785.45	800.00	831.63	800.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSES	673.28	800.00	299.51	1,000.00
HONORARIUMS	6,000.00	6,800.00	3,250.00	8,000.00
YOUTH COMMITTEE	(7,130.09)	14,000.00	10,486.89	16,000.00
ABUSE RESPONSE COMMITTEE	918.97	1,000.00		1,000.00
DIACONAL CONFERENCE	739.50	1,000.00	485.00	1,000.00
MINISTER'S RETREAT	1,000.00	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,343.60	2,500.00	2,316.60	2,500.00
WEBSITE	1,000.00	1,000.00	270.34	1,100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	18,322.55	44,400.00	27,203.31	50,400.00
CLOSING BALANCE	47,178.25	-	59,348.10	-
		MINISTRY SHARE PER MEMBER		MINISTRY SHARE PER MEMBER
CLASSICAL EXPENSE		\$ 9.70		\$ 10.70
CLASSIS MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP FUND (STUDENT FUND)		\$ 9.70		\$ 9.70
HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY				
GUELPH JUL 2010 - JUN 2011		13.78		
GUELPH JUL 2011 - DEC 2011 *			1.74	
GUELPH FOR 2012			15.76	\$ 17.50
WATERLOO FOR JUL 2010 - JUN 2011 *		13.78		
WATERLOO FOR JUL 2011 - DEC 2011			1.44	
WATERLOO FOR 2012			16.41	\$ 17.85
HOME MISSIONS				
CHURCH PLANTS		\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
CREATIVE OUTREACH		\$ 0.50		\$ 0.50
TOTAL CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARES		\$ 57.46		\$ 66.25

HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY -- GUELPH CAMPUS		
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2011		
		PROPOSED
		BUDGET
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED		
	DONATIONS CARRIED FORWARD	15,225.00
	DONATIONS	10,000.00
	WINTER RETREAT FEES	
	TUMAINI - KENYA	
	CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION	22,000.00
	OTHER INCOME	
	CR HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS	8,450.00
	PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
	OTHER	
	UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	5,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	60,675.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL		
	CAMPUS MINISTER SALARY	24,675.00
	HOUSING COSTS/ALLOWANCE	10,200.00
	CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATE	12,000.00
	BENEFITS	6,000.00
	AUTO EXPENSES	250.00
MINISTRY AREA		
	EDUCATION	500.00
	HOSPITALITY	500.00
	WORSHIP	250.00
	SOCIAL JUSTICE	250.00
	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	500.00
ADMINISTRATION		
	FUNDRAISING/PARTNERSHIP	500.00
	OFFICE SERVICES	5,000.00
	GENERAL EXPENSES	50.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	60,675.00

HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY -- GUELPH CAMPUS			
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2012			
		BUDGET	BUDGET
		2010-2011	2010-2011
			BUDGET
			JAN - DEC 2012
RECEIPTS			
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED			
	GRANTS	8,000.00	1,000.00
	DONATIONS	10,000.00	35,712.32
	WINTER RETREAT FEES	5,000.00	1,950.00
	TUMAINI - KENYA	32,000.00	9,657.51
	CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION	62,000.00	70,782.05
OTHER INCOME			
CR HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS			
	PERSONNEL EXPENSES	19,500.00	18,900.00
	OTHER		150.00
	UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS	10,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	146,500.00	148,151.88
DISBURSEMENTS			
EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL			
	SALARY	49,350.00	49,350.00
	HOUSING COSTS/ALLOWANCE	20,400.00	20,400.00
	CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATE		12,000.00
	BENEFITS	11,400.00	12,357.63
	AUTO EXPENSES	1,000.00	656.41
	CONFERENCES AND TRAINING	1,500.00	1,243.94
MINISTRY AREA			
	EDUCATION	6,500.00	3,990.72
	HOSPITALITY	1,000.00	1,160.16
	WORSHIP	2,000.00	625.56
	SOCIAL JUSTICE	500.00	215.21
	TUMAINI - KENYA	32,000.00	13,181.26
	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	8,000.00	5,907.48
ADMINISTRATION			
	FUNDRAISING/PARTNERSHIP	800.00	2,083.49
	LIABILITY INSURANCE	900.00	810.00
	CRCMA & CCCC DUES	350.00	390.00
	OFFICE SERVICES	10,000.00	10,000.00
	MISCELLANEOUS	200.00	170.62
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	145,900.00	134,542.48
	CLASSIS CONFESSING MEMBERS	4400	4400
	MINISTRY SHARE PER MEMBER	14.09	15.76

HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY -- WATERLOO CAMPUS			
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2011			
			PROPOSED
			BUDGET
RECEIPTS			
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED			
	GRANTS		
	DONATIONS		7,125.00
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		16,000.00
	CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION		16,043.50
OTHER INCOME			
CR HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTION			
	PERSONNEL EXPENSES		7,975.00
	OTHER		
	UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION		5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			52,143.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL			
	SALARY		23,638.50
	PENSION & INSURANCE		7,880.00
	HOUSING COSTS/ALLOWANCE		8,500.00
	UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE		
	AUTO EXPENSES & TELEPHONE		625.00
	CONFERENCES AND TRAINING		500.00
EXPENSES FOR OTHER PERSONNEL			
ALL PROGRAM COSTS			
	ADMINISTRATION		250.00
	EDUCATION		400.00
	CARING/FELLOWSHIP		750.00
	WORSHIP SERVICES		50.00
	SOUP AND SPEAKER		3,600.00
	ANNUAL CRCMA DUES		
	PUBLICITY		250.00
	LIABILITY INSURANCE		500.00
FACILITIES & GROUNDS			
	UTILITIES		
	RENT, MAINTENANCE		200.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
	COMPUTER/SOFTWARE		
	OFFICE SERVICES		5,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			52,143.50

HURON CAMPUS MINISTRY -- WATERLOO CAMPUS				
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2012				
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
		2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012
RECEIPTS				
LOCAL FUNDS RAISED				
	GRANTS		998.24	
	DONATIONS	14,932.00	17,350.57	16,000.00
			3,000.00	
	CLASSIS CONTRIBUTION	62,000.00	72,943.60	67,275.00
OTHER INCOME				
CR HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTION				
	PERSONNEL EXPENSES	17,000.00	17,950.00	14,950.00
	OTHER	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	105,932.00	124,242.41	108,225.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL				
	SALARY	47,277.00	47,277.00	48,225.00
	PENSION & INSURANCE	14,355.00	17,172.85	16,000.00
	HOUSING COSTS/ALLOWANCE	16,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00
	UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE			
	AUTO EXPENSES & TELEPHONE	1,250.00	1,621.00	1,500.00
	CONFERENCES AND TRAINING	2,000.00	1,854.46	1,750.00
	EXPENSES FOR OTHER PERSONNEL	2,000.00	2,000.00	
ALL PROGRAM COSTS				
	ADMINISTRATION	750.00	677.68	750.00
	EDUCATION	1,000.00	991.38	1,000.00
	CARING/FELLOWSHIP	1,500.00	1,200.23	1,500.00
	WORSHIP SERVICES		9.95	100.00
	SOUP AND SPEAKER	7,200.00	6,870.77	7,200.00
	ANNUAL CRCMA DUES	250.00	100.00	250.00
	PUBLICITY	750.00	162.95	500.00
	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,000.00	810.00	1,000.00
FACILITIES & GROUNDS				
	UTILITIES			
	RENT, MAINTENANCE	600.00		400.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
	COMPUTER/SOFTWARE			
	OFFICE SERVICES	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	105,932.00	106,748.27	108,175.00
	CLASSIS CONFESSING MEMBERS	4400		4100
	MINISTRY SHARE PER MEMBER	14.09		16.41