



Agenda CLASSIS HAMILTON of the CRCNA

Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2024,
9:00 AM to no later than 4:30 PM

Hosted by First CRC, Hamilton
(181 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton, ON L8P 2C9)

Officers of Classis: Chair: William Koopmans Vice Chair: Joel Boostma Stated Clerk: Ed W. Visser	Synodical Deputies: See item 15 Huron: Rev. Sidney Couperus Niagara: Rev. M. Jeff Klingenberg Toronto: Rev. Richard E. Grift
Reporter: Maranatha CRC, York	Ballot Advisory Team: Host Church
Credentials Advisory Team: Immanuel, Hamilton Immanuel, Simcoe	Overture Advisory Team: Not needed Advice for Overture Advisory Teams

BEFORE THE MEETING: Preparations

- A. ORIENTATION:** [FOR NEW DELEGATES](#) (Includes link to the Rules of Procedure)
- B. CREDENTIALS and Due Dates:**
- Each **church** will fill in their [CREDENTIALS HERE](#), **before May 7, 2024**. The credential form has **two sections**:
 - The **first** is for entering the **names and email addresses** of those you are **delegating** to Classis.
 - The **second** is for your answers and observations to the **"Questions Under Church Order Article 41"**. (A copy of your submission will be emailed to you).
 - The **Stated Clerk will forward** the Article 41 questions and observations from the second section **to the Credentials Advisory Team**.
 - The **Credentials Advisory Team will email their report to** the Stated Clerk **by May 14, 2024**. Their report will be emailed by the Stated Clerk to all the delegates as early as with the Addendum.
- C. REQUEST:** From Hope CRC, Brantford: [See Item 15 below](#)

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| 1. Welcome & Opening Prayer | Vice Chair of Classis: Joel Bootsma |
| 2. Devotions & Sharing of Ministry | First CRC, Hamilton |
| 3. Prayer for the Host Church | Vice Chair |

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**10:00 a.m.**

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| 4. Call to Order & Instructions for the Day | Chair |
| a. Affirmation of the Covenant of Office-Bearers | |
| b. Attendance Confirmed | Stated Clerk |
| c. Classis Declared Constituted | Chair |
| 5. Approval of the Present Agenda and Addendum (not including the consent agenda) | |
| 6. Approval of the Consent Agenda | |

A consent agenda allows Classis to approve the items below together without the need for discussion or individual motions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of the delegates. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

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| a. Approve Minutes of Classis Meeting March 2, 2024 | |
| (Note: these minutes were reviewed and approved within days of the meeting by the CIC and the delegates who had attended). | |
| b. Reports received from Classis' Ministries | |
| i. Mohawk Solid Rock Spring Newsletter | from Melissa Kuipers |
| c. Denominational Ministries Reports Received | |
| i. Calvin Seminary | from Shawn Brix |
| ii. Calvin University | (on addendum) |
| iii. Redeemer University Spring Report | from David Zietsma |
| iv. COD & Ministry Board Meeting Highlights | from Zachary King |
| v. Becky's Playlist (Thrive) | From Becky Jones, Regional Connector, Canada East |
| f. See Addendum for any additional reports (considered as part of this consent agenda as noted) | |

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| 7. CIC and Stated Clerk Reports | |
| a. Classis Interim Committee Report (CIC), (on addendum) | CIC Chair: Ken Benjamins |
| b. Motion to Approve the work of the CIC | |
| c. Stated Clerk's Report, (on addendum) | Ed W. Visser |
| d. Motion to Approve the work of the SC | |

8. Classis' Ministries

- a. [Candidacy Committee](#) (No recommendations) **Cara DeHaan**
- b. **Motion** to Approve the work of the Candidacy Committee

- c. [Campus Ministry Committee](#) **Anthony Elenbaas**
 - i. **Recommendation:** That **Jody Bruulsema** be approved as a member of the Campus Ministry Committee as McMaster Faculty member.
 - ii. **Recommendation:** That **Wayne Visser** be approved for a 2nd term as Mohawk Faculty member on the CMC.
- d. **Motion** to Approve the work of the Campus Ministry Committee

- e. [Classical Home Missions Committee](#) (No recommendations) **Michael Bootsma**
- f. **Motion** to Approve the work of the Home Missions Committee

REFRESHMENT BREAK (15 minutes)**10:45 a.m.****9. Classis ad-hoc committee from Classis with Bethel CRC, Waterdown****Anthony Elenbaas**

- a. [Report including Mandate and Recommendation](#)

- b. **Recommendation:** (from the report)
That the Ad-Hoc Committee for Reconciliation at Bethel CRC, in conversation with the CIC on Classis' behalf, be empowered to facilitate Bethel's transition back to the regular Church Order provisions of Church Visitors and calling process preparations (Church Counsellor) between the Spring and Fall Classis meetings, provided that the committee has satisfied itself that Bethel's STM process has reasonably met its aims. The Ad-Hoc Committee will offer a report of progress to the October meeting of Classis.

10. Classis Church Counsellor Reports: (as available)

- a. Bethel CRC – Anthony Elenbaas
- b. Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis – Jack Kerkhof
- c. Immanuel CRC, Simcoe – Doug Nieuwstraten
- d. Maranatha CRC, York – Joel Bootsma

11. Credentials Advisory Team Report (on addendum)**LUNCH BREAK****12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

12. Adjourn for the Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS

President: Ken Benjamins

1. Establish Quorum (By-Law 5.2)
2. Proof of Notice for the Meeting (By-law 5.4)
3. **Approve** Minutes of the **Special General Meeting** of March 2, 2024

5. **Approve** the Audit **Report** on the 2023 Financial Statements (Corporations Act 96.1)
RECOMMENDED *that the audited financial statements and the Auditor's report thereon for fiscal 2023 be approved. (On Addendum)*

6. **Appoint** the **Auditor** (By-Law 5.1.c)
RECOMMENDED *that DBK Accounting Professional Corporation be re-appointed as auditor for fiscal 2024.*

7. **Closing** of Annual General membership meeting

13. Resume Meeting of Classis

14. Rev. Al Postma, Executive Director - Canada

15. **REQUEST:** From Hope CRC, Brantford: (Requires Synodical Deputy concurrence)

- a. Find the four page [Request and Background Here](#)

- b. **Motion:** *That Classis Hamilton declare that Rev. Al Postma's new position as Executive Director-Canada, is consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word as per CO Art 12c.*

- c. **Synodical Deputies' Report**

16. **Upcoming Dates for Classis** (also see the Classis Calendar)

- a. **For October 22, 2024** Meeting of Classis
 - i. **Committee Budget Requests due** **July 31, 2024 *** Budget <---**
 - ii. **Agenda material Due** **Sep 10, 2024**
 - iii. **Credentials Due** **Oct 01, 2024**
 - iv. **Addendum Material Due** **Oct 08, 2024**
 - v. **Classis Meets** **Oct 22, 2024, Hosted by Hope CRC, Brantford**

17. Adjournment

- a. **Closing Remarks & Prayer** **Chair**

- b. **Adjournment Declared** **Chair**