



ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA
CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
OCTOBER 16, 2018

MEETING COMMENCES AT 9:00 AM AT CALVARY CRC, FLAMBOROUGH

The section included in this Addendum on the next two pages is intended to help delegates better understand the procedures at Classis Hamilton meetings as well as the obligations of each delegate. Please read those pages carefully and if you can suggest additional items for inclusion, please, send them to the stated clerk who will gladly include them in future editions.

For first time delegates (and as refresher for others) the Agenda itself can be found at the following link: http://www.classishamilton.ca/files/ClassisHamilton/agenda_october_2018.pdf. Please note that Eric Groot-Nibbelink from Classis Chatham replaced Herman Praamsma from Classis Toronto as synodical deputy for this meeting.

The Credentials Committee report can be found at page 9.

Additional budget 2019 information can be found at page 13.

The Advisory Committee report regarding the Faith CRC job description approval under Church Order, Article 23-a can be found at page 10.

Updated nominations for functionaries, delegates and committee members can be found at page 18.

May the Lord be with you as you prayerfully prepare for classis.

PLEASE NOTE: Printed copies of the Agenda and this Addendum will NOT be available at the meeting. Please bring your own printed or electronic copies.

Thank you,

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ORIENTATION FOR DELEGATES

Introduction:

Classis consists of three delegates from each member congregation – a pastor, an elder and a deacon. First-time delegates are asked to sign the *Covenant for Officebearers* at the registration desk. *Delegate Credentials* are processed by the church council and are to be submitted by the Council, to the Stated Clerk via email prior to the classis meeting by your council clerk.

Duration of Classis Meetings

- The meetings normally are held on Tuesdays. Start time is determined based on the length/needs of the agenda.

Classis Agenda:

- The Classis Agenda will, ordinarily, be in the hands of church councils eight weeks prior to the actual meeting date of classis. This is done to allow each church council to review the agenda prior to sending delegates.
- Delegates are to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the classis agenda. The assumption is that the agenda has been discussed at the delegates' local council meetings.

Executive of Classis

- The Executive consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair and the Stated Clerk. A Reporter is also appointed for each meeting and serves as the Vice-Chair at the next subsequent meeting.
- The chair is elected by classis in its October meeting to serve during the following calendar year. The vice-chair is appointed by rotation and the stated clerk is elected annually at the May classis meeting.

What May I Expect to Happen at Any One Classis Meeting?

- First time delegates are to sign the Covenant for Officebearers.
- The Classis Agenda will, ordinarily, be in the hands of church councils eight weeks prior to the actual meeting date of classis, and so delegates should have it at that time as well.
- Delegates may be requested to serve in the following capacities:
 - **Prayer:** for the ministries of classis, concerns of classis and/or for individuals.
 - **Committee work:**
 - Delegates in teams of two churches may be asked to serve on one of its advisory committees, Credentials, Ad hoc (as determined by previous Classis or Classis Interim Committee) or Overtures & Appeals. They are expected to submit their recommendations at least three weeks prior to the classis meeting.
- Though there is a degree of flexibility (especially where there is silence on a matter), classis abides by its own Rules of Procedure together with the rules of the CRCNA Church Order in conducting its meetings. The Church Order is determined by Synod and is held in covenant by all CR churches. The classis Rules of Procedure are at:
http://www.classishamilton.ca/files/ClassisHamilton/rop_issue_2017_2.pdf

What Are Classis' Expectations of Me?

- Be on time for all sessions of classis.
- Delegates are expected to review the agenda with their council, sharing the thoughts of their council on any particular agenda item. Delegates are not obligated to vote according to their council's wishes. Classis is a deliberative body and the freedom needs to remain for delegates to vote on the basis of the best information or perspective presented at classis. (*Church Order*, Article 34; & *Manual of CRC Government*, Article 34, Commentary #'s 1 – 4.)

- If you do not understand the procedure, or it is not clear what is being discussed, or you are uncertain of the implications of a decision, ***please ask***. It is important that all delegates deliberate and vote with good awareness of what is going on. Classis would rather take a moment to ensure that, also for the meaningfulness of your time there, than try ‘rush’ through the agenda.
- You are expected to remain at classis until the meeting is formally adjourned. If there is an urgent need to leave, or if you will be replaced at some point by an alternate, you are to seek the permission of the chair who will seek the consent of the assembly.
- Be aware that classis is a deliberative body and may make decisions from time to time that you do not necessarily agree with.
- Strong objection to a decision of classis may be voiced by stating your objection. If you wish to have your objection recorded, you will need to submit a written statement (within 24 hours) indicating your objection and reason(s) why.
- Delegates should report to their councils the decisions made at the classis meeting.

What do the Acronyms Used at Classis Mean?

It is always a challenge for persons coming to a meeting of an organization to understand the shortcut language often used. Part of that shortcut language is using acronyms. Here follows a list of more common ones often included in reports or heard at classis meetings.

- ARC – Audit Review Committee of Classis Hamilton
- CHCC – Classis Hamilton Candidacy Committee
- CHCMC – Classis Hamilton Campus Ministries Committee
- CHHMC – Classis Hamilton Home Missions Committee
- CHSCT – Classis Hamilton Safe Church Team
- CHYMT – Classis Hamilton Youth Ministry Team
- CIC – Classis Interim Committee (also serves as the corporation’s Board of Directors)
- CMT – Classis Ministry Team
- CRCNA – Christian Reformed Church in North America
- DMC – Diaconal Ministries Canada
- EPMC – Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidates
- RCA – Reformed Church in America
- RoP – Rules of Procedure of Classis Hamilton

THE PURPOSE OF CLASSIS ACCORDING TO CRCNA CHURCH ORDER

The purpose of classis cannot be clearly and easily stated. However, there are several aspects of classis and the classical structure that help to clarify the purpose of classis.

I. Definition of Classis

A classis shall consist of a group of neighboring churches. The organizing of a new classis and the redistricting of classes require the approval of synod. (Church Order, Articles 26 & 39)

“Article 39 defines the classical assembly as a group of neighboring churches. Each organized church belongs to a classis.” (*Manual of Christian Reformed Church Government (MCRCG) 2017, Commentary, Items 1. & 2., p. 170*)

“The classis is the official assembly of a group of neighboring (broadly defined) congregations. It consists of three official delegates (a minister, an elder, and a deacon) from each congregation and ordinarily meets every four months (see Church Order Art. 39 and 40). However, there are a number of classes that now meet two times per year rather than the three stipulated in the Church Order. (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 1. b. p. 107).

II. Authority of Classis

Classis is a major assembly established with the authority of Christ given to the church to exercise that authority over the councils of the local churches.

“Each assembly exercises, in keeping with its own character and domain, the ecclesiastical authority entrusted to the church by Christ; the authority of councils being original, that of major assemblies being delegated.” (Church Order, Article 27-a)

“The essential authority of the church is to make the church what God calls it to be. Christ rules his church by his Word and Spirit. Each member, each special office, and each assembly is called upon to build up the body of Christ to fully represent him and do his work so that in all things his purposes may be accomplished in and through his church. Every member, officebearer, and assembly exercises this authority committed to the church by Christ.” (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Items 1. a.-b., p. 109)

“The classis has the same authority over the council as the synod has over the classis.” (Church Order, Article 27-b)

“In matters that are properly the province of a major assembly, the Church Order declares that the major assemblies have authority over the minor assemblies—the classis has authority over the council...” (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Items 2-b., paragraph 3, p. 110)

III. Delegation

The authority of classis is a delegated authority.

“Each assembly exercises, in keeping with its own character and domain, the ecclesiastical authority entrusted to the church by Christ; the authority of councils being original, that of major assemblies being delegated.” (Church Order, Article 27-a)

“The major assemblies are duly constituted assemblies of the churches and consist of delegates authorized to ‘take part in all deliberations and transactions of the assembly and transacted in agreement with the Word of God and according to the conception of it embodied in the doctrinal standards of the Christian Reformed Church, as well as in harmony with the Church Order’” (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 2- b., paragraph 2, p. 110)

“The classis is the official assembly of a group of neighboring (broadly defined) congregations. It consists of three official delegates (a minister, an elder, and a deacon) from each congregation and ordinarily meets every four months (see Church Order Art. 39 and 40). ... (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 1. b. p. 107) “The point of Article 34 is that the major assemblies are representative of the congregations constituting the minor assemblies. It needs to be emphasized that the meetings of classes are meetings of churches and not meetings of ministers, elders, and deacons. The churches send delegates but the classis meeting remains a meeting of member congregations. ...Neither classes nor synod are “representative assemblies” like a legislature. Rather ...the assemblies of the church are “deliberative assemblies” in which the delegates that constitute the assembly are free to discuss and deliberate together for the wellbeing of the whole church

represented in that assembly. This representation binds the church together. Each member church of a classis, and each member classis in the denomination, must be fully aware of the fact that it has opportunity by way of overture, communication, or appeal, and also through representatives, to make its contribution to every decision adopted by a broader assembly. (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 1., paragraph 3, p. 148)

IV. Unity of the church

“To express and maintain the broader unity of the church and to reach out beyond the local boundaries, councils (minor assemblies) unite in broader (major) assemblies called ‘classes’.” (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 2. b., paragraph 1, p. 110)

“The advantages to three meetings a year that should not be given up except for good cause are:

- 1) the opportunity to respond to the agenda of synod,
- 2) more frequent contact among the churches,
- 3) closer supervision of the work of classis,
- 4) the distribution of the burden of the work over three meetings instead of two.” (Acts of Synod, 1985, p. 725)

“The point of Article 34 is that the major assemblies are representative of the congregations constituting the minor assemblies. ...*This representation binds the church together.* ... (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 1., paragraph 3, p. 148)

V. Matters of Concern

There are certain matters which are proper for classis to undertake and others with which classis should not concern itself.

“Article 28: Matters Legally Before Assemblies

- a. These assemblies shall transact ecclesiastical matters only, and shall deal with them in an ecclesiastical manner.
- b. A major assembly shall deal only with those matters which concern its churches in common or which could not be finished in the minor assemblies.” (Church Order, Article 28 a-b)

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- a. Matters of common concern
Projects and programs that can be carried on by the minor assemblies should be done by these assemblies and not by the major assemblies. A council should not ask classis to do work the council is capable of doing... However, church councils may refer to classis any matter that concerns all the churches of classis in common.” (MCRCG 2017, Commentary, Item 1., paragraph 3, p. 111-112)

Those matters of concern include the following:

- 1) Business matters that impinge upon all churches, e.g. examination of candidates for ministry. (Church Order, Articles 10, 23, 43, 82-84)
- 2) Accountability of the churches
 - i. Church Visitors (Church Order, Article 2)
 - ii. Discipline (Church Order, Article 82-84)

- 3) Provide advice to the churches—through Church Visitors (Church Order, Article 42)
- 4) Evangelism & Ministry of Mercy (Church Order, Article 75 a-b)
 - i. Assist local churches
 - ii. Perform evangelistic work through a classical home mission committee when that work is beyond the scope and resources of the local churches.
 - iii. Perform mercy ministries through a classical diaconal committee when that work is beyond the scope and resources of the local churches.
- 6) Provide financial assistance to those preparing for ministry by granting financial aid administered through a Student Fund Committee. (Church Order, Article 21)

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1. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Church	First Name	Last Name	Title
Ancaster CRC	Rita	Klein-Geltink	Pastor Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Fred	Hagen	Elder Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Jennifer	Kikkert	Deacon Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Everett	Vander Horst	Pastor Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Jeanette	Lodewyks	Elder Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Marcia	Hosmar	Deacon Delegate
Hope	William	Koopmans	Pastor Delegate
Hope	David	Guichelaar	Elder Alternate
Hope	Ben	Schrik	Deacon Delegate
Hope	Ryan	Haan	Elder Alternate
New Street	Joel	Bootsma	Pastor Delegate
New Street	Geoff	Weinstein	Elder Delegate
New Street	Ingrid	Dykstra	Deacon Delegate
New Street	Rosanne	van der Woerd	Elder Alternate
Faith	Henry	Hess	Elder Delegate
Faith	Fred	Breukelman	Elder Delegate
Faith	Nick	Janssens	Deacon Delegate
Calvin	Ken	Benamins	Pastor Delegate
Calvin	John	Brouwer	Elder Delegate
Calvin	Nathan	DeHaan	Deacon Delegate
Calvin	Ken	Tigchelaar	Elder Alternate
Calvary	Gareth	Harker	Pastor Delegate
Calvary	Jan	VanderHout	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Bill	Dam	Deacon Delegate
Calvary	Adam	VanBerkel	Elder Alternate
Hagersville Community	Jeff	Klingenberg	Pastor Delegate
Hagersville Community	Jake	Elgersma	Elder Delegate
Hagersville Community	Brian	Paterson	Deacon Delegate
Hagersville Community	Grace	Strobosser	Elder Alternate
First Hamilton	Chris	Schoon	Pastor Delegate
First Hamilton	Jules	de Jager	Elder Delegate
First Hamilton	Jan	Disselkoen	Deacon Delegate
First Hamilton	Hayden	Regeling	Alternate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Anthony	Elenbaas	Pastor Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Martin	Joldersma	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Sharon	Van Dokkemburg	Deacon Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Gerry	Gysbers	Elder Alternate
New Hope	Greg	Sinclair	Emerging Church
New Hope	Ginelle	Bucher	Emerging Church
Mt. Hope Community	Roelof	Peereboom	Pastor Delegate
Mt. Hope Community	Mark	Demik	Elder Delegate
Mt. Hope Community	Greg	Schuurman	Elder Alternate
Ebenezer	Wim	de Vries	Pastor Delegate
Ebenezer	Ray	Vandermolen	Elder Delegate
Ebenezer	Keith	Miedema	Deacon Delegate
Ebenezer	Alfred	Breukelman	Deacon Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Jeff	Vandermeer	Pator Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Mark	Vandervliet	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Bob	VanWingerden	Deacon Delegate
Bethel	Margaret	DeWeerd Vanderboor	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Steve	Van Hoffen	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Pauline	VanderVelde	Deacon Delegate
Maranatha	Frank	Riewald	Elder Delegate
Maranatha	Andy	Miedema	Deacon Delegate

2. *CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT*

Faith CRC, Burlington asked classis to discuss the following question:

“What can we learn about staff teams and how members of these teams can function best together?”

Credentials Committee’s Advice

MOTION: That Faith CRC approach churches who currently have a staff and seek their input. It would also be good to reach out to the Canadian offices of the Denomination to see what their network connections can be of help. Finally, if a group discussion is being sought, it should be referred to the CMT to plan a Classis discussion.

3. *ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT*

- Faith CRC, Burlington requested the approval of its job description for the Pastor of Missional Growth as fitting the guidelines for a commissioned pastor adopted by Synod 2001.
- Faith CRC, Burlington has further requested that the examination of Mike Collins be waived based on his previous service as a commissioned pastor with Providence CRC, Beamsville, for which position he was examined by Classis Niagara.

Advisory Committee Report

The members of the Advisory Committee for Classis Hamilton met on Tuesday, October 2nd to discuss the matters raised by Faith Christian Reformed Church – Burlington concerning their desire to have Classis Hamilton approve the position of commissioned pastor as well as ask Classis Hamilton to waive candidate Mike Collins' examination.

The Advisory Committee recommends:

1. That Classis Hamilton **approve** the job title of "Pastor of Missional Growth" and its accompanying job description as fitting the guidelines adopted by Synod 2001.
2. That Classis Hamilton **approve** the request of Faith CRC – Burlington to waive candidate Mike Collins' examination with two provisions:
 - i. That time be granted on the floor of the October 16, 2018 meeting of Classis Hamilton for the delegates of Faith CRC and candidate Mike Collins to answer questions from other delegates concerning the hope of Faith CRC's ministry context.
 - ii. That candidate Mike Collins meet quarterly with the current, assigned church counselor to Faith CRC – Burlington for the duration of his one-year contract or until such time as Faith CRC is no longer vacant. Such a meeting would be for the purpose of ministry support and encouragement.

FOUNDATIONS

- a. Mike has been trained and is ordained as an Evangelist in the Christian Reformed Church of North America.
- b. Mike has a proven ability to function in the ministry to which he is being called. He has served in Classis Niagara as an assistant pastor at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby (2003-2005), pastor-church planter at The Village in Thorold (2007-2016) and community pastor at Providence CRC in Lincoln (2016-2018).
- c. Since Mike has successfully sustained an examination for the position of commissioned pastor, Classis Niagara has waived further examination when taking a new position elsewhere in the classis (see Classis Niagara Meeting Minutes – February 26-27, 2016).

Rev. Wim de Vries, Reporter

SEE FURTHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION RECEIVED BELOW.

October 2, 2018

Classis Hamilton
Clerk: Dick Kranendonk

This letter is to confirm that Pastor Michael Collins served at Providence Christian Reformed Church in Beamsville, on a 2 year contract from August 2016 to October 2018.

He served well and with integrity. His presence and ministry here did advance our stated objections of “growing a warmer incubator for new Christians within Providence Church” and to “grow connection and credibility in our wider community through the conducting and implementing of the Community Opportunity Scan and its conclusions.”

Veronica Dam
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September 18, 2018

Classis Hamilton of the Christian Reformed Church

Attn: Dick Kranendonk, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Kranendonk,

On behalf of Classis Niagara we are sending this letter to recommend that Classis Hamilton accept the Ministerial Credentials of Commissioned Pastor, Mike Collins.

Mike served within Classis Niagara as a church planter with the Village Church in Thorold for many years. After eight years of serving at the Village Church, Mike followed God's call and accepted a two-year contract with Providence CRC in Beamsville, Ontario. Mike served at Providence with the express purpose of helping that congregation develop intentional strategies to become more missional. His term is finished there and the work he has done has been fruitful and well received. It is Mike's passion to serve various congregations within the CRC in a similar capacity and we trust he will bring his many gifts and desire to help churches grow to bear within Classis Hamilton as well.

We commend Mike and his wife, Donna, to Classis Hamilton without reservations.

On behalf of Classis Niagara,

Pastor Mike Vandyk

Chairperson of Classis Niagara

cc: Ms Dee Recker, CRCNA

4. BUDGET UPDATE REPORT

A decision was made at the May meeting of Classis Hamilton to make the Youth Ministry Champion a paid position, provided this decision would cause no problems under the *Employment Standards Act* of Ontario. Since the CIC received a legal opinion that the ESA would not apply to this position, a contract was extended to John Bijl effective October 1, 2018. Consequently, the budget and classical ministry share amount for 2019 was amended as found in the information below.

CLASSIS HAMILTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

	2019 Budget	2018 Budget	2018 (Thru July) Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
Classis Expense Fund					
Receipts:					
Bank Interest	1,500.00	1,500.00	706.93	1,500.00	1,126.87
Classis Ministry Shares	38,525.00	30,750.00	14,556.81	39,596.00	39,671.90
	40,025.00	32,250.00	15,263.74	41,096.00	40,798.77
Disbursements:					
Delegates and Meals	3,000.00	2,500.00	1,353.06	2,500.00	1,982.14
Office Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	122.77	2,000.00	1,814.30
Conferences	2,450.00	700.00	850.00	700.00	955.00
Mileage	2,000.00	2,500.00	512.05	2,500.00	1,403.70
Honoraria- Stated Clerk	7,175.00	7,000.00	2,426.65	5,304.00	5,304.00
Honoraria-Bookkeeper	6,150.00	6,000.00	2,080.00	5,202.00	5,202.00
CPP & EI Expense	1,000.00	1,100.00	149.92	1,500.00	308.66
Classical Ministry Director	-	-	-	12,240.00	6,541.68
Pastor's Retreat	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Safe Church Team	1,500.00	500.00	-	1,500.00	18.71
Prayer Co-ordinator **	-	500.00	-	500.00	-
Professional Fees (Accounting)	5,000.00	4,800.00	4,833.21	4,800.00	4,677.30
Professional Fees (Legal)	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	200.00	3,499.87
The Bridge App	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	-	-
Technology	400.00	400.00	259.85	400.00	259.85
Insurance	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,663.20	1,750.00	1,566.63
	40,025.00	37,350.00	19,350.71	42,096.00	33,533.84
Surplus/(Shortage)	-	(5,100.00)	(4,086.97)	(1,000.00)	7,264.93

CLASSIS HAMILTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

	2019 Budget	2018 Budget	2018 (Thru July) Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
McMaster Campus Ministry					
Receipts:					
Classis Ministry Shares	115,417.00	110,066.00	52,087.44	110,085.00	110,253.64
CR Home Mission Grant	8,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
Emerging Leadership Grant	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Other Grants	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Conference Fees/Other	4,000.00	6,500.00	89.10	2,500.00	868.00
Donations	2,000.00	4,000.00	1,816.05	4,000.00	1,821.70
	132,417.00	131,566.00	58,992.59	127,585.00	121,943.34
Disbursements:					
Salary	91,447.00	89,216.00	53,082.43	87,210.00	112,426.00
Transportation	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,149.69	4,500.00	4,113.37
Books	500.00	300.00	172.98	300.00	544.52
CPP and EI	4,300.00	4,300.00	3,819.42	4,100.00	5,442.89
Honararium	100.00	100.00		100.00	
Pension Fund	6,670.00	6,500.00	3,250.00	6,325.00	6,325.00
Life and Medical	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,382.82	2,500.00	2,213.27
Office Supplies	250.00	350.00	262.08	250.00	378.60
Shared Cost -Office	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,472.32
Lecturers,Conf,Retreats	5,000.00	6,500.00	2,065.25	5,000.00	945.27
Assist to Chaplain	5,500.00	5,500.00	2,750.02	5,500.00	5,500.06
Advertising	400.00	400.00	128.00	400.00	128.00
Meals & Hospitality	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,759.13	4,500.00	4,195.15
Technology	300.00	450.00		450.00	38.88
Emerging Leader Program	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Abraham Kuyper Series	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Extra Length Grant	200.00	200.00		200.00	
	132,417.00	131,566.00	72,071.82	127,585.00	143,723.33
Surplus/(Shortage)	-	-	(13,079.23)	-	(21,779.99)

**Classis Hamilton
Christian Reformed Church
Ministry Shares for 2019**

CLASSIS MINISTRY SHARES

Denominational Shares:

	2019	2018
<u><i>To be sent to Burlington:</i></u>		
Back to God	44.41	44.41
Calvin College	3.70	4.40
Calvin Theological Seminary	36.27	36.27
Congregational Services Ministries	82.44	75.44
Synodical Administrative Services	39.19	39.19
Resonate Global Mission	108.52	108.52
Special Assistance Fund	3.73	3.73
	318.26	311.96
<u><i>To be sent to Redeemer:</i></u>		
Redeemer University College	69.57	67.05
Total Denom. Ministry Shares	387.83	379.01

Classical Ministry Shares:

	2019	2019 Budget	2018
<u><i>To be sent to Classical Treasurer:</i></u>			
Classis Expense Fund	11.00	38,525.00	8.44
McMaster Campus Ministry	32.96	115,417.00	30.20
Classical Candidacy Committee	8.57	30,000.00	16.47
Home Missions Committee	9.28	32,500.00	6.17
Shalom Manor Chaplaincy	6.14	21,490.00	8.85
Youth Ministry	4.83	16,911.00	3.92
Total Classical Ministry Shares	72.77	254,843.00	74.05

Church Membership

	2019	2018
Ancaster	388	-21 409
Ancaster, Fellowship	248	-12 260
Brantford, Hope	384	12 372
Burlington	210	-1 211
Burlington, Faith	294	-34 328
Dundas, Calvin	184	-9 193
Flamborough, Calvary	220	-19 239
Hagersville, Community	136	3 133
Hamilton, First	235	8 227
Hamilton, Immanuel	305	-6 311
Hamilton, Mount Hope	102	-10 112
Hamilton, New Hope**	15	0 15
Jarvis, Ebenezer	221	6 215
Simcoe, Immanuel	125	-10 135
Waterdown, Bethel	175	-38 213
York, Maranatha	260	-11 271
TOTALS	3502	-142 3644

**same number as last year as they have no members listed in yearbook

**CLASSIS HAMILTON MINISTRY SHARES
2019**

	Amount			Share			
	2019 Budget	% of Total	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2018 Budget	2018/19 \$ Incr/(Decr)	2018/19 % Incr/Decr
Number of Members	3,502		3,644			(142)	-3.90%
Classis Expense Fund	38,525.00	15.1%	30,750.00	11.00	8.44	2.56	30.36%
McMaster Campus Ministry	115,417.00	45.3%	110,066.00	32.96	30.20	2.75	9.11%
Classical Candidacy Committee	30,000.00	11.8%	60,000.00	8.57	16.47	(7.90)	-47.97%
Home Missions Committee	32,500.00	12.8%	22,500.00	9.28	6.17	3.11	50.30%
Shalom Manor Chaplaincy	21,490.00	8.4%	32,235.00	6.14	8.85	(2.71)	-30.63%
Youth Ministry	16,911.00	6.6%	14,300.00	4.83	3.92	0.90	23.05%
	<u>\$ 254,843.00</u>	100.0%	<u>\$ 269,851.00</u>			-	
	72.77		74.05	72.77	74.05	(1.28)	-1.73%

5. NOMINATIONS UPDATED REPORT

Nominations Update:

McMASTER MOHAWK CAMPUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Brian vanOosten and his wife Jennifer and their two kids (6 & 7) live on the Hamilton West Mountain near Mohawk College. For work, Brian leads a team of software developers building information systems for the healthcare industry. In his free time, Brian enjoys backwoods camping, mowing lawns in his neighbourhood, serving his neighbourhood church (First Hamilton Christian Reformed Church), cycling, and is learning to play the organ.

CHURCH VISITORS, TEAM B

Ken Benjamins – Ken is pastor at Calvin CRC, Dundas and has served as Church Visitor in the past. His term as member of the CIC and CMT will end in May 2018 so he is willing to take on this appointment.

NOMINEE FOR COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

William Koopmans – William is the pastor at Hope CRC, Brantford and has previously served the denomination as president of synod and in a number of other capacities. He meets all the current nomination requirements, including being a pastor.

CANDIDACY COMMITTEE

Hayden Regeling – Hayden is the newly installed pastor at First Hamilton CRC. He is married to Tracey and they recently welcomed their first child.

NOMINEE FOR CALVIN COLLEGE

Willemina Zwart – The representative from Region #4 will have completed her first term in June 2019. If there are no objections, Wilhelmina will be appointed for a second term by Synod 2019.