



Agenda for a Meeting of
 Classis Hamilton of the Christian Reformed Church
 October 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hosted by Grace Community CRC
 (a.k.a. **Ancaster CRC**)
 70 Garner Rd. E, Ancaster, ON

Officers of Classis: Chair: Rev. Michael Bootsma Vice Chair: Rev. Joel Bootsma Meeting Clerk: Hayden Regeling	Synodical Deputies: Rev. M. Jeff Klingenberg (Niagara) Rev. Gary van Leeuwen (Huron) Rev. Sam Cooper (Toronto)
Reporter: First Hamilton	Balloting: Grace Community CRC, Ancaster
Credentials Committee: Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis Faith CRC, Burlington	Advisory Committee: Calvary CRC, Flamborough Calvin CRC, Dundas
Study Committee: Calvary CRC, Flamborough Immanuel CRC, Simcoe	

CREDENTIALS:

1. Each [church's credentials](#) shall be returned to clerk@classishamilton.ca no later than *October 11, 2022* with CC: (copy) emailed to that church's delegates. Please note that there are additional questions on the credentials. Please fill them in where desired.
2. The credential questions and observations will be forwarded to the Credentials Committee so that they will be able to advise Classis.

SPECIAL Note: It is anticipated that those delegated to Classis are willing & able to acknowledge acceptance of the Covenant of Office-Bearers at the Classical Level. Should there be any who are unwilling & unable to do so they should address their concerns at the local Congregational level and they should not be delegated to Classis at this time.

Advisory Committee:

The Advisory Committee will email their report to clerk@classishamilton.ca by *October 11, 2022* for distribution to the delegates of Classis as required. This report will be included in the Classis Addendum.

GROWING AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Devotions & Sharing of Ministry
3. Prayer for the Host Church

9:00 a.m.
Rev. Gareth Harker
Grace Community CRC
Vice Chair: Joel Bootsma

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

4. Call to Order & Instructions for the Day
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Covenant of Office-Bearers
 - c. Approval of the Agenda
5. Consent Agenda

10:00 a.m.
Chair: Rev. Michael Bootsma
Meeting Clerk: Rev. Hayden Regeling
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A consent agenda allows Classis to approve the items below together without 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.

- a. Classis Meeting Minutes: [05-31-22](#)
- b. Classis Interim Committee (CIC) Minutes: [06-02-22](#) & [09-15-22](#)
- c. Approval for Rev. Everett Vander Horst to serve on Church Visiting Team A
- d. Denominational Correspondence Received for Information
(see Addendum for additional reports)
 - i. [Bible League Canada](#)
 - ii. [Calvin Theological Seminary](#)
 - iii. [Canadian Ministries](#)
 - iv. [Diaconal Ministries Canada](#)
 - v. [Redeemer University](#)

6. Classical Interim Committee & Stated Clerk Report
a. Approval of Rev. Ed Visser as our Stated Clerk
Chair: Rev. Ken Benjamins
7. Presentation and Approval of the 2023 Classis Hamilton Ministry Budget
a. [Classis Hamilton Budget for 2023](#)
b. [Classical Ministry Shares for 2023](#)
c. [Classical Ministry Shares by Fund for 2023](#)
Ken Tigchelaar
8. Youth Champion Position Review
a. The Study Committee appointed to complete this review share that they will be bringing their report to Classis during our meeting in February.
Study Committee
9. Church Visitors Report
 - a. Visiting Team A: Peter Bulthuis, Rev. Ralph Koops, & Everett Vander Horst*
 - b. Visiting Team B: Jerry Bulthuis, Rev. Michael Bootsma, & Rev. Ken Benjamins

10. Credentials Committee Report Ebenezer & Faith CRC
11. Classical Counselor Reports:
- a. Hagersville Community CRC – Rev. Ben Ponsen
 - b. Bethel CRC – No request for a counsellor yet.
 - c. New Street CRC – Rev. Cara DeHaan
 - d. First Hamilton CRC – Rev. Anthony Elenbaas
 - e. Ebenezer CRC – Request is in Motion.
- REFRESHMENT BREAK** **10:45 a.m.**
- MINISTRY SESSION** **11:00 a.m.**
12. Classis Ministry Team (CMT)
- a. CMT Report
 - b. Youth Champion’s Report
 - c. Candidacy Committee
 - d. Campus Ministry (Oral Report at May meeting)
 - i. McMaster & Mohawk
 - e. Home Missions
13. South Coast Beach Project (12 Minutes) **Rev. Willemina Zwart**
- LUNCH BREAK** **12:15 p.m.**
- DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS SESSION** **1:00 p.m.**
14. Rev. Al Postma & his role as the Transitional Executive Director **Advisory Committee**
- a. Rev. Al Postma’s role with the denomination has changed, he is now the Transitional Executive Directory for Canadian Ministries. With that change Classis Hamilton needs to approve that this new role is consistent with the calling of a Minister of the Word according Article 12-c of the Church Order.
 - b. Materials for Consideration:
 - i. [Letter from Hope CRC](#) regarding Rev. Al Postma
 - ii. [Position Description](#) – Transitional Executive Director
15. Canada Wide Conversation (12 Minutes)
- a. Representing Classis Hamilton at the September 24 Meeting:
 - i. Nick Kinkel, Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis
 - ii. Mark Vandervleit, Immanuel CRC, Simcoe
 - iii. Rev. Everett Vander Horst, Meadowlands CRC, Ancaster
 - iv. Rev. Anthony Elenbaas, Immanuel CRC, Hamilton
16. Council Of Delegates Report (12 Minutes) **Rev. William Koopmans**
17. [Canadian National Gathering’s](#) Request for Delegates
18. Ministry Session

- a. [World Renew](#) (12 Minutes)
- b. [Calvin University](#) (12 Minutes)
- c. Abuse of Power (75 Minutes)

Peter Bulthuis
Rev. Shawn Brix
Gina Taylor

19. Adjournment

- a. Upcoming Classis Meetings
 - i. February 28, 2023 @ Bethel CRC, Waterdown
 - 1. Agenda Items Submitted to clerk@classishamilton.ca by January 17, 2023
 - ii. May 30, 2023 @ Calvary CRC, Flamborough
- b. Closing Prayer
- c. Dismissal