



ADDENDUM

To the Agenda of Classis Hamilton of the CRCNA
Meeting February 28, 2023
 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hosted by Bethel CRC, Waterdown
 (616 Dundas Street E, Waterdown, ON)
[\(Agenda\)](#)

1. **Delegates and Alternates** (if you've missed this, [fill in the form here](#) before Classis meets)

Congregation	Deacon	Elder	Minister
Bethel CRC, Waterdown			
Calvary CRC, Flamborough		Ben Vandermeulen	Gareth Harker
Calvin CRC, Dundas	Don Koning	Sid Boonstra	Ken Benjamins
Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis	Kevin DeBoer alt. Dave Eigenbrood	Ron Haverkamp alt. Ralph VanBenthem	Jack Kerkhof
Faith CRC, Burlington	John Pham alt. James Walraven	John Wesselson alt. Matthew Valkenburg	Cara Dehaan alt. Matthew Valkenburg
First CRC, Hamilton			
Grace Community CRC, Ancaster		Jason Taekema	Siebert VanHouten
Hagersville Community CRC			
Hope CRC, Brantford	Gary Dykgraaf alt. Dave Eelkema	Herb Grootenboer alt. Mike Bekendam	Doug Nieuwstraten
Immanuel CRC, Hamilton	Mike Bax	Steve McKnight	Michael Bootsma
Immanuel CRC, Simcoe		Mark Vandervliet	Jeff Vandermeer
Maranatha CRC, York	Mark Millard	Frank Riewald	Ben Ponsen
Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster		Judy Cook alt. Jolene Veenstra	Everett Vander Horst
Mount Hope Community CRC	Alex Demik	Len Moelker	Joel Bootsma
New Hope Church, Hamilton (emerging church)			Steve Dykstra
New Street CRC, Burlington			

2. Classis' Advisory Team Reports

a. [Overture Advisory Team Report](#) (Regarding [adopting the Belhar](#) as a fourth Confession)

b. Credentials Advisory Team Report

i. Responses Submitted by the churches regarding "Questions Under Church Order Article 41"

(1) **In what aspect of your ministry would you like the assistance of classis?**

From New Hope Church (emerging church),

New Hope has a unique ministry to urban poor living in the East End of Hamilton. Last year, we piloted an initiative to welcome members from other churches to join us in ministry. The intent is to have churches come around and support our congregation, but also offer some teaching and inspiration for Christians looking to develop ministries that engage the poor in their communities. We have the support, and some funds, from Resonate in order to make this happen. I would be eager for the opportunity to share about this opportunity again (as I had back in May 2022)... Steve Dykstra.

(2) **What aspect of ministry would you like to discuss at classis?**

From Calvin CRC, Dundas,

The council of Calvin Dundas CRC requests that classis review its budgeting process and requirements to ensure that classical financial commitments remain realistic in the light of the declining membership base of classis Hamilton. Council recognizes that this may involve some difficult decisions. Council therefore urges classis to begin this process sooner rather than later.

ii. **Final report will be submitted at or before the meeting of Classis.**

3. Ministry Reports from Classis Hamilton

a. [Annual Church Visit Summary Reports 2021-2022](#)

b. [Campus Ministry Committee Report to February 2023 Classis](#)

Anthony Elenbaas

c. [Youth Champion Report](#)

John Bijl

d. Chaplains' Reports

i. [McMaster](#)

Michael D. Fallon

ii. [Mohawk Solid Rock Newsletter](#)

Melissa Kuipers

e. [Church Counsellor](#), Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis

Jack Kerkhof

4. Denomination Reports

a. [Canada Conversation January 28, 2023](#)

b. [World Renew Press Release January 23, 2023](#)

Peter Bulthuis

5. Selection of Delegates for Synod 2023

a. Availability of **Ministers** for Delegation to Synod 2023 (of those who responded)

	Minister	Served Before	Years when Delegated	Available	Willing to be Delegated	Desire to be Delegated
1	Cara DeHaan	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Ken Benjamins	Yes	2022, 2017, 2014, 2012, 2008, 2003, 1995	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Steve Dykstra	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Michael Bootsma	Yes	2011, 1998	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Hayden Regeling	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
6	William Koopmans	Yes	2019, 2013, 2009, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1996, 1995,1992	Yes	Yes	Yes

7	Joel Bootsma	Yes	2018	Yes	Yes	No
8	Ben Ponsen	Yes	last year was 2013	Yes	Yes	No

9	Anthony Elenbaas	Yes	2022, 2018	Yes	No	No
10	Jeff Vandermeer	No		Yes	No	No

11	Femke Visser-Elenbaas	No		No	No	No
12	Everett Vander Horst	Yes	2004	No	No	No

b. Nominations for **Elder** and **Deacons** for Delegation to Synod 2023

Church	Elder	Deacon	Elder or Deacon
Meadowlands Fellowship, Ancaster	Peter Bulthuis		
Hope, Brantford	Herb Grootenboer		