



Agenda
CLASSIS HAMILTON
of the CRCNA

May 30, 2023, 9:00 AM to no later than 4:30 PM

Hosted by Calvary CRC, Flamborough
(265 Middletown Rd. Dundas, ON L9H 5E1)

Officers of Classis: Chair: Michael Bootsma Vice Chair: Anthony Elenbaas Stated Clerk: Ed W. Visser	Synodical Deputies: See item 9 Huron: Rev. Gary van Leeuwen Niagara: Rev. M. Jeff Klingenberg Toronto: Rev. Richard E. Grift
Reporter: Hope Brantford	Ballot Advisory Team: Host Church
Credentials Advisory Team: First Hamilton (Chair) Hagersville Community (Reporter)	Overture Advisory Team: Ebenezer Jarvis (Chair) Faith Burlington (Reporter) Advice for Overture Advisory Teams

CREDENTIALS and Due Dates:

1. Each **church** will fill in their [credentials here](#), **before May 9, 2023**. The credential form has **two sections**:
 - a. The **first** is for entering the **names and email addresses** of those you are **delegating** to Classis.
 - b. 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).
2. The **Stated Clerk will forward** the Article 41 questions and observations from the second section **to the Credentials Advisory Team**.
3. The **Credentials Advisory Team will email their report to** the Stated Clerk **by May 16, 2023**. Their report will be emailed by the Stated Clerk to all the delegates as early as with the Addendum.

OVERTURES:

An [Overture](#) was Received from **Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster**

See Item [18](#)

The **Overture Advisory Team** will email their report to the Stated Clerk (clerk@classishamilton.ca) by **May 16, 2023** (if possible), for distribution to the delegates of Classis as early as with the Addendum.

REQUEST:

Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster: approve need and Job Description for commissioned pastor.

(Requires Synodical Deputy concurrence)

See Item [9](#)

ORIENTATION: [FOR NEW DELEGATES](#) (Includes link to the Rules of Procedure)

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

Vice Chair of Classis: Anthony Elenbaas
 Calvary Community CRC
 Anthony Elenbaas

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

10:00 a.m.

4. **Call to Order & Instructions for the Day** **Chair**
 - a. **Attendance:** *CIC suggests Chair of Classis will ask each delegate to stand, introduce themselves, which church delegated them, and finally indicate that they affirm the [Covenant of Office-Bearers](#). This will have the added benefit of the members of Classis getting to know each other.* (Requested last Classis)
 - b. **Attendance Confirmed** **Stated Clerk**
 - c. **Classis Declared Constituted** **Chair**

5. **Approval of the 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.

- a. **Approve** [Classis Meeting Minutes Feb 28, 2023](#) (Note: these minutes were reviewed by the CIC and the delegates who attended the meeting)
- b. **Approve** appointment of **Rev. Doug Nieuwstraten** as **church visitor** to carry on the work in place of Rev. Ralph Koops
- c. **Approve** that the following single slate of nominees serve as directors of the corporation to be elected during the annual meeting of members later in the day,
Doug Nieuwstraten – Term #1 Ben Ponsen – Term #6 Ken Tigchelaar – Term #4
Marcia Hosmar – Term #3 Ken Benjamins –Term #2
- d. **Reports received** from Classis' Ministries
 - i. [Mohawk Solid Rock Spring Newsletter](#) (Large file)
- e. **Denominational Ministries Reports Received**
 - i. [Calvin University Report to Classis](#)
 - ii. [World Renew Spring Report](#)
 - iii. [Redeemer University Spring Report](#)
- f. See Addendum for any additional reports

7. **CIC and Stated Clerk Reports** (on addendum)

- a. **Classis Interim Committee Report** (CIC) CIC Chair: Ken Benjamins
 - i. **Correspondence Received** from a church in Classis:
Could we please inform Pastors at the next Classis meeting to take their Classical appointments seriously, and ensure they fulfill their obligations? I believe Pastors know well in advance where they have been slotted in the schedule, so they should be able make it the necessary changes when needed. It should also be their responsibility to keep that obligation and find a suitable replacement.
- b. **Stated Clerk's Report** Ed W. Visser

8. **[The Youth Champion Position Review](#)** (contains several recommendations) **Gareth Harker & Ben Ponsen**

9. **Request: Meadowlands Fellowship, CRC Ancaster** is seeking to establish a new staff position, Pastor of Worship and Faith Formation, and fill that role with a person to be ordained as a commissioned pastor.
- Approving Need and job description** requires **concurrence of Synodical Deputies**
 - This will be a **two step process**;
 - step one at **this meeting** to approve need and job description,
 - step two at a **subsequent meeting** for the examination of a person for commissioned pastor.

10. **Classical Counsellor Reports: (as available)**

- Hagersville Community CRC – Ben Ponsen
- Bethel CRC – Anthony Elenbaas
- First CRC, Hamilton – Anthony Elenbaas
- New Street CRC – Cara DeHaan
- Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis – Jack Kerkhof

11. **Approval Sought by New Street CRC, Burlington:** The congregation has decided to dissolve effective July 31, 2023, and now seeks Classis Approval as per Church Order Article 38-d.
(Background material and formal request will be emailed separately or on the addendum).

REFRESHMENT BREAK **10:45 a.m.**

MINISTRY SESSION **11:00 a.m.**

12. **Classis Ministry Team (CMT)** (reporting only as needed)

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| a. Candidacy Committee | Hayden Regeling |
| b. Campus Ministry Committee | Anthony Elenbaas |
| i. Mohawk College | Melissa Kuipers |
| ii. McMaster University | Michael Fallon |
| c. Classical Home Missions Committee | Michael Bootsma |

13. **Credentials Advisory Team Report** **First & Hagersville**

14. **Adjourn for Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS** President: Ken Benjamins
- Establish Quorum (By-Law 5.2)
 - Proof of Notice for the Meeting (By-law 5.4)
 - Approve Minutes of [AGM May 31, 2022](#)
 - Election of Members** of the CIC/BOD (By-law 5.1)
RECOMMENDED THAT:
 Doug Niewstraten – Term #1 Ben Ponsen – Term #6 Ken Tigchelaar – Term #4
 Marcia Hosmar – Term #3 Ken Benjamins –Term #2
 be elected as directors of the corporation for a one-year term commencing June 1, 2023.
 - Approve the Audit Report** on the 2022 Financial Statements (Corporations Act 96.1)

RECOMMENDED THAT: *[the audited financial statements and the Auditor's report thereon for fiscal 2022](#) be approved.* (Shown here as a draft - copy without watermark will be available on addendum)
 - Appoint the Auditor** (By-Law 5.1.c)
RECOMMENDED THAT: *DBK Accounting Professional Corporation be re-appointed as auditor for fiscal 2023.*
 - Closing of Annual General membership meeting

15. Resume Meeting of Classis

LUNCH BREAK

12:15 p.m.

DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS SESSION

1:00 p.m.

16. Transitional Executive Director, Canada

Rev. Albert Postma

17. Calvin University ([report](#))

Board of Trustee Representative

18. Overture from Meadowlands Fellowship

a. [Overture](#) (initiate a third party investigation into the dismissal of Rev. Roorda)

b. Advisory Team's Report (forthcoming)

19. Upcoming Dates for Classis (also see the Classis Calendar)

a. **May 30 Addendum** Material for *this* meeting **May 16, 2023**

b. **Committee Budget Requests** due **July 31, 2023**

c. **Oct 24 Agenda** Material Due **September 12, 2023**

d. **Oct 24 Addendum Material** Due **October 03, 2023**

e. **Classis Meets** **October 24 2023, Hosted by Calvin CRC, Dundas**
(420 Highway 5 West Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E2)

20. Adjournment

a. Closing Remarks & Prayer Chair

b. Adjournment Declared Chair

Just Around the Corner

2024 Jan 16 Agenda Materials Due

2024 Feb 13 Addendum Materials

2024 Feb 27 Classis Meets at Faith CRC, Burlington

Further Down the Road

Hosting Classis

2024 May - First Hamilton

2024 Oct - Hagersville