



ADDENDUM

To the Agenda of Classis Hamilton of the CRCNA
Meeting Saturday, March 2, 2024
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by Faith CRC, Burlington
 (2265 Mountainside Drive, Burlington, ON L7P 1B6)
 (905-336-5353)

[\(Agenda\)](#)

1. **Delegates & Alternates** (didn't fill in your credentials? Use this [form](#) asap)

Congregation	Deacon	Elder	Minister
Bethel CRC, Waterdown	Reuben Groen	Tess Tigchelaar	N/A
Calvary CRC, Flamborough			
Calvin CRC, Dundas	Don Koning	Steve Koning	Ken Benjamins
Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis	Ryer VanderSteege	Ron Haverkamp alt Ralph Vanbentehm	N/A
Faith CRC, Burlington	Colin Deweerd alt Doreen Breukelman	Matthew Valkenburg alt Wayne Visser	Cara Dehaan alt Wayne Visser
First CRC, Hamilton	Julie VanHuizen	Jared Wilms alt Jim Tigchelaar	Hayden Regeling
Grace Community CRC, Ancaster	Dan Hagen	Jason Taekema	Mark Verbruggen
Hagersville Community CRC	Jake Elgersma	Pieter Wonder	Steven Eckersley
Hope CRC, Brantford	Gary Dykgraaf alt Dave Eelkema	Herb Grootenboer	Doug Nieuwstraten alt William Koopmans
Immanuel CRC, Hamilton	Mike Bax	Gary Veenstra	Michael Bootsma
Immanuel CRC, Simcoe	N/A	Ernie Rauwerda	Elder Pat deRuiter
Maranatha CRC, York	Mark Millard	Richard Blyleven	Ben Ponsen
Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster	Marian Simonffy	Judy Cook	Everett Vander Horst
Mount Hope Community CRC	Doug Nagtegaal alt Neil Roth	Ryan Flokstra alt Rien Bassie	Joel Bootsma
New Hope Church, Hamilton (emerging church)			

2. **Classis Interim Committee's Report**
 - a. [CIC Report covering Nov 2, 2023, Dec 19, 2023, and Jan 19, 2024](#)
 - b. **Recommendations for Classis' approval;**
 - i. that ***Gina Taylor-Lunshof*** **be Approved as CIC/BOD member**
 - ii. that ***Theo Boven (from Immanuel Hamilton)*** **be appointed for a term as church visitor**
3. **Suggested Motion:** That Classis ***Approve the work of the CIC***
4. **Stated Clerk's Report**
 - a. [Report](#) (Page 2 of the CIC report)
 - b. **Note** this Request from the **Council of Delegates** (COD) to Classis [regarding sending Materials and Delegates to Synod](#)
5. **Suggested Motion:** That Classis ***Approve the work of the Stated Clerk.***
6. **Classis' Advisory Team Reports**
 - a. **Overture Advisory Team's Report** **Delegates of Hagersville Community and First Hamilton**
 - i. [Overture from Calvin CRC, Dundas](#)
 - ii. [Recommendation](#)
 - b. **Credentials Advisory Team's Report** **Delegates of Immanuel Hamilton and Hope Brantford**
 - i. **Immanuel CRC, Simcoe requests a counselor**
 - (1) Immanuel suggests Rev. Doug Nieuwstraten
(in accordance with Church Order Art. 9 and Art. 42 a&c)
Article 9
In nominating and calling a minister, the council shall seek the approval of the counselor who acts on behalf of classis to see that the ecclesiastical regulations have been observed. The council and counselor shall sign the letter of call and the counselor shall render an account of all matters processed to classis.
Article 42 a & c
 - a. The classis shall appoint classical counselors to provide advice to any church in the process of calling a minister of the Word.
 - c. The classical counselor's task is to ensure that a church in the process of calling a minister of the Word observes ecclesiastical regulations and sound process. The counselor shall be an officebearer, normally a minister of the Word, whose ministerial credentials or membership resides in a congregation other than the church in the process of calling a minister. The classical counselor shall provide classis with a written report during and after the calling process.
 - (2) **Rev. Doug Nieuwstraten** and Immanuel CRC, Simcoe are in agreement with this arrangement, so we recommend ***that Classis approve that Rev. Doug Nieuwstraten be appointed as Immanuel's Counselor.***
 - ii. **Communication Received via the credentials from First CRC, Hamilton.**
 - (1) First Hamilton's [Communication](#).
 - (2) Advisory Team's [Recommendation](#).
 - iii. No other notes or communication were received via the Credentials regarding Art 41.

7. Selection of Delegates for Synod 2024

a. Protocol:

- i. There are **four places** (and their alternates) that are to be filled: Minister, Elder, Deacon, and a fourth that Classis Hamilton has decided will be a Minister.
- ii. The **CIC suggests** that we'll select the **minister** delegates for position **1 and 4 first**, and **then** their respective alternates.
- iii. Synodical Rules about **Commissioned Pastors**.
 - (1) A Cmsd Pastor serving **solo** in an organised church may be delegated as a **minister**.
 - (2) A Cmsd Pastor serving in an **emerging** church and associate **staff** positions may be delegated as **elder**.

b. Minister Availability (of those who responded) - there are four groups

i. Those **available, willing and desire** to be delegated

	Minister	Served Before	Years when Delegated	Available	Willing to be Delegated	Desire to be Delegated
1	Ken Benjamins	yes	1995, 2003, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2022.	yes	yes	yes
2	Doug Nieuwstraten	no		yes	yes	yes
3	Steve Dykstra	no		yes	yes	yes

ii. Those **available, willing, but not desiring** to be delegated

4	Mark Verbruggen	yes	a few times, the last being 2015	Yes	Yes	no
5	Steven Eckersley			Yes	Yes	no

iii. Those **available but not willing, to be delegated**

6	Gareth Harker			Yes	no	no
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iv. Those **not available and not willing** to be delegated

7	Benjamin Ponsen			no	no	no
8	Joel Bootsma			no	no	no
9	Michael Bootsma	yes	1998, 2012, 2023	no	no	no
10	Everett Vander Horst			no	no	no
11	Cara DeHaan	yes	2023	no	no	no
11	Anthony Elenbaas	yes	2018, 2022	no	no	no

- c. Nominations for **Elder** and **Deacon** for Delegation to Synod 2024
 - i. We need one elder and alternate and one deacon and alternate

 - ii. **Elder Nominees**
 - (1) **Herb Grootenboer** (Hope CRC, Brantford)
 - (2) **Peter Bulthuis** (Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster)

 - iii. **Deacon Nominees**
 - (1) **Eric Tisch** (Immanuel CRC, Hamilton)
 - (2) **Marian Simonffy** (Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster)

- 8. **Additional Reports** (considered as part of the Consent Agenda)
 - a. [McMaster University Christian Reformed Campus Ministry](#) (Michael Fallon)

 - b. [Mohawk Solid Rock Campus Newsletter 2024](#) (Melissa Kuipers)

 - c. [Youth Champion Winter Report 2024](#) (John Bijl)

 - d. [24-01-18 - Campus Ministry Committee Report to March Classis](#) (Anthony Elenbaas)
This is the 2nd edition of the report, now including an additional recommendation;
that **Rev. Willemina Zwart be renewed for a 2nd term at this meeting** [as member of the CMC]

 - e. **Invitation to all churches** for the [Annual Inter Classis Safe Church Conference for March 2, 2024](#)
<https://www.wmott.ca/scc/workshops.php>