

**CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of  
Classis Hamilton of the Christian Reformed Church

### *Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Classis Hamilton of the Christian Reformed Church (the "organization"), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, and the statement of revenue and expenses, statement of changes in restricted fund balances and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives grant revenue from external sources, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization. Therefore, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to grant revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

### *Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Professional Accountants of Ontario

Hamilton, Ontario  
April 17, 2025

**CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 211,981	\$ 354,026
Accounts receivable	62,371	30,054
GST/HST recoverable	546	540
Short term investment (Note 3)	150,000	-
Prepaid expenses	1,131	871
	<u>426,029</u>	<u>385,491</u>
 Loans receivable (Note 4)	 <u>315,745</u>	 <u>308,096</u>
	<u>\$ 741,774</u>	<u>\$ 693,587</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,401	\$ 5,778
<b>EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES</b>		
Classis Expense Fund	102,198	81,101
Campus Ministry	34,262	29,477
Classical Candidacy	407,546	371,407
Future Church Planting	191,367	205,824
	<u>735,373</u>	<u>687,809</u>
	<u>\$ 741,774</u>	<u>\$ 693,587</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director, \_\_\_\_\_

Director, \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Classis Expense Fund 2024	Campus Ministry 2024	Classical Candidacy 2024	Future Church Planting 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	\$ 81,100	\$ 29,447	\$ 371,407	\$ 205,854	\$ 687,808	\$ 642,200
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	21,098	4,815	36,139	(14,487)	47,565	45,608
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 102,198	\$ 34,262	\$ 407,546	\$ 191,367	\$ 735,373	\$ 687,808

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CLASSIS EXPENSE FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Classis ministry shares	\$ 58,376	\$ 64,247
Interest income	11,136	7,446
Fall retreat	<u>4,427</u>	<u>3,756</u>
	73,939	75,449
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Conferences and professional development	15,636	16,111
Insurance	2,241	1,763
Meals and hospitality	3,191	2,919
Office, postage and general	7,498	7,855
Professional fees	6,751	6,067
Salaries and benefits	16,948	31,993
Travel	<u>576</u>	<u>1,525</u>
	<u>52,841</u>	<u>68,233</u>
 Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 21,098</u>	<u>\$ 7,216</u>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - MCMASTER CAMPUS MINISTRY**

<b>REVENUE</b>		
Classis ministry shares	\$ 156,809	\$ 153,546
Grants	<u>23,916</u>	<u>26,144</u>
	180,725	179,690
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Assistant to chaplains	2,531	6,264
Conferences and professional development	2,785	5,553
Emerging leader	4,000	3,000
Meals and hospitality	5,120	5,303
Office, postage and general	1,207	3,451
Salaries and benefits	156,523	155,634
Travel	<u>3,745</u>	<u>4,328</u>
	<u>175,911</u>	<u>183,533</u>
 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 4,814</u>	<u>\$ (3,843)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Classical Candidacy 2024	Future Church Planting 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Ministry shares	\$ 75,100	\$ -	\$ 75,100	\$ 70,148
Future Church share	-	10,513	10,513	31,249
Interest income	2,035	-	2,035	865
	<u>77,135</u>	<u>10,513</u>	<u>87,648</u>	<u>102,262</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Candidate benefits	2,616	-	2,616	880
Classis home missions	-	25,000	25,000	13,403
Loans forgiven	38,286	-	38,286	45,744
Meals and hospitality	94	-	94	-
	<u>40,996</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>65,996</u>	<u>60,027</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 36,139</u>	<u>\$ (14,487)</u>	<u>\$ 21,652</u>	<u>\$ 42,235</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 47,565	\$ 45,608
	<u>47,565</u>	<u>45,608</u>
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	(32,317)	12,582
GST/HST recoverable	(6)	68
Short term investment	(150,000)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	622	(1,739)
Prepaid expenses	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(110)</u>
	<u>(134,396)</u>	<u>56,409</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loans receivable	<u>(7,649)</u>	<u>23,641</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	(142,045)	80,050
Cash, beginning of year	354,026	273,976
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 211,981</u>	<u>\$ 354,026</u>

# CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organization was incorporated as a corporation without share capital under the Ontario Corporations Act on October 28, 2008. The corporation is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from payment of income taxes as provided under the Income Tax Act.

Its purpose is to advance and teach the religious tenets, doctrines, observances and culture associated with the Christian Reformed faith.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

#### (a) Fund Accounting

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for donations.

The Classical Candidacy Committee accounts for the assistance provided to seminary students.

The Classis Expense Fund accounts for the organization's administrative activities.

The Restricted Fund reports revenues and expenses related to the various Christian Reformed Church ministries and causes. This includes the Campus Ministry and Future Church Planning.

#### (b) Revenue Recognition

Restricted donations related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the Classis Expense Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted donations are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Donations are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income and conference fees are recognized as revenue in the period it is earned.

Government assistance is recognized when the amount can be determined and there is a reasonable expectation of collection.

#### (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from their date of acquisition, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash, and are subject to an insignificant risk to changes in their fair value.

#### (d) Capital Assets

Furniture and equipment acquisitions are expensed fully in the year of purchase and thus not recorded on the balance sheet.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### (e) Short-term Investments

Short-term investments are recorded at fair value.

#### (f) Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect revenues and expenses during the reporting periods in addition to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### (g) Financial Instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, GST/HST recoverable, accounts receivable and loans receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

At the end of reporting period, the organization assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset may be impaired. When there is an indication of impairment, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the reduction is recognized as an impairment loss in the statement of revenues and expenses.

#### (h) Volunteer Services

Because the hours of service by volunteers are not normally purchased by the organization and the difficulty in determining their fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### (i) Foreign Currency Translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the date in which the transaction took place. Foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the statement of revenues and expenses.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 3. Short-term Investments

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Guaranteed Investment Certificate, 4.8% variable interest rate, matures February 2025.	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

### 4. Loan Receivable

These loans receivable were advanced to assist individuals who are studying to become ministers in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and are advanced based on financial need. The loans will accrue interest at 1% above the prime lending rate, commencing six months after the borrower terminates or completes the course of studies unless the borrower becomes an ordained minister in the CRCNA or the Reformed Church of America (RCA), has been declared eligible for ministry but has not been hired, or continues in a qualified educational program.

Under certain conditions the borrower will be required to repay the loan over a ten year period commencing six months after the CRCNA has decided that the person is no longer a candidate for ordained ministry. In other situations the borrower will be required to pay interest and repay the loan principal over a five year period.

The loan is interest free while the individual is studying and 20% of the loan will be forgiven annually if the borrower becomes and remains a minister in the CRCNA or the RCA for at least five years.

### 5. Financial Instruments

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises through excess financial obligations over available financial assets at any point in time. The organization's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The organization achieves this by maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents.

#### Credit Risk

The organization does have credit risk in candidate loans receivable of \$315,745 (2023 - \$308,096). Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Management mitigates this risk by having agreements in place. Also, the organization is not dependant on the repayment of these loans given their intention is to forgive the loans.