



ADDENDUM

To the Agenda of Classis Hamilton of the CRCNA
Meeting May 27, 2025

9:00 a.m. to no later than 4:30 p.m.

Final (revised)

Hosted by Immanuel CRC, Hamilton

(61 Mohawk Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 1V9, Canada)

([Agenda](#))

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

Congregation	Deacon	Elder	Minister
Bethel CRC, Waterdown			
Calvary CRC, Flamborough	Richard Vandenberg alt. Bill Dam	Joe Wassink alt. Bas Hania	Nick Groen (Elder)
Calvin CRC, Dundas	John DeWilde	John Schotsman alt. Steve Koning	Ken Benjamins
Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis	Ron Veldhuis	Alfred Breukelman	N/A
Faith CRC, Burlington	John Dykstra	Marian Lensink alt. Jillian Langendoen	Cara deHaan
First CRC, Hamilton	Nella Sandrock alt. Lisa Nightingale	Jules de Jager alt. Joel Harsevoort	Hayden Regeling
Grace Community CRC, Ancaster	John Brinkman	Adrian Guldemon	Mark Verbruggen
Hagersville Community CRC	Jake Elgersma (elder sub for deacon)	Davis Miedema	Steven Eckersley
Hope CRC, Brantford	Phil Louwerse alt. Ben Koerssen	Dave Guichelaar alt. John Hensen	William Koopmans alt. Doug Nieuwstraten
Immanuel CRC, Hamilton	Clarence Beeksma	Melinda Flokstra	Michael Bootsma
Immanuel CRC, Simcoe		Pat DeRuiter alt. Bob VanWingerden	N/A
Maranatha CRC, York			N/A
Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster	Val Kloet alt. Kevin Ritskes	Ed VanBeilen	Marja Fledderus
Mount Hope Community CRC	Neil Roth alt. Alex Demik	John Demik alt. Ryan Flokstra	Joel Bootsma
New Hope Church, Hamilton (emerging church)			

2. **Classis Interim Committee (CIC)** (See Agenda #7)

Ken Benjamins

- a. That *Classis* Approve a **second, three year term** for our **Synodical Deputies**, **Michael Bootsma** and alternate, **Doug Nieuwstraten**.
- b. That *Classis* approve **Rev. Cara DeHaan** as **Counselor** for **Bethel CRC** (as requested and agreed between Bethel and Rev. DeHaan)
- c. [Communication from Faith CRC, Burlington](#) update re: Rev. Kevin DeRaaf's Credentials
Recommendation: That *Classis* receive Faith's Communication that all is now in good order regarding Rev. Kevin DeRaaf's ministerial Credentials held by Faith CRC.

3. **Additional Material for the AGM** (see Agenda #15)

Ken Benjamins

- a. [Classis Hamilton - 2024 Audited Financial Statements](#) (This is to replace the Draft version in the AGM agenda as indicated on the Classis agenda).

4. **Credentials Advisory Team Report**

- a. As of the Addendum due date, no communications/requests were received from the churches
- b. As of the Addendum due date, six churches had not submitted their credentials.

5. **Additional Reports or Communications Received** (see Agenda #8)

- a. [A Gather Houston Review](#) Cara deHaan
- b. [Classis Candidacy Committee](#) (Contains a motion for approval) Cara deHaan
- c. [Classis Hamilton Home Mission Committee Report](#) Joel Bootsma
 - i. The CHHMC **recommends** that **Classis approve** the following from the report:
 - (1) **Church Plant:** There's great potential for a church plant to be forming in Bethel CRC (Waterdown), with the vision of a church planter reaching Spanish-speaking people living and working in the region. A church planter has been identified, and the team at Bethel is working to bring him from Mexico for a visit. Our Classis is partnering with Bethel, Resonate, and Classis Toronto in supporting this church plant initiative.
(a) ***That Classis commit, in principle, \$80,000 over 5 years to this endeavour.***
 - (2) **Act 5** works with young adults, encouraging them to think and engage missionally in Hamilton. Each year they run a program for a Gap Year cohort (18-20 year olds) and a Residency cohort (age 21+). Jon Berends is the director, and is happy to come to speak to churches in our Classis about Act 5.
(a) ***That Claissis approve \$10,000/year for the next 3 years to Act 5.***
 - (3) **SOCO** – Participants in the South Coast Beach Project engage in intentional Christian living, while delving into themes of kingdom living and engaging with the local community through seasonal full time work.
(a) ***That Classis approve \$10,000/year for the next 3 years to SOCO.***

- (4) **Diaspora Ministry Leaders Retreat** – this summer (August 21-23) sees the 4th retreat for diaspora leaders in Classis Hamilton and Classis Toronto. At this retreat, the question for reflection is: *How can you be a good neighbour, friend, and witness for Christ to your neighbours who come from a different cultural or religious background?*
(a) ***That Classis support this retreat for \$5,000.***

- ii. ***That Classis Approve the work of the Classis Home Missions Committee***

Additional Reports or Communications Continued

- d. [World Renew](#) (Plus brief comment)

Steve McKnight, new Board Delegate

- e. [Youth Champion Spring Report](#)

John Byl

Ed W. Visser, SC