



THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH WEST

Minutes of Session 62

Meeting held at Immanuel CRC of Richmond on Tuesday & Wednesday,
March 6 & 7, 2012

Classis Officers:

President: Rev. Walt Vanderwerf Vice President: Rev. Andrew Turkstra
Recording Secretary: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012

Art. 1 Opening and Organization: 1:00 pm

- 1.1 President Walt Vanderwerf calls the meeting to order and welcomes delegates and guests.
- 1.2 A time of worship focusing on grace. Rev. Trevor Vanderveen read and reflected on Romans 1:1-7 followed by delegates sharing in a time of prayer and song.
- 1.3 Roll call as per credentials by Stated Clerk.

Alberni Valley CRC	Rev. Sid Ypma & Elder Louis Byleveld
Burnaby – NACC	Rev. Johannes Schouten & Elder Elsie Takasaki
Coquitlam – Mundy Park CC	Rev. Henry Numan & Elder Neil Prinsen
Duncan CRC	Rev. Walt Vanderwerf & Elder John Wikkerink
Houston CRC	Elder Dennis Verbeek & Elder Tom Miedema
Maple Ridge CRC	Rev. Tim Sheridan & Elder Gerry Meyer
Nanaimo CCC	Rev. Andrew Turkstra & Elder Peter Thrift
New Westminster CRC	Rev. Andrew Beunk & Elder John VanderWoude
Prince George CRC	Elder Mark Brink & Deacon Casey Van Beek
Richmond: Immanuel CRC	Rev. David Cheung & Rev. Peter Lim
Richmond: The Tapestry	Rev. Albert Chu & (Tues.) Elder Jason Jang (Tues & Wed.) Pastor Kathy Kiesser (MA)
Smithers CRC	Rev. Dan Hoogland & Elder George Veenstra
Telkwa CRC	Rev. Stanley Groothof & Deacon Curt Gesch
Terrace CRC	Rev. Norm Prenger & Elder Sharon Bandstra
Vancouver: First CRC	Rev. Trevor VanderVeen & (Tues aft.) Elder David Bacon (Tues. pm & Wed.) Elder John Sneep
Vancouver: <i>downtown friends</i>	Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma
Vancouver: Faith in Action	
Victoria CCC	Rev. Harvey Roosma (Tues)
Victoria CRC	Elder Aaltje Van Grootheest & Elder Henry Lok

MA = Ministry Associate

- 1.4 **MOTION:** to seat deacon delegates..... **MSC**
- 1.5 Delegates together read “Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life” and first time delegates to classis, including two deacon delegates, sign the Form of Subscription.
- 1.6 The president declares this meeting of classis to be officially consisted.
- 1.7 Classis meeting schedule approved by common consent.

- 1.8 Committees for Pre-Advice, approved by common consent.
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| Overtures / Communications | Maple Ridge CRC & Nanaimo CCC |
| Expense Vouchers | New Westminster Ave CRC & Immanuel CRC |
| Credentials | Alberni Valley CRC & The Tapestry |
| Transcribed Minutes | Terrace CRC & 1 st Vancouver CRC |
- Art. 2 Stated Clerk's Report:** Mr. Andy de Ruyter reporting. *Agenda pages 3-5 plus addendum*
- 2.1 Highlighted items:
- expense funds being stretched.
 - new classical website encouraged.
 - encouragement to pay attention to timing of ministry share payments.
 - anticipate reports on church visitor teams.
 - communications to and by the Stated Clerk were noted.
 - Classical and Denominational Ministries Shares, Classis Appointment Schedule and Church Visitor teams graphs received for information.
 - Clerk thanked from the floor and from the chair for all the work he does in preparing for our classis meetings.
- 2.2 **Motion:** to approve the work of the stated clerk..... **MSC**
- Art. 3 Classical Ministries Committee:** Mr. Andy de Ruyter reporting for the committee. *Agenda p. 6*
- 3.1 **MOTION:** in addition to first time delegates signing FOS, all delegates will read together "Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life"..... **MSC**
Noted: some wording might yet be adjusted, but the intent is well received.
- 3.2 Discussion regarding pulpit supply to Northern churches:
Pulpit supply issues in supporting the Northern churches in a letter from Duncan CRC and a response from the pastor at Telkwa CRC.
- Rev. Walt Vanderwerf summarizes Duncan's request to discuss the way pulpit supply is provided, considering in particular the cost of sending pastors from the Island to the Northern churches.
 - Rev. Stanley Groothof briefly summarizes the view from the Northern churches including disappointment about the perception that those more isolated geographically are not being supported fully. All members in classis are important.
 - After some discussion it is agreed that the CMC explore changing the pulpit supply policy in which Classis would support one classical pulpit supply per month and for the congregation to pay at least half of the cost including travel and remuneration. Motion to come at the Fall session of classis.
- 3.3 **MOTION:** that Classis ratify the nomination of Mr. George Horlings from the Smithers CRC for CRWRC..... **MSC**
MOTION: to transfer the ministerial credentials of Rev. John Koster to the Agassiz CRC in Classis BCSE..... **MSC**
- 3.4 Delegates to note the additional report on Faith in Action CRC in the addendum report
- 3.5 From the classis contracta held on December 12, 2011 - Rev. Andrew Beunk agreed to serve as a mentor for Rev. Tim Sheridan.
- 3.6 Highlighted items: 4 speakers to do presentations Tuesday afternoon.
- 3.7 Fall Classis session scheduled for September 18 & 19, 2012. Clerk questions if this could be moved to third week of October so agenda didn't have to be prepared in the middle of summer when most are in vacation mode. The October dates would also work better for reports coming from the end of September Board meetings and for presenters who travel to B.C. to address both classes.
MOTION: that Classis BCNW hold its Fall session in third week of October rather than the third week of September**MSC**

- 3.8 **MOTION:** to raise the food allowance for Classis meetings to \$1000 per meeting.....**MSC**
- 3.9 The Nominations Committee work is mostly done by the stated clerk and the CMC. As three members of the nominations committee are due to retire due to their 2nd terms ending, the work of the nominations committee will now be done by the CMC and reported to classis sessions for elections and/or appointments.
- 3.10 Miscellaneous:
 There will be an upcoming meeting and discussion between the CMC's of classes BCSE and BCNW regarding a possible merger of the Safe Church Teams.
 Encouragement to use the Classis BCNW Website www.classisbcnw.ca
 Pastor Joel Ringma's blog from Sierra Leone ringmas.blogspot.com
 Rev. Peter Brouwer will stay on for another year on the CMC. His ongoing involvement, experience and knowledge is greatly appreciated by the current SC and CMC members.
 Classis Treasurer David Pel continues to work on matters related to the Classis bank account and the incorporation of Classis.
 From the addendum report: p. 4 New West Minster CRC overture received 2 days late but stated clerk sent it to all the churches by the 1st of February so it is still in time. Overtures committee will consider it.
 Leadership Development Network report – very late, but included in addendum report as this is the first classis session they are reporting to. They promise to follow the guidelines for reporting next time!
 Request for nominations – see Nominations Committee report.
 Churches are reminded to support the work of the Historical Committee of the CRCNA.
 Young Adult Leadership Taskforce, noting daily prayer services at denominational office in Grand Rapids.
- 3.11 **MOTION** to approve the work of the CMC..... **MSC**
- Art. 4 Classical Treasurer Report – Mr. David Pel**
- 4.1 Printed Financial reports distributed.
 Highlights:
 - After correcting Classical ministry shares in 2010, expenses in 2011 were \$12,000 higher. David will continue to explore how to rectify this deficit.
 - Note: Regarding Denominational Ministry shares, it was noted that there are new treasurers in New Westminster and Vancouver First and the following contributions were not communicated to Classis Treasurer David Pel: New Westminster (85%) and Vancouver (100%).
 - BCNW is now fully incorporated and we have our own bank account.
 As far as charitable status, we are waiting to hear back from our application.
 - Discussion on costs for Classical Expense Fund
- 4.2 **MOTION:** to approve work of the treasurer..... **MSC**
- 4.3 Treasurer David Pel was thanked for his ongoing work for our Classis.

BREAK

During the break, the Classis BCNW website was shown

Art. 5 Presentations and Reports:

5.1 **Chaplain Ernst deVries, Seafarers Ministry**

Ernst showed pictures from Delta port, Christmas at Sea, Grand Opening of the Delta port office, and shared some stories of seafarers. He noted and thanked the Northern CRC congregations for their support, noting the new chaplaincy opportunities at Prince Rupert. He also thanked all the churches for their continuing support of this ministry.

5.2 **Ms. Melissa Van Dyk, Diaconal Ministries Committee Canada**
Thanked the churches for supporting Operation Manna. Encouraged the sharing of information with deacons and encouraged the pastors to make it a priority to visit the deacons to affirm, encourage and inspire them to engage their calling.

5.3 **Ms. Brenda-Lee Sasaki, Community Resource Coordinator M2/W2 Association**
She told a story of transformation about Danielle, a young woman who was able to turn her life around with the help of M2/W2.
They currently work with 13 Institutions, mostly in Abbotsford and Chilliwack and continue in ministry despite government funding cutback. Churches thanked for their investment through their offerings.

5.4 **Mr. Sam Van Randen - Faith in Action Vietnamese CRC Steering Committee**
On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr. Sam Van Randen shared an update on Rev. Vinh Le’s status regarding an ‘exclusion order’ from Canadian Immigration. Rev. Le is in the process of appealing the ruling and seeing what can be done at the border. He was recently declined a second time and now the process could take several months, still with no guarantee of success.

This new situation has a significant impact on family: The Le family may consider moving back to the US after the school year ends in June.

We want to acknowledge the faithful work of Pastor Vinh Le and take into consideration how to take care of Pastor Vinh Le and his family. Over the next few months, we will also recognize the impact on the F in A congregation, in particular, the status of F in A after Dec. 31, 2012. The Steering Committee requests classis to appoint the CDT in conjunction with the CMC, to work on an exit strategy.

Classis prayed for Pastor Vinh & Tram Le & children, along with the Faith in Action church.

MOTION: that CDT, the CMC and representatives of the Steering Committee and Faith in Action leadership address the following issues:

- 1. How to honour Pastor Vinh Le in the transition ahead to thank him for his faithful leadership.
 - 2. To help Faith in Action in their options as a group of CRC worshippers looking forward.
- This group will seek to find solutions that can be brought to the Fall session of Classis.

Decisions made prior to the Fall Classis meeting will be communicated to the churches through the Stated Clerk. **MSC**

MOTION: to approve work of the committee. **MSC**

Art. 6 Church counsellor reports:

Rev. Dan Hoogland re: Houston CRC

Rev. Stanley Groothof re: Prince George CRC - noted that John Buikema and Curt Gesch are doing most of the work of church counsellors, as congregational support team.

Classis prayed for Houston and Prince George congregations.

Art. 7 Church Visitors

7.1 Rev’s. Harv Roosma & Andrew Turkstra visited Victoria CRC. It was a good meeting with the council in this new time of ministry with Revs. David & Britney Salverda.
Their ministry is starting well.

7.2 Mr. Bill Van Triet and Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma had a number of visits with leadership of Immanuel CRC, Richmond.
Classis prays for the congregations of Victoria CRC and Immanuel CRC, Richmond

Art. 8 Graduation and Organization of The Tapestry.

- Rev. Martin Contant, regional Home Missions Leader, shared reflections on the way he’s seen God at work in the Tapestry over the last 9 years.

- Rev. Albert Chu shared about his journey, how the group and how the name of the Tapestry came to be. Nov 21, 2004 was the Grand Opening and continued the legacy of a Christian Reformed presence in Richmond. A few highlights: Services packed out to fire code limits, Kwantlan Chaplaincy, the Tapestry preschool (gifted by former preschool group), two services beginning soon.

- Sam Lee, part-time chaplain at Kwantlan Polytechnic University College shared what the Multi-faith Centre is like in the second semester of beginning this ministry.

- Elder David Bacon from 1st Vancouver CRC reads his council’s letter of strong recommendation to classis that The Tapestry move on to a fully organized church within the CRCNA.

MOTION: that the emerging church in Richmond, BC known as the Tapestry become an organized congregation in the Christian Reformed Church..... **MSC**

Classis spent time in prayer and celebration with representatives of the Tapestry.

BREAK FOR SUPPER

**** Tuesday Evening Session - Rev. Norm Thomsma** -from pastor-church relations leads in a well received presentation on church visiting and conflict resolution.

Rev. Vanderwerf thanked Rev. Thomsma and closed in prayer.

8:45 pm Classis adjourns for the evening.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Rev. Andrew Turkstra opened with a reflection on grace from Romans 7, and a time of prayer and singing.

Stated Clerk “silently” takes roll call.

Art. 7 cont. - Church Visitors

Rev. Andrew Beunk shared a positive report on mentoring Rev. Chelsea Harmon including evaluating 4 of Chelsea’s sermons.

Motion to end sermon evaluating.....**MSC**

7.3 Curt Gesch shared about a visit that he and Rev. Stanley Groothof had with the congregation and council of Smithers CRC.

7.4 Curt Gesch and John Buikema reported on extended and supportive visiting with the congregation and council members of PG CRC. They continually stressed with council the importance of council’s communication with the congregation and pursuing church unity. The work of the congregational support team is near completion of its mandate and gave words of encouragement and advice to the council of PG CRC.

The council of PG CRC is encouraged to pursue a specialized transitional minister.

Delegates of PG CRC note that they now have a calling committee in place.

CMC updated classis that Rev. Rick Koopmans has received support from Rev. Martin Vellekoop, and may have found new employment.

MOTION: to recognize the completion of the mandate for the congregational support team and to thank them for their work **MSC**

Rev. John de Vries, Canadian CRC Restorative Justice Coordinator shared a presentation on the many ways that restorative justice practices are at work in congregations, classes, school systems and the penitentiary system. Delegates were encouraged to make use of many resources for Restorative Justice.

Art. 9 John Stellingwerff, Safe Church Coordinator shared a verbal report to compliment the written document in the agenda (pp. 16-18). Anticipate a joint classical Safe Team meeting on March 31.

Motions:

That Classis approve the work of the Classis Safe Church Ministry and “Coordinator” **MSC**

That Classis encourage member churches to engage in at least 2 hours of safe church training per year..... **MSC**

That Classis encourage the following churches, which have not had Safe Church training for more than two years, to contact John Stellingwerff, to discuss training opportunities: Duncan CRC, Alberni Valley CRC, Victoria CRC, Mundy Park CF, and Terrace CRC..... **MSC**

That Classis continue to uphold the Safe Church Ministry in prayer..... **MSC**

Art. 10 Church Development Team

10.1 Rev. Andrew Turkstra presented the various ministries within the CDT: Faith in Action, The Tapestry, *downtown friends*, CR Campus Ministry, LDN and Sierra Leone Ad Hoc Committee. The CDT still needs two new members to address the following areas: Multi-ethnic ministries and Missional Community/clusters or New Church representative for the lower Fraser Valley.

Update from Vancouver Island Church Planting Team. Exploring further opportunities in the Langford / Colwood area. Delegates can anticipate a proposal at our Fall 2012 Classis meeting.

10.2 Rev. Alan van der Woerd shared a report of his work with UNBC Campus Ministry. Alan started as the new chaplain in December 2011 and so much of his work has been the work of becoming acquainted with the board of directors, the faculty, the students, as well as the local congregations. It is noted that Elder William Van Delft has been appointed to the board of directors for the Association for Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in BC (UNBC).

MOTION to approve the UNBC report **MSC**

10.3 Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma shared a report of celebration with the way God has been working in “*downtown friends*” church plant. One of the areas of involvement for Mary-Lee is working on various social enterprises with “*Mission Possible*”. The leaders of “*downtown friends*” are seeing wonderful opportunities where some are organically inviting their friends to *downtown friends* and are encountering Jesus. They are seeing the fruit of 5 years of prayer and relationship building.

MOTION: to approve the work of the CDT..... **MSC**

Art. 11 Leadership Development Network - Rev. Andrew Beunk

LDN Director Wilma VanderLeek shared about her journey of becoming ordained as a Ministry Associate in BCSE on March 6, 2012 as Pastor of Education with BC LDN.

Also present was Perry Daciuk (BC LDN board chair).

The goal of the LDN to is to discover new leaders, to train lay leaders and to deploy them to use their gifts.

MOTION to receive the report and approve the work of the LDN board..... **MSC**

Art. 12 Classis Ministerial Leadership Committee & Student Fund Committee

Rev. Dan Hoogland shared a report on the Student Fund with the committee working towards a joint policy by merging the BCNW & BCSE Student Fund Policies. Some differences noted and input from delegates were sought on the following points: (1) funding for LDN students, (2)

including staff positions, (3) the different application process where BCSE involves the local consistory conducting the interview. Delegates give input.

MOTION: to ratify the decision of the CMLT and CMC to disperse \$2000 to Tom Rolf to help cover the cost of his unit of CPE. **MSC**

MOTION: to approve \$1000 for Joe Ellis for EPMC.....**MSC**

MOTION: approve work of the CMLT & SFC **MSC**

Art. 13 Nominations Committee

MOTION: to appoint John VanderWoude as second elder alternate to Synod 2012.....

MSC

MOTION: to appoint Rev. Tim Sheridan for Team 2 Church Visitor Team..... **MSC**

MOTION: to appoint Elder John Sneep as Alternate for Team 2 Church Visitor Team..... **MSC**

MOTION: to appoint Rev. Tim Sheridan for Classical Development Team..... **MSC**

MOTION: to reappoint Mr. Fred Bosma as Classis Auditor.....**MSC**

MOTION: to nominate Rev. David Cheung as BCNW Synodical Deputy **MSC**

Ballot for CRWM (- Region 1 total of both classis)

Ms. Jenny Siebring-deGroot 19 + classis BCSE

Ms. Joanne Kleywegt 11 + classis BCSE

MOTION to approve work of the committee.....**MSC**

Art. 14 Overtures Committee

Pre-advice committee recommends to Classis not to accede to the overture regarding the Belhar Confession but encourages New West CRC to send this overture directly to Synod 2012.

MOTION to Overture Synod 2012 that the Belhar be affirmed as an important testimony of faith for the CRC, but not be adopted as a doctrinal standard in the Christian Reformed

Church..... **Defeated**

MOTION to approve work of the committee.....**MSC**

Art. 15 Expense Vouchers

Food - \$ 845.00

Honorarium – ICRC \$400.00

Lodging - \$901.00

Travel - \$5831.44

MOTION: to approve \$7977.44 for this Classis Spring 2012 meeting **MSC**

Art. 16 Denominational Ministries

Board of Trustees CRCNA

Rev. Trevor Vanderveen gave a verbal report.

Art. 17 Credentials Committee.

Two items of note:

Victoria CCC: regarding alternative ways of holding church services during the summer.

Advised to contact The Network or Pastor Church Relations.

Terrace CRC: questions on implementing children at Lord's Supper. Advised to look at the following congregations who already have a "children at the Lord's Supper policy":

Duncan, Maple Ridge, Mundy Park CF.

Motion to approve work of the committee.....**MSC**

Art. 18 Transcribed Minutes Committee

Concept minutes and transcribed minutes were extremely accurate.

Motion to approve work of the committee.....MSC

Art. 19 Closing Exercises

- 19.1 President confirms that all appointments have been filled.
- 19.2 The recording secretary reads the concept minutes to the delegates.
- 19.3 Stated Clerk
 - Pastor Chelsey has agreed to serve as the new recording secretary for the next several classis meetings.
 - Next meeting of classis, October 16 &17, 2012 at the New Westminster CRC.
 - Next officers of classis - President: Rev. Andrew Turkstra
 - Vice Pres: Rev. Andrew Beunk
 - Recording Secretary: Rev. Chelsey Harmon
- 19.4 President Walt Vanderwerf thanks the delegates for their cooperation, patience and guidance as we worked through the agenda materials.
- 19.5 Vice-President Andrew Turkstra thanks President Vanderwerf for conducting this session of classis and his leadership skills.
- 19.6 Pastor Turkstra leads in closing devotions.
- 19.7 Classis declared adjourned.

**NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF CLASSIS
 TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th & 17th, 2012
 @ the NEW WESTMINSTER CRC**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AGENDA MATERIALS –
 AUGUST 31ST, 2012**

STATED CLERK: ANDY DERUYTER

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Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)
 & Classis British Columbia North-West (Classis BCNW)
Acronym List

- ACRCMBC** Association for the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in British Columbia
aka Christian Reformed Campus Ministry at UNBC
- ART** *see* SCT
- BCSE** Classis British Columbia South-East
- BOT** Board of Trustees (usually refers to the denominational board of trustees;
 however, the various agencies each have their own BOTs)
- BTGH** *see* BTGMI
- BTGMI** Back to God Ministries International (*sometimes* B2GMI; *formerly* The Back to God Hour)
- CC** Candidacy Committee (*formerly* Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)
- CCG** *see* CRCPD
- CDT** Church Development Team (classical)
- CMC** Classical Ministries Committee
- CMCC** *see* CMLT
- CMLT** Classis Ministry Leadership Team (*formerly* Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)

- CO** Church Order (*also* CO Art. = Church Order Article)
- CPD** *see* CRCPD
- CPJ** Citizens for Public Justice
- CRCM** Christian Reformed Campus Ministry (*see also* ACRCMBC)
- CRCPD** Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue (Canadian ministry; *formerly* Committee for Contact with the Government)
- CRHM** Christian Reformed Home Missions
- CRWM** Christian Reformed World Missions
- CRWRC** Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
- CTS** Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids MI
- DMC** Diaconal Ministries Canada
- DV** Deo Volente, Latin for “Lord Willing”
- FOS** Form of Subscription (*may become known as* Covenant for Officebearers)
- LDN** Leadership Development Network
- M2/W2** Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman restorative ministry often within prisons
- MA** Ministry Associate
- MSC** Moved, Seconded, Carried (shorthand in classis minutes)
- NCD** Natural Church Development (inter-denominational ministry)
- OSJHA** Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action (denominational)
- PCR** Pastor-Church Relations (denominational)
- RMT** Regional Ministry Team
- ROP** Rules of Procedure (classical)
- SC** Stated Clerk (classical)
- SCE** Sustaining Congregational Excellence
- SCT** Safe Church Team (*formerly* Abuse Response Team)
(can refer to either denominational or classical ministry)
- SFC** Student Fund Committee (classical)
- SL** Sierra Leone (*as in* CRC in BC & SL)
- SMCC** *see* CC
- SPE** Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
- TKUC** The King’s University College, Edmonton AB
- UNBC** University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC
(*see also* ACRCMBC and CRCM)