



## CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH – WEST Christian Reformed Church in North America

### **Our Mission**

Classis BCNW exists to encourage, equip, and empower congregations and ministries to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and seek first God's Kingdom.

### **The Values that Shape our Work, Witness, and Life Together**

**Prayerful Dependence on God:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we trust God to lead and provide for us as we engage in ministry together.

**Authentic Community:** Intentionally sharing life and story, we build each other up and encourage one another to live lives worthy of the calling we've received.

**Disciples Making New Disciples:** Recognizing that the church's main calling is to make disciples of Jesus, we encourage one another, our congregations, and the ministries we represent to be faithful to God's mission and creative in living it out

**Leadership Development:** Through funding, training and support, we develop, commission, and equip new and existing leaders.

**Covenantal Relationships:** Committing ourselves to each other as God has committed himself to us, we support the work of classis and the ministry of the CRCNA.



Agenda for Session 75

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 2018 @ 1:00 pm & Wednesday Oct. 3rd, 2018 @ 8:30 am  
Location: 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Vancouver, 2670 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Classis Executive:

President: Rev. Chelsey Harmon      Vice All: Rev. Joe Ellis  
Stated Clerk: Mr. Andy de Ruyter      Rec. Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Smith

Prayerful Dependence on God

- Welcome, Praise and Worship
- Roll call and/or signup sheets for delegates as per credentials
- Recite in unison the “Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life”
- First time delegates sign in agreement with the “Covenant of office Bearers”

Time Schedule:

Tuesday

1:00 - opening session  
3:00 - refreshment break  
3:20 - session  
5:30 - dinner break  
6:30 - session  
7:00 - workshop  
8:30 - adjournment

Wednesday

8:30 - opening worship / regional breakouts  
9:45 - session  
10:15 - refreshment break  
10:35 - session  
12:00 - lunch break  
12:45 - session  
(same as Tuesday till agenda completed)

Covenantal Relationships

Committees for pre-advice to Classis:

Overtures: Houston CRC delegates and CMIC member Ken Vander horst  
(note: no overtures have been received)

Expenses: Terrace CRC delegates and stated clerk

Credentials: Nelson Ave delegates and CMIC members David Salverda and Vic Chen

Minutes: Stated clerk, Secretary of CMIC & Classis Executive

Standing Nominations Committee: CMIC: **zip file att. 1**

Classis Administration

- Minutes of Classis Meeting held March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 *RFI*: **zip file att. 2**

- Stated Clerk / CMIC report: Andy de Ruyter: **pages 5 – 10**

Proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure: **zip file att. 3**

Proposal for the next stated clerk: **pages 9 / 10**

- Treasurer report: David Pel

- AGM of the Corporation (March Meeting): CMIC / Stated Clerk

- Ministry Shares (October Meeting): CMIC / Stated Clerk **pg. 7**

### Authentic Community

#### Times of sharing and prayer

Tuesday evening workshops centering on authentic community, covenantal relationships, leadership development, disciples making new disciples or prayerful dependence on God.

Regional Breakout times

Church Visitor Reports

Regional Pastor Reports

Church Counsellor reports

Oversight Committees (for Duncan CRC)

Safe Church Team: Faye Martin: **zip file att. 4**

Church Matters: correspondence, requests, advice, notices:

- Immanuel CRC request to address classis

Church order matters requiring synodical deputies - 2 candidate examinations

- 2 Commissioned Pastor job descriptions

### Leadership Development

Candidate examinations: Kelli Sexton - Nanaimo CCC *pg. 8*

Michael Yang - The Tapestry Richmond *pg. 8*

Commissioned pastor job descriptions: Nelson Ave CCC: **zip file att. 5**

The Tapestry Richmond: **zip file att. 6**

CMIC will present a motion that Pastor Sandy Reynolds, who has accepted a call from The Tapestry to serve in the commissioned pastor position submitted from The Tapestry, not to be re-examined as a commissioned pastor as she has served recently in this same type of position as a commissioned pastor in Alberta. (*C.O art 23a, supplement pg 42*)

Pastor Reynolds will be introduced to the classis delegates and Rev. Al Chu will do an interview with her, explaining her Chaplaincy Ministry work with Fraser Health and her time as a commissioned pastor in Classis Alberta South / Saskatchewan.

Included with the job description from The Tapestry are three documents:

- An endorsement letter from Chaplaincy and Care CRCNA: **zip file att. 7**

- A referral letter from Classis Alberta South: **zip file att. 8**

- A letter from the council of Lantern CRC in Calgary Alberta: **zip file att. 9**

BCLDN: Andrew Aukema / Wilma Van der Leek: **zip file att. 10**

Proposed budget for 2019: **zip file att. 11**

CMLT: Dan Hoogland: **zip file att. 12**

Student Fund Committee: Vic Chen: **zip file att. 13**

### Covenantal Relationships II

Denominational Staff: Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director: **zip file att. 14**

Council of Delegates: Andy de Ruyter

Faith Formation: Liz Tolkamp

Resonate Global Missions: Rich Braaksma

World Renew: Mike Hoyer / Peter Bulthuis: **zip file att. 15**

Diaconal Ministries **zip file att. 16**

Disability Regional Advocate: Caroline Short

Calvin Seminary: Vic Chen

Calvin College: Richard Mast

Cascade Christian Counselling

The Kings University: **zip file att. 17**  
Redeemer University College: **zip file att. 18**  
Synod delegate report (Melissa, Mary-Lee, Dena and/or Lori)

Disciples making new Disciples

Rev Mary-Lee Bouma to address classis on the ending of “downtown friends” ministry  
Northern BC Campus Ministry: Alan Vander Woerd (October Meeting): **zip file att. 19**  
Ministry to Seafarers: Gary Roosma: **zip file att. 20**  
Proposed budget for 2019: **zip file att. 21**  
Classis Youth Champion: Ashley Bootsma: **zip file att. 22**  
Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer: Dena Nicolai **zip file att. 23**  
Kwantlen Ministries: The Tapestry, Richmond **zip file att. 24**  
Mosaic International Student Ministries: New Westminster CRC  
Future Ministry Developments

Closing Session

- President to inquire of delegates / team members / executive if all business has been completed
- Closing announcements and notifications
- 2019 Meetings of Classis - March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Hosting: unknown
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Hosting: The Tapestry, Richmond Campus
- Next Officers of Classis - Rev. Joe Ellis: President
  - Rev. Trevor Vanderveen: Vice All
- Closing remarks by President
- Vice to lead in thanking all those who participated, (president, secretaries, host church volunteers etc)
- Vice to lead in closing devotions

President to declare Classis adjourned.

List of Classical Committees / Teams and Denominational Representatives: pages 12/13  
Acronym List: page 14

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Classis Delegate Registration Form

All delegates to fill out this form

For delegate information, lodging requests, airport transportation information, food allergies, please provide the needed information to the on-line registration form on the classis website, [www.classisbcnw.ca](http://www.classisbcnw.ca) no later than **September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Or if you are on-line, click / open the link below

[Classis Meeting Registration Form](#)

Please remember to press the submit button at the end of the form once you have completed filling out the information required.

*All expense claims need to be accompanied with receipts for travel, meals, mileage etc.*

**Covenantal Relationships Centering on Prayerful Dependence on God**  
**Classis British Columbia North - West**  
**Stated Clerk / Classical Ministries Interim Committee Report**  
**Session 75 – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

This report marks another “change” in our ongoing path to classis renewal in that the stated clerk and classical ministries interim committee reports are now combined into one report for better clarity and easier access to the information contained within the reports. Most items are presented here for information and a time for questions and/or comments will be given. Any items requiring motions will be dealt with and votes taken.

Thank you to the council and members of Vancouver 1<sup>st</sup> CRC for their hospitality in allowing us usage of their facilities for this Fall session of Classis BCNW. Classis (CMIC) will be arranging for the food, lodging and transportation needs.

This session of classis will be a busy one. Two candidate examinations, two commissioned pastor job descriptions to approve, Canadian Ministries Director Rev. Darren Roorda to present on behalf of the Canadian Gathering to be held in May 2019, Downtown Friends update on their ending and future of staff, a time of reflection with Immanuel CRC, proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure (ROP) for CMIC makeup, nominee for the next stated clerk, updates from the Going Forward Team and the committee looking at funding of classical ministries, Seafarers Ministry, Diaconal Ministries Canada, LDN, ministry shares for 2019, nominations report and voting, plus all the rest of the usual business of classis to take care of as well.

**Administrative / Pastoral Items**

- \* Expenses for the March 2018 Classis meeting were \$6457.78.
- \* CMIC has appointed Rev. Chelsey Harmon to serve as chair for this classis meeting and Rev. Joe Ellis to serve as vice-chair.
- \* CMIC has contracted Sister Act Catering to provide the three meals for this classis meeting, Tuesday lunch, dinner and Wednesday’s lunch. Out of town delegates arriving via the airport are encourage to use sky train to make their way to 1<sup>st</sup> Vancouver CRC in time for the meeting. Lodging needs for out of town delegates will be arranged for those who request it.
- \* CMIC thanks delegates and churches for using (and getting used to) the new online credential / delegate registration forms, paying attention to keeping travel costs down by early selection of delegates to ensure cost effective air flights, carpooling from the Island, and offering their homes to host an out of town delegate.
- \* CMIC continues to look at alternate ways of hosting classis meetings as most of the lower mainland churches are unable to continue to host. CMIC is looking at using 1 venue close to the Airport and Ferry Terminal and creating a Classis hosting team that would look after setup, transportation, lodging, meals etc. It is hoped that several members from the local churches would volunteer to serve on this team to share the workload.  
*As of now there are no host churches for the next meetings in 2019. CMIC will announce shortly arrangements made once finalized.*
- \* All ministries, classis teams, standing committee and denominational reports are sent separately in a zip file in PDF format and will be numbered according to their place in the agenda and agenda schedule.

- \* A classis agenda schedule will be made available to all delegates shortly before classis meets outlining how the classis agenda will move along.
- \* CMIC received from Seafarers Ministry a 5 year draft strategic plan. Several issues were raised mainly to do with both the vision of classis and future classis funding. Both BCSE and BCNW will continue to work with committee in preparing a finalized report that will be presented to both classes in 2019.
- \* CMIC reviewed a meeting with former members of the Richmond CRC (disbanded) in relation to disbursements of funds from sale of the property to The Tapestry.
- \* Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director, will be present at our classis meeting to present on behalf of the next Canadian National Gathering to be held in Edmonton in May 2019. **Please take note of his letter and link for information with request for each council to review and inform their delegates of their preferences. zip file att. 14**
- \* The classis treasurer will review the financial statements dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and ministry shares received.  
*The Financial Statements dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be sent out in late September to all the churches and delegates.*
- \* CMIC expects the 2017 Auditors report sometime in early September. CMIC will review and highlight any relevant items to classis at its meeting in October.
- \* A new two year church visiting schedule was posted in March 2018 and all churches are reminded to do their church visits by March 2020. The new schedule can be found on **page 11**.
- \* A Canadian Stated Clerks meeting was held by Vidyo conference on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Meeting notes are available upon request.

### **Reports approved for this session of classis**

Canadian Ministries Director: Rev/Dr. Darren Roorda  
 Diaconal Ministries Canada: Rachel Vroege  
 Leadership Development Network: Pastor Wilma van der Leek  
 Seafarers Ministry: Rev. Gary Roosma  
 CR Campus Ministry: Rev. Alan VanderWoerd  
 Downtown Friends: Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma  
 Report from synod delegates 2018

### **Financial matters**

CMIC requests classis ratifies the decisions made in the following financial matters dealt with on classis behalf:

- approved spending approx \$475.00 to upgrade and make Mobile friendly our classis website. Kathy Smith and Ken Vander Horst will facilitate work on this.
  - approved \$300.00 for stated clerk & ministry leader gathering in Burlington in January 2019
  - approved \$350.00 for Youth Ministry Retreat in 2019 – classis youth champion attending
  - approved request from Safe Church Team for \$500.00 for funding a 3 day Faith Care - Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches workshop to be held in Langley Willoughby CRC October 11-13, 2018. Monies to come from Safe Church fund.
- CMLT requests \$500.00 for its work in engaging with students at seminaries locally that are considering ordination in the CRC. **zip file att. 12**

CMIC also notes 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for the Bridge App will be due in January 2019, \$5100.00 to be paid from the B.C. Ministry Fund (approved by classis in Oct 2017)

### Classical and Denominational Ministry Shares for 2019

Classis BCNW Ministry Share per member \$ 67.45 (2018 \$66.45) (pending approval by Classis October 2018)	Denominational Ministry Share per member \$ 387.83 (Approved by Synod June 2018)
Ministry to Seafarers \$ 9.45	BTGMI \$ 44.41
Leadership Development Network \$ 8.00	Calvin College \$ 1.80
Student Fund \$ 12.00	Area colleges (Kings) \$ 71.47
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C. \$ 15.00	Calvin Seminary \$ 36.27
Classis Expense Fund \$ 15.00	Congregational Services \$ 82.44
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain \$ 1.00	Resonate Global Missions \$ 108.52
Safe Church Team \$ 3.00	Syn. Admin. Services \$ 39.19
Chaplain and Refugee Sup. Mob. \$ 4.00	Special Assistance Fund \$ 3.73

Classical expense fund includes funding for classis meetings, ongoing administrative expenses, stipends, \$500 for CMLT, \$300 for S/C Gathering and \$400 for Youth Champions Gathering.

Please note that 50% of classis ministry shares are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

### Classical Pulpit Supply

The following assignments have been made for Duncan CRC.

September 9	Rev. Ken Vander Horst
September 23	Rev. Gary Roosma
October 14	Rev. Andrew Turkstra
October 28	Pastor Dena Nicolai
November 4	Rev. Henry Jonker
November 16	Candidate Kelli Sexton
December 2	Rev. David Salverda
December 16	Rev. Gary Roosma

If Duncan CRC remains vacant into 2019, another list of assignments will be made and sent out by late October 2018.

Do note if assignments are needed for January to May 2019, lower mainland pastors will each be assigned a turn.

### **Classical Ministry Funding Review Team**

CMIC noted and reviewed the work done by the team reviewing classical ministry funding and the criteria letter with the proposal that was sent to all the church councils and current classical funded ministries for review and feedback.

It is proposed that 1 hour be put aside at the October classis meeting for a round table discussion to help better understand the future of classical ministry funding and gather as much feedback as possible before making any future recommendations to the churches and classis. Feedback from all the church councils and ministries was due by the end of June and it is with that information the makeup of the round table discussion will be formatted. It is noted that if time constraints at the Oct classis meeting are an issue, then a shortened time for introduction and explanation will take place and the round table discussion postponed to the March 2019 meeting.

### **Going Forward Team: Classis Renewal**

#### New Mission and Values Statement, Tuesday Evening Focus, Wednesday Morning Regional Session:

We reviewed the feedback we received regarding changes implemented at the last classis meeting. Comments we received with regards to the new Mission and Values statements were positive. The Tuesday evening session with Dena Nicolai was well received, as was the Wednesday morning regional break-out time. Thanks to feedback we received we noted the following with regards to future meetings:

- Tuesday evening sessions will rotate among all five of the Values, instead of just three as had originally been proposed, and will continue to be current and relevant to the needs of the churches in our classis.
- The Wednesday morning regional break-outs will be maintained, with some consideration given in the future to: a) allotting more time, if possible, and b) giving the questions/theme into the hands of delegates ahead of time so they are prepared for any discussion.

#### Reporting:

We continue to look at how to keep ministry reporting (both denominational and classical) relevant to the Five Values and current for the churches.

- Due to the busyness of the agenda, and since all denominational ministries have reported in the past year, time constraints may dictate that this upcoming classis meeting may not have denominational reporting.
- We would like to approach the denomination about doing more reporting via short video sessions.
- Classical standing committees and ministries will be encouraged to relate their ministry reports to the Five Values of classis.

#### Classis Meetings in General:

We discussed the following as ideas for the future. Nothing definitive has been decided at this point.

- Choose one of the Values as a theme for a particular classis meeting and focus the meeting around that theme: devotions, Tuesday evening session, Wednesday morning regional break-outs, etc.
- Possibly expand the amount of time spent in regional break-outs at classis: either giving more time under the current set-up, or hold actual regional meetings separate from each other (maybe once every two years?). We would like to try holding regional meetings once, as an experiment.



- Possibly examine future candidates and commissioned pastors at regional classis contracta meetings instead of regular classis sessions. With video conferencing and modern technical applications this may work.
- Possibly hold a joint classis meeting sometime with Classis BCSE.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Please review the Nominations Committee report and the need for nominees for synodical delegates for 2019 and other open positions. **zip file att. 1**

### **Candidate Examinations**

Candidate Michael Yang has accepted the call from The Tapestry Richmond to be the Pastor of Tap Nights, and Candidate Kelli Sexton has accepted the call from Nanaimo CCC to be their associate pastor.

The following assignments have been made in order to facilitate their classical examinations:

For Candidate Kelli Sexton:

Practica: Rev. Ken Vander Horst

Biblical and Theological Position: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen

Sermon Evaluator: Rev. William Delleman and an elder (or two) from Victoria CCC

For Candidate Michael Yang:

Practica: Rev. Joel Ringma

Biblical and Theological Position: Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma

Sermon Evaluators: Rev. Johannes Schouten and an elder (or two) from Nelson Ave CCC

Synodical deputies who will be present at the examinations:

Rev. Rudy Ouwehand: Classis BCSE, Rev. Tom Oosterhuis: Classis Alberta North and

Rev. Rich DeRuiter: Classis Pacific Northwest

Examinations will take place on the Tuesday afternoon session, Oct 2, 2019 from 1:30 to 5:30 with each examination lasting approx 2 hours.

### **Commissioned Pastor Job Descriptions needing approval:**

The following churches have submitted commissioned pastor job descriptions for classis approval.

The Tapestry Richmond **zip file att. 6**

Nelson Ave. CCC. **zip file att. 5**

\* Concurrence with classis approval will be needed from the synodical deputies for these job descriptions.

CMIC will be presenting a motion that Pastor Sandy Reynolds, who has accepted the call from The Tapestry to serve in the commissioned pastor position submitted from The Tapestry, not to be re-examined as a commissioned pastor as she has served recently in this same type of position as a commissioned pastor in Alberta. *C.O art 23a, supplement pg 42 (about 1/2 way down is the section outlining this process)*

Included with the job description from The Tapestry are three documents:

- an endorsement letter from Chaplaincy and Care CRCNA **zip file att. 7**
- a referral letter from Classis Alberta South **zip file att. 8**
- a letter from the council of Lantern CRC in Calgary Alberta. **zip file att. 9**

Following the motion being made and seconded, an interview and introduction of Pastor Sandy will take place for the delegates to meet and get to know her and her work with Fraser Health. After the interview the motion to allow The Tapestry to ordain her to the role of commissioned pastor will be voted on.

### **Proposed change to Classis ROP (rules of procedure)**

CMIC will be proposing a change in our ROP which covers the roles of stated clerk and chair of the CMIC.

Currently, both positions are held by the stated clerk. CMIC is proposing a separation of these two positions to be held by two people instead of one.

A copy of the proposal and motion can be found in **zip file att. 3**

There is also an issue with wording in our by-laws on who can serve in executive positions for classis that will need some updating to conform to our ROP and current practices. This is being worked on separately and an approval for any changes will be presented to a future classis meeting.

### **Change in Stated Clerk**

As our current stated clerk has informed classis that he will not continue following completion of his current 3<sup>rd</sup> term in March 2019, CMIC instituted a search for a qualified candidate to take his place. Our search has led us to nominate Kathy Smith to serve classis BCNW as its next stated clerk following the March 2019 classis meeting. Kathy currently serves as the alternate stated clerk and secretary of the CMIC.

#### ***Bio: Kathy Smith***

*Many of you attending this classis meeting know a little about me thanks to my role for the past two years as alternate stated clerk, my involvement on the CMIC and the Going Forward Team, and my previous involvement with the Classical Ministries Leadership Team and the Student Fund Committee. Some of you do not know me at all, so I thought I would provide a short bio to let you know who it is that is willing to attempt to step into Andy's shoes in the stated clerk position.*

*I am a lifetime member of the Christian Reformed Church. My father, Wolter Smit, was a CRC pastor in Fort McMurray, AB, and Brandon, MB. I have a Masters in Church Education (M.C.E.) degree from Calvin Theological Seminary and I recently graduated from LDN (the BC Leadership Development Network). I also have a Computer Accounting Certificate from Ridge Meadows College. After graduating from Seminary I was a church developer in Sierra Leone, West Africa for four years, and a program administrator in New Life CRC, Abbotsford, for 18 months. In 1993 I married Bob Smith and settled into a new role as wife, mother, homemaker, and active volunteer in the Maple Ridge CRC.*

*In the past twenty years God has been bringing about profound personal and spiritual transformation in my life, particularly through my participation in LDN and in a ministry in our church called Freedom Session (a Christian 12-Step Healing Discipleship ministry).*

*He has also been affirming gifts of administrative leadership and service as I have worked as the Administrative Assistant in our church office, served as an elder and chair of council, and volunteered on various classical committees. Recently he has been renewing that call to ministry that I first responded to many years ago. But now I do so with a greater love for God and a better understanding of who he is and who he has created me to be. I have always had a love for the Christian Reformed Church and its ministry, and I believe the role of stated clerk is the next step in responding to God's vocational call on my life. I look forward to doing what I can to work with and for the Lord and you as together we bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and seek first God's Kingdom.*

CMIC heartily supports and endorses Kathy Smith as the next Stated Clerk and will move her appointment to begin following the March 2019 Classis meeting.

### **CMIC Membership**

In March of 2019, three members of the CMIC will be ending their terms, Rev. David Salverda, Rev. Henry Numan and stated clerk Andy DeRuyter. CMIC will present nominees for replacements and for a new alternate stated clerk at the March 2019 classis meeting.

Motion to approve the work of the CMIC and Stated Clerk:

Andy de Ruyter: stated clerk / lead  
 David Pel: Classis Treasurer  
 Henry Numan: Lower Mainland Rep  
 Ken Vander horst: Northern Rep  
 Faye Martin: ex officio for SCT matters

Kathy Smith: secretary / alternate stated clerk  
 Vic Chen: Student Fund Committee Chair  
 David Salverda: Island Rep

**Church Visitors Assignments for 2018 to 2020, beginning March 1, 2018**

Visits to be completed by March 1, 2020

The following church visiting assignments have been assigned for the next cycle.

<b>Church being visited:</b>	<b>Church doing the visit:</b>	<b>Date Visited:</b>
<u>Northern Churches:</u>		
Terrace CRC	- Houston CRC	
Smithers CRC	- Terrace CRC	
Telkwa CRC	- Prince George CRC	
Houston CRC	- Smithers CRC	
Prince George CRC	- Telkwa CRC	
<u>Island Churches:</u>		
Victoria CRC	- Duncan CRC	
Victoria CCC	- Nanaimo CCC	
Duncan CRC	- Alberni Valley CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	- Victoria CRC	April 10, 2018
Alberni Valley CRC	- Victoria CCC	
<u>Lower Mainland Churches</u>		
Maple Ridge CRC	- The Tapestry	
New Westminster CRC	- Maple Ridge CRC	
Nelson Ave CC	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Vancouver CRC	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vancouver CRC	- New Westminster CRC	
Richmond Immanuel CRC	- Nelson Ave CCC	
Richmond The Tapestry	- Richmond Immanuel CRC	

APPOINTEES & COMMITTEES OF CLASSIS BCNW  
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STATED CLERK (S/C)

Mr. Andy de Ruyter 2019(3) [classisbcnw@shaw.ca](mailto:classisbcnw@shaw.ca)  
 Alternate - Mrs. Kathy Smith 2019(1) [kathy.bcnw@outlook.com](mailto:kathy.bcnw@outlook.com)

CMC - CLASSICAL MINISTRIES (INTERIM) COMMITTEE  
 & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Andy de Ruyter - S/C - Chair 2019(3) [classisbcnw@shaw.ca](mailto:classisbcnw@shaw.ca)  
 Mrs. Kathy Smith - alt. S/C - Secretary 2019(1) [kathy.bcnw@outlook.com](mailto:kathy.bcnw@outlook.com)  
 Mr. Victor Chen – CMLT/SFC chair 2020(3)  
 Mr. David Pel – Classis Treasurer 2020(8)  
 Rev. Henry Numan - Lower Mainland rep 2019(2)  
 Rev. David Salverda – Island rep 2019(2)  
 Rev. Ken Vander Horst – Northern rep 2020(1)  
 Ms. Faye Martin – SCT Coordinator EX OFFICIO

CLASSICAL TREASURER

Mr. David Pel 2020(8) [david@dpelcga.com](mailto:david@dpelcga.com)  
 Mrs. Verney Kho - alternate 2018(1)

CLASSIS AUDITOR

Mr. Fred Bosma 2018(8)

SCT - SAFE CHURCH TEAM COORDINATOR

Ms. Faye Martin [sfmartin@telus.net](mailto:sfmartin@telus.net)

SCT – SAFE CHURCH TEAM CLASSIS REPRESENTATIVE

CLASSICAL LICENSURE

Dr. Neil Lettinga (250-964-7734) 9/19

REGIONAL PASTORS

Rev. Joel Ringma Northern Churches  
 Rev. Henry Jonker Island Churches  
 Rev. Andrew Beunk Lower-Mainland Churches

LDN - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (bi-classis team)

Rev. Andrew Aukema (BCNW) chair / classis rep  
 Mr. John Messelink (BCNW)  
 Mrs. Wilma van der Leek Fraser Valley LDN Facilitator

CMLT/SFC - CLASSIS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

/ STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE (BI-CLASSIS COMMITTEE WITH CLASSIS BCSE)

BCNW Members

Mr. Victor Chen – Chair (SFC) 2020(3)  
 Rev. David Cheung (SFC) 2018 (1)  
 Rev. Al Wu (SFC) 2020(1)

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS

Chaplain, Rev. Gary Roosma [crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com)

BCNW Members:

Mr. David Pel – Treasurer BCNW 2020(9)  
 Mr. Rens Slot 2019(2)  
 Mr. Steve Berkenpas 2018(1)

CRCM – ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS MINISTRY IN B.C.

Rev. Dr. Alan VanderWoerd – Chaplain @ UNBC [alan@alabanza.ca](mailto:alan@alabanza.ca)

CHAPLAIN AND REFUGEE MOBILIZER

Pastor Dena Nicolai

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADIAN BOARD MEMBER FOR B.C.  
Mrs. Cindy Verbeek (pending)

DIACONAL MINISTRY DEVELOPERS  
Mr. Gary Veenman for BCNW  
Mr. Gord Pierkik for Vancouver Island

SIERRA LEONE BC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE  
Mr. Dave Meyer – Chair BCNW  
Rev. Joel Ringma – Secretary BCNW

REGIONAL DISABILITY ADVOCATE / B.C. Rep  
Mrs. Caroline Short [caroline.vanderloo@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.vanderloo@gmail.com)

#### **DENOMINATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS**

SYNODICAL DEPUTY  
Rev. Henry Jonker 2021 (1)  
Rev. Andrew Beunk - alternate 2021 (1)  
COD – Council of Delegates: CRCNA  
Mr. Andy DeRuyter 2021(2)  
CCBOT - CALVIN COLLEGE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Mr. Richard Mast 2020(1)  
CTS - CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
Mr. Vic Chen (2019(1))

#### **REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTITIVES**

WORLD RENEW – Classis Rep  
Dave Mayer 2020(1)  
CRCPD - CHRISTIAN REFORMED CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE  
Dena Nicolai 2020 (2)  
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE LIAISON  
Mrs. Anne Kwantes 2019(4)

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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 <i>aka</i> Christian Reformed Campus Ministry at UNBC
BCSE	Classis British Columbia South-East
BOT	Board of Trustees
BTGMI	Back to God Ministries International (now part of the COD)
CC	Candidacy Committee ( <i>formerly</i> Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)
CDT	Church Development Team (classical)
CMIC	Classical Ministry Interim Committee
CMLT	Classis Ministry Leadership Team ( <i>formerly</i> Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)
COD	Council of Delegates
CO	Church Order ( <i>also</i> CO Art. = Church Order Article)
CPJ	Citizens for Public Justice
CRCM	Christian Reformed Campus Ministry ( <i>see also</i> ACRCMBC)
CRCPD	Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions (now Resonate Global Missions)
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions (now Resonate Global Missions)
CTS	Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids MI
DMC	Diaconal Ministries Canada
DV	Deo Volente, Latin for “Lord Willing”
RGM	Resonate Global Missions
LDN	Leadership Development Network
M2/W2	Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman restorative ministry often within prisons
MSC	Moved, Seconded, Carried (shorthand in classis minutes)
OSJHA	Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action (denominational)
PCR	Pastor-Church Resources (denominational) formally: Pastor Church Relations
RMT	Regional Ministry Team
ROP	Rules of Procedure (classical)
SC	Stated Clerk (classical)
SCE	Sustaining Congregational Excellence
SCT	Safe Church Team
SFC	Student Fund Committee (classical)
SL	Sierra Leone ( <i>as in</i> CRC in BC & SL)
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
TKU	The King’s University, Edmonton AB
UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC