AGENDA

CLASSIS BCNW, Session 94

October 20 and 21, 2026

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.

Values:

1. The Value of **Prayerful Dependence on God** is central to the other Values and guides everything we do at this classis meeting.
2. The Value of **Authentic Community** is being highlighted at this classis meeting: Intentionally sharing life and story, we build each other up and encourage one another to live lives worthy of the calling we've received.

SCHEDULE

Executive: Rev. Willem Delleman, *President,* Rev. Andrew Beunk, *Vice President*
Rev. Joel Ringma, *Recording Clerk,* Andy DeRuyter, *Stated Clerk*

Credentials Pre-Advice Committee: Stated Clerk & Classical Interim Committee
Expense Advisory Committee: Maple Ridge CRC & Smithers CRC
Overture Advisory Committee: No overtures submitted
Nominations Committee: Stated Clerk & Classical Interim Committee
Synodical Deputies: Rev. Wout Brouwer, Rev. Gary van Leeuwen, Rev. Brian Bolkema
Guests: Rev. Yongwan Cho, Nanaimo Grace Korean Church
Rev. David Wulken, Powell River Reformed Church

PLEASE NOTE:

Most documents relevant to the agenda are linked directly within the agenda. They can also be accessed through the classis google drive folder. Supporting documents, ministry reports, and classical and denominational reports are organized under their respective tabs in the Google Drive.

Links to the appropriate classis google drive folders for individual documents and reports are embedded throughout the agenda wherever they are referenced.

IMPORTANT DELEGATE INFORMATION

The following documents can be found on the Meetings page of the classis website
Classical Credentials Form. All churches must complete this online form no later than Friday, October 1st, 2026
Delegate registration Form. All delegates must complete this online form no later than Friday October 1st, 2026

Classical Documents

The following documents can be found in the Classis Documents tab
Classis / Denomination Committees & Personal, Acronym List, Church Order 2025
Classis F & Q's, Classis Rules of Procedure

Delegate Expense Claim Form

Synod 2026: Frequently Asked Questions | Christian Reformed Church

From the Denomination; RFI
1. letter from senior leadership
2. video message
3. introducing the Church Planting Strategic Plan Implementation Team

Delegates, as per classical credentials:

	CHURCH	DELEGATE 1	DELEGATE 2
1	Burnaby - Nelson Ave CC	Rev. J. Schouten	Elder Glen Morton
	Burnaby - Vancouver Dream Church	Rev. Alex Park	-------
2	Burnaby - New Westminster CRC	Rev. Andrew Beunk	Elder Garret Brouwer
	Burnaby - My Beloved Church	----------	-------
3	Duncan CRC	Elder Sandy Veenstra	Elder Affie Duifhuis
4	Houston CRC	Rev. Martin Vellekoop	Elder Jeff Oevering
5	Maple Ridge CRC	Elder Sungkyu Jee	Deacon Robin de Haan
6	Nanaimo CCC	Elder Jonathan Christe	Elder Rick Brink
7	Port Alberni CRC	Elder Janine Umran	--------
8	Prince George CRC	Rev. Paul Deweerd	Elder Hilary Perry
9	Richmond - Immanuel CRC	Elder Judy Syyong	Deacon Gyneth Young
10	Richmond - Tap Network	Rev. Sam Lee (T) Rev. Al Chu (W)	Rev. Josephine Wong (T) Rev. Jesse Pals (W)
11	Smithers CRC	Rev. Brian Schouten	Elder Monique Vander Wart
12	Telkwa Community Church	Elder John Wisselink	Elder Mike Cunningham
13	Terrace CRC	Rev. J. Ringma	Elder Clarence Braam
14	Vancouver - First	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	Elder Janet Danielson
15	Victoria - Christ Community	Rev. Willem Delleman	Deacon Andries Loubser
16	Victoria CRC	Rev. Stanley Groothof	Elder Keith Gerrard

Summary Time Schedule:

Times noted are guidelines and may be altered by the classis executive if warranted.

Tuesday	**Wednesday**
1:00 p.m. – Meeting begins	8:30 a.m. – Meeting begins
3:00 p.m. – Break	10:00 a.m. - Break
5:30 p.m. – Supper Break	12:00 p.m. – Lunch Break
8:45 p.m. – Meeting Adjourns	3:00 p.m. – Meeting Adjourns

Agenda Items to note:
Affiliation with the CRCNA for Nanaimo Grace Korean and Powell River Reformed churches
Guests: Rev. Yongwon Cho from NGK & Rev. David Wulkan & Mr. Henry Tuinings from PRRC
Commissioned Pastor Exam: Jonathan Christie, CCC Nanaimo
Minister of the Word Exams: CP Victor Chua, CP Luke Shi, Immanuel CRC
Colloquium Doctum: Rev. Yongwon Cho, Nanaimo Grace Korean Church
Classical Ministry Shares for 2027

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Tuesday, October 20, 2026, Afternoon Session

Prayerful Dependence on God

Time	art.#	Description
1:00 PM	1.	Welcome of delegates and guests: Rev. Willem Delleman
1:05	2.	Opening Worship, celebrating communion and time of prayer Pastor Luke & Pastor Vic, Immanuel CRC
1:45	3.	Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life
	4.	Roll Call of delegates: Stated Clerk
	5.	Credential Advisory Committee Report: Stated Clerk and CIC
	6.	Signing of the Covenant of Office Bearers by first time delegates
		Authentic Community
2:00	7.	Church Planting Team Report**:** Rev's Sam Lee & Andrew Beunk Church Planting Committee Report to Classis - Final Draft CPC Supporting Documents
2:30	8.	Affiliation with the CRCNA Process for affiliation 9.1 Nanaimo Grace Korean Church From the minutes of the October 2025 session 92 Classis meeting: *Affiliation request: Nanaimo Grace Church Reporting: CIC Chair: Rev Willem Delleman highlighted steps for Nanaimo Grace to become part of the CRC. Rev. Hyung-Jun Kim and Rev. Yongwan Cho spoke to Rev Cho's history the PCC and a church plant in Victoria and sensing God bringing him to the CRC to plant a church in Nanaimo. Rev. Hyung-Jun Kim and Rev. Yongwan Cho fielded questions. Motion: To Proceed with next step of Affiliation as outlined. (M/S/C)* **Motion**: to approve Nanaimo Grace Korean Church as an emerging church in the CRCNA. Victoria CC to serve as the supervising church.

	9.2	Powell River Reformed Church Affiliation request Introduction / interview with Rev. David Wulkan – Pastor of Powell River RC **Motion:** to proceed with the next step of the affiliation process
3:00	9.	**Refreshment break**
		Covenantal Relationships - committee and pastoral reports
3:20	10	Classical Interim Committee – Rev. Willem Delleman CIC Report 10.1 CIC Reporting 10.2 Request from Alberni Valley for Classical Pulpit supply 10.3 **Motion**: That Classis approve the work of the CIC
3:35	11	Stated Clerk – Andy DeRuyter Stated Clerk Report 11.1 Stated Clerk Report 11.2 **Motion**: to approve the work of the stated clerk
3:45	12	Treasurers 2026 mid year financial report - David Pel Link to Reports 12.1 June 2026 Financial Report 12.2 Mr. Barton Chan -letter of resignation 12.3 Seafarers 2027 Budget – RFI 12.4 Initial report of the CIC review on Ministries Classis supports 12.5 **Motion** to approve the work of the Classis treasurer **CMC report will be addressed under art. 26 in the evening session
4:05	13	Student Fund Committee – Rev. Jese Pals Link to report
4:25	14	Prayer for the work of the Classical committees
4:30	15	Ministerial credential actions needed **Motion** for Commissioned pastor Dena Nicolai honorable release under C.O. 24D **Motion** for 2-year extension for Licence to exhort: Dr. Neil Lettinga
4:40	16	Church updates 15.1 Church counselor reports 1st Vancouver – Rev.'s Albert Chu & Jesse Pals Telkwa CRC – Rev. Brian Schouten

15.2 Regional Pastor reports
Lower mainland – Rev. Marylee Bouma
Island – Rev. Willem Delleman
Northern – Rev. Joel Ringma
15.3 Church Visiting Reports
Immanuel CRC visited The Tapestry June 8th, 2026
Link to report
15.4 Request from Alberni Valley CRC for pulpit supply
15.5 Oversight Committee Reports

5:00 17 Nominations Committee Report
Review of nominees needed

5:05 18 Safe Church Team
Link to Report
Jiyoung Jung & Faye Martin
Giving thanks for 30 years of SC Ministry and the retirement of Faye Martin

5:30 Closing prayer for the afternoon session and Dinner Break

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, Evening Session

6:45 Opening prayer for the evening session

Ministry Reporting

6.50 19 Update from Canadian National Gathering Attendees: Rev. Martin Vellekoop

7:05 20 BC CRC Refugee Welcome Fund – Dena Nicolai
Link to Report

7:15 21 Ministry to Seafarers – Rev. Gary Roosma
Link to Report

7:30 22 1 Life – Wilma Van der Leek
Link to Report

7:45 23 Resonate Global Missions – Ben Ver Kerk
Church Planting FAQ
On Mission Together Handout

7:55 24 World ReNew – Fred Reitsma
Link to Report

8:05 25 Canadian Ministries Director – Rev. Al Postma

8:15	26	Classical Ministries Committee – Rev. Johannes Schouten 26.1 CMC Report 26.2 Presentation of proposed 2027 Ministry Shares 26.3 **Motion**: to approve the work of the CMC
8:30	27	Reports submitted with no verbal presentation These reports can be found on the classis google drive under the non atten. ministry reports tab
8:35	28	Nominations Committee Report Elections: CMC Member (preferably from one of the Northern Churches) Alt Stated Clerk 2027 Synod Delegates
8:50	28	Announcements / Closing payer / adjournment

For delegates who have requested lodging, please meet at the main door for directions and/or rides to the hotel and room keys.

Wednesday October 21, 2026, Morning session

8:30 Am	29	Welcome to delegates, synodical deputies and guests – Rev. Willem Delleman
8:35	30	Worship and opening payers
8:50	31	Roll Call 26.1 Confirmation of attendance – Stated Clerk 26.2 Signing of Covenant of Office Bearers by first time delegates

Covenantal Relationships

9:00	32	Candidate Examination for Commissioned Pastor position: Jonathan Christie Al documents can be found on this link or on the classis google drive Position: Commissioned Lead Pastor, Nanaimo CC under C.O. 23A Examiners: Rev. Paul DeWeerd & Rev. Jesse Pals Sermon Evaluators: Rev. Andrew Beunk & Elder Andrea Draijer Synodical Deputies: Rev. Wout Brouwer, Rev. Gary van Leeuwen, Rev. Brian Bolkema All documents can be found on this link or on the classis google drive 28.1 Examination One: Rev. Paul DeWeerd a) Knowledge of Scripture b) Knowledge of Reformed doctrine Examination Two: Rev Jesse Pals c) Knowledge of the standards of the church and the Church Order d) Practical matters regarding Christian testimony, walk of life, relationships with others, love for the church, approach to ministry, and promotion of Christ's kingdom (Commissioned Pastor Handbook, pp. 15-16).

28.2 Written report: Sermon Evaluators Rev Andrew Beunk & Elder Andrea Draijer
Assigned sermon Can be found on this link or on the classis google drive
28.3 Questions and comments from delegates & synodical deputies
28.4 **Executive session** for deliberation and vote
Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit
Synodical deputies excused to a private room for discussion
Motion: That Jonathan Christie be approved as Commissioned Pastor in the position of Lead Pastor at Nanaimo CC under C.O. 23A
Deliberation
Vote
The synodical deputies offer their written statement, from which it will become evident whether they can concur with the decision of classis.
Executive session ends
28.5 Results of vote given to Candidate Jonathan Christie
* Presentation of Certificate.
* Prayer and laying of hands

10:15 **Refreshment Break**

10:30 33 Candidate Examination, Commissioned Pastor Luke Shi
Al documents can be found on this link or on the classis google drive
Position: Minister of the Word, C.O. art 10 Immanuel CRC
Examiners: Rev. Johannes Schouten & Rev. Martin Vellekoop
Sermon Evaluators: Rev. Willem Delleman
Synodical Deputies: Rev. Wout Brouwer, Rev. Gary van Leeuwen, Rev. Brian Bolkema

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The classical examiner shall inquire into the candidate's relationship to God and commitment to the ministry, the candidate's understanding of the meaning and relevance of the ministry for our times, loyalty to the church, and related matters.
b) The synodical deputies and delegates shall have opportunity to ask additional questions.
c) Before proceeding to the next area of inquiry, a motion to proceed shall carry.

2) Sermon Evaluation
a) In the presence of the candidate, the written sermon shall be evaluated, and attention shall be given to the candidate's manner of conducting a worship service.
b) Additional questions with reference to the sermon and its delivery shall be allowed.
c) Before proceeding to the next area, a motion to proceed shall carry with the concurrence of the synodical deputies.

3) Biblical and Theological Position (minimum,
a) The examiner shall inquire into the candidate's biblical and theological judgment, competence, and soundness.
b) Opportunity shall be provided for additional questions

c. Procedure for admitting to the ministry:
Executive session for deliberation and vote
1) A **motion** to admit shall be received and given preliminary con sideration in executive session.
2) Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit shall be offered.
3) The synodical deputies shall leave the floor to prepare their recommendation.
4) The classis shall vote by ballot.
5) The synodical deputies shall offer their written statement, from which it will become evident whether they can concur with the decision of classis.

Results of vote given to Candidate Luke Shi
* Presentation of Certificate.
* Prayer and laying of hands

11:45 PM **Lunch Break**

Wednesday October 21, 2026, Afternoon session

12:30 34 Candidate Examination, Commissioned Pastor Vic Chua
All documents can be found on this link or on the classis google drive
Position: Minister of the Word, C.O. art 10 Immanuel CRC
Examiners: Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma & Rev. Al Chu
Sermon Evaluators: Rev. Stanley Bouma & ~~Elder~~
Synodical Deputies: Rev. Wout Brouwer, Rev. Gary van Leeuwen, Rev. Brian Bolkema

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Results of vote given to Candidate Vic Chua
* Presentation of Certificate.
* Prayer and laying of hands

1:45 35 Colloquium Doctum for Rev. Yongwon Cho, Nanaimo Grace Korean Church
Church Order Article 8, Supplement E.4
Examiner / Interviewer: Rev. Willem Delleman
Sermon Evaluator: Rev. Jun Kim
Translator: Rev. Jun Kim
The classis conducts the colloquium after the Article 8 affiliation process and Candidacy Committee authorization. The examination/conversation is specifically to inquire into three areas:
a] Soundness of doctrine
b] Sanctity of life
c] Knowledge and appreciation of Christian Reformed practice and usage
Synodical deputies must be present, and the minister must receive both the approval of classis and the concurrence of the synodical deputies.
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4) The classis shall vote by ballot.
5) The synodical deputies shall offer their written statement, from which it will become evident whether they can concur with the decision of classis.

Results of vote given to Rev. Cho
* Presentation of Certificate.
* Prayer and laying of hands

2:30 36 Ministerial Credentials requiring **concurrence from Synodical deputies**

1. Art 17A release from AVCRC for Rev. Curtis Korver
   Link to request
   Motion to Approve

2. Minister Release from The Tapestry under C.O. art 14D
   Documents submitted

The Tapestry CRC has agreed to Rev. Jenn Richards request to be released from her calling as a minister of the word under C.O. 14d to return to elementary school teaching at a local Christian School
From C.O. art 14d
d. A minister of the Word who has entered upon a vocation which classis judges to be non ministerial and forsakes the calling of a minister of the Word shall be released from office within one year of that judgment. The concurring advice of the synodical deputies shall be obtained at the time of the judgment.

From Rev. Joel Vande Werken, Director of Ecclesiastical Governance
My sense is that this is probably an Art. 14-d (if there's truly a discernment phase involved). Art. 14-c is much more common and is generally used for any release where the new role is clearly non-ministerial. But there's no provision in CO to grant a "year of discernment" for Art. 14-c, so I'm not sure if that's the direction you want to go here.
With Art. 14-d, you're basically getting confirmation from the classis that this role doesn't require ordination but then allowing the minister a year to decide whether to stay in that role. (Another option would be an Art. 17-a separation, which would give her a two-year window of eligibility. But I think if she's really considering a non-ministerial vocation, 14-d probably describes the situation more accurately).
Motion to release Rev. Jen Richards from her calling to the Tapestry CRC under church order 14d

3. Calling of a minister to a specialized ministry under C.O. 12C
Supervision of a pastor in a specialized ministry under C.O. 13b
Documents Submitted
Maple Ridge CRC is seeking Classis and synodical deputy permission to call Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma to a specialized ministry as the Chaplain and New Ministry Developer with for incarcerated Indigenous women with Sisters Walking Together.
Motion to approve

2:50 37 Expense Advisory Committee: Maple Ridge CRC & Smithers CRC
Classis Meeting expenses: $
Motion to approve

3:00	38	Closing Announcements and notifications: Chair and stated clerk Next meeting of Classis BCNW: March 9/10, 2027, Location TBD Next Executive: President Rev. Andrew Beunk Vice President Rev. Johannes Schouten Recording Secretary Rev. Willem Delleman
3:05	39	Closing reflections, appreciation remarks Closing prayer – Vice chair Rev. Andrew Beunk
3:15	40	President to declare Classis adjourned.