



CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH – WEST

Christian Reformed Church in North America

Classis BCNW is a community of Christian Reformed Churches from Central BC, Vancouver Island and the Metro Vancouver region that exists to encourage, empower, and support the local church in its ministry and, when prudent, come alongside the local church to support its ministry for mutual accountability and to advance and teach the religious tenets, doctrines, observances and culture associated with Christian Reformed faith and doctrine.

Agenda for Session 73

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 @ 1:00 pm & Wednesday October 18th, 2017 @ 8:30 am

Location: New Westminster CRC, 8255 13th street, Burnaby B.C.

Classis Executive:

President: Rev. Ken Vander Horst

Vice All: Rev. Joe Ellis

Stated Clerk: Mr. Andy de Ruyter

Rec. Secretary: Ms. Kathy Smith

1. Opening Session

- Welcome, Praise and Worship
- Roll call as per credentials by stated clerk
- First time delegates sign “Covenant of office Bearers”
- Recite in unison the “Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life”

Time Schedule:

Tuesday

- 1:00 - opening session
- 3:00 - refreshment break
- 3:20 - session
- 5:20 - dinner break (with BCSE)
- 6:30 - Nick Loenen / 90th ann. of CRC in B.C.
- 7:00 – Fellowship
- 7:30– Celebration of the 500th
Anniversary of the Reformation
- 8:45 - adjournment

Wednesday

- 8:30 - opening session
- 9:30 – Comm. Pastor Exam.
- 10:15 - refreshment break
- 10:35 - session
- 12:00 - lunch break
- 12:45 - session
(same as Tuesday till agenda completed)

2. Appointment of Committees for pre-advice to Classis:

* reporting to come under # 8 of this agenda

Overtures - Nelson Ave CC & Maple Ridge CRC (1 overture received **pg. 19**)

Expenses - 1st Vancouver CRC & Nanaimo CCC

Credentials – Prince George CRC & Victoria CRC

Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Victoria CCC & Houston CRC

Standing Nominations Committee - CM/IC

3. Classical Ministries / Interim Committee

- Stated Clerk (including any correspondence and/or submitted reports)...**pg. 4 - 10**
- Classical Ministries Interim Committee...**pg. 11-15**, pre-advice comm. proposal **pg. 15-17**
- Request from Terrace CRC on Elders administering communion **pg. 18**
- Classical Treasurer
- Annual AGM of the classis corporation (March meeting)
- Report from delegates to Synod 2017
- Report from attendees to the Inspire Conference – Rev. Tim Sheridan
- R.O.P. (Classis Rules of Procedure) re-write – addendum package

4. Examinations and / or matters requiring synodical deputies

- Examination of Ms. Dena Nicolai for commissioned pastor position (Wed. am)
“Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer” – 1st Vancouver CRC calling church
Rev. C. Korver: examiner / Pastor K. Kiesser, Rev’s. A. Chu & G. Roosma: sermon review

5. Classis Teams / Standing Committees

- Church Counsellor: for Victoria CCC – Rev. David Salverda
- Church visitor reports
- Regional Pastor reports: Rev. Joel Ringma **pg. 20**
- Oversight Committee / Duncan CRC – Rev. Curtis Korver
- Oversight Committee / Rev. Walt Vanderwerf - H. Numan, J. Messelink, A. deRuyter **pg. 21**
- Student Fund Committee (SFC) **pg. 22**
- Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT)...zf att. 5, 2018 budget att. 5a
- Safe Church Team (SCT) Coordinator Faye Martin...zf att. 8
- Going Forward Team (classis renewal): **pg. 23-24**
- B.C. Leadership Development Network (BCLDN)...zf att. 3, 2018 budget att. 3a (Wed am.)

6. Classis Ministries

- Ministry to Seafarers: zf att. 2, 2018 Budget att. 2a, receipts att. 2b (Wed. am)
- Seafarers Review Committee report: zf att. 2c (Wed. am)
- Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in B.C zf att. 12, att. 12a budget, att. 12b balance sheet
att. 12c year end
- International Student Ministries: New Westminster CRC
- Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer: 1st Vancouver CRC zf att. 9, 2018 budget att. 9a
- Kwantlen Ministries – The Tapestry zf att. 11

7. Denominational Boards & Ministries

- CRCNA COD: Andy de Ruyter
- Resonate Global Missions: Rich Bracksma: zf att. 10
- World Renew: Dave Mayer: zf att. 7
- Calvin Seminary BOT: Vic Chen
- Calvin College BOT: Richard Mast
- Disability Regional advocate: Caroline Short
- Faith Formation: Liz Tolcamp / Martin Contant
- Diaconal Ministries Canada: Melissa Van Dyk: zf att. 4
- Canadian Ministries Director: Rev. Darren Roorda: video presentation + zf att. 1

Non-Denominational Ministries

- Bethesda Christian Association
- Cascade Christian Counselling
- M2 / W2
- The Kings University College zf att. 13
- Redeemer College: zf att. 6

note: zf = zip file: documents were sent in a separate zip file along with this agenda

8. Reports from Pre- Advice Committees

- Overtures - Nelson Ave CC & Maple Ridge CRC (1 overture received **pg.**)
- Expenses - 1st Vancouver CRC & Nanaimo CCC
- Credentials – Prince George CRC & Victoria CRC
- Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Victoria CCC & Houston CRC
- Standing Nominations Committee - CMIC

9. Additional Reports / Correspondence

- Review / approval of 2018 Ministry Share requests (Fall Session)
- Motion to approve Ministry Shares for 2018 (Fall Session)
- List of Classical Committees / Teams and Denominational Representatives **pg. 25-26**
- Acronym List **pg. 27**

10. Closing Session

- President to inquire of delegates / team members / executive if all business has been completed
- Closing announcements and notifications
 - Next Meeting of Classis – March 6th & 7th, 2018, Immanuel CRC, Richmond B.C.
 - Next Officers of Classis - Rev. Joe Ellis - President
 - Rev. Trevor Vanderveen - Vice All
- Closing remarks by President
- Vice All to lead in thanking all those who participated, (president, secretaries, kitchen help, host church volunteers etc)
- Vice All to lead in closing devotions

President to declare Classis adjourned.

Classis Delegate Registration Form
All delegates to fill out this form

For delegate information, lodging requests, airport transportation requests, food allergies, please provide the needed information to the on-line registration form on the classis website, www.classisbcnw.ca no later than **OCTOBER 3rd, 2017**

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.

Stated Clerk Report October 17th & 18th, 2017

** As I ponder what to report, I recall a story told by Eugene Pederson when he was planting a thriving, growing church in Maryland. He dutifully submitted his regular monthly reports but began to wonder if anyone in head office actually read them. So he began inserting “alternative facts” in his reports like accounts of sleeping off hangovers in the back bench of the church auditorium and other various questionable activities, including carrying on an affair.*

However, none of these “alternative truth” incidents brought any panicked calls from headquarters wondering what was happening to him spiritually or questioning his qualification to continue on as pastor. He had proven his suspicion that as long as his church was growing, his reports, though required, were not being read.

Sometimes, as clerk, when I report on my work, I wonder how many delegates actually read them or would notice if I reprinted the report from a couple years ago just like a pastor preaching the same sermon a second time in the same congregation. My work is mundane: engaging in correspondence, researching issues, doing the administrative tasks of preparing accurate agendas and minutes for meetings. As long as all goes well, no one really notices. It’s a bit like being a church organist who remains inconspicuous with everyone singing along joyfully as long as there are no wrong notes. I hope what I’ve done again since March has that same upbeat result, even if you never read all this report, which, by the way, has no alternative facts included.

** borrowed from my co stated clerk, Henry Gunnink from Classis Lake Superior*

1] Welcome to Session 73 of Classis British Columbia North - West.

A big thank you to the council and members of the New Westminster CRC for their hospitality in hosting this Fall’s session of Classis BCNW.

2] The agenda for this meeting will keep us busy with ministry reports and presentations, 2018 classical ministry share requests and approvals, updates from the Going Forward Team on classis renewal, an examination of Ms. Dena Nicolai for the new commissioned pastor position from 1st Vancouver CRC, (Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer), oversight committee reports, Tuesday evening get together with Classis BCSE delegates for a time of fellowship and dinner followed by a time of worship celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with guest speaker Dr. James Payton from Redeemer College / University, synod 2018 delegate elections, classis nominations and all the regular classis work and committee reporting.

3] As stated clerk I have engaged in numerous emails, telephone calls, conference calls, correspondence, reports, meetings, dealing with requests and information from pastors and councils, continual updating functionaries lists, web site updates and organization, organizing marriage registrations for new pastors in our classis as well as some temporary registration numbers for visiting pastors, set the examinations in place and assigned the various teams needed for these examinations, organized CMIC agenda material and led meetings, recorded executive minutes, set agendas, recorded and distributed classis minutes and regular administrative duties on behalf of classis. Other work done includes spending

time on forwarding announcement emails, denominational and government communications, etc. to churches, committees, and others as required.

4] On May 30th, 2017 I participated in a Canadian Stated Clerks meeting by way of Vidyo conferencing. Notes of this meeting follow this report. (pg 7-10)

5] Sent as a separate attachments in a zip file along with the main agenda. (zf att. #)
Copies of the following reports can be found in a zip file that was sent along with the main agenda package. They are numbered as att. 1, att. 2 and so on and correspond with the item listed in the main agenda.

We hope that with the use of laptops, notebooks etc, less and less dependency on paper will be achieved and make our classis more environmentally aware of the resources we have/use.

Reports that can be found in the Zip File sent along with the agenda:

- att. 1 Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director: letter and funding requests
- att. 2 Seafarers Ministry: Report
- att. 2a Seafarers 2018 budgets
- att. 2b receipts / disbursements
- att. 2c Seafarers Review Committee report
- att. 3 BC Leadership Development Network
- att. 3a BCLDN 2018 budget
- att. 4 World ReNew
- att. 5 Classis Ministry Leadership Team
- att. 5a CMLT budget request
- att. 6 Redeemer College
- att. 7 Diaconal Ministries Canada
- att. 8 Safe Church team
- att. 9 Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer
- att. 9b CRSM budget
- att. 10 Resonate Global Missions
- att. 11 Kwantlen
- att. 12, 12a, 12b, 12c UNBC CRCM (Campus Ministry)
- att. 13 The Kings University College

6] Classis Credential Form.

Classis credentials are to be filled out on the on-line form found on the classis website. All councils and clerks were notified of this change in mid August. It is hoped this method of submitting credentials will be easier and more efficient than using the old paper forms.

Also note that all delegates will be asked to fill out an on-line registration form from now on. This form is also available on the classis website and a link was sent to all delegates asking them to fill out the form and submit it.

It would be helpful if delegates could be elected / appointed at least 1 month before the meeting of classis so we can better prepare them for the large amount of material that is needed to be studied and read before classis meets. In this way we make good use of our limited time together and all delegates can come properly prepared. Please send the names of delegates with email address as soon as possible.

7] Please do what you can to **keep travel costs down**, booking flights early and using possible seat sales when coming from the north and ride / ferry sharing when coming from the Island. Also please inform the contact person from the New Westminster CRC by October 6th, 2017 on transportation and lodging requirements. (Please see the form at the bottom of pg. 3 of the main agenda)

8] Delegates are reminded to review the “*classical rules of procedures*” before attending classis, (*available on our website, www.classisbcnw.ca under documents*) and are reminded that as delegates, you are expected to attend all sessions of classis.

note: an updated version is being worked on and will be presented to classis for approval.

9] The Spring meeting of classis will be held on March 6th & 7th, 2018 at the Immanuel CRC in Richmond

10] Church Visitors Assignments for 2016 / 17 / 18, beginning March 2016

Visits to be completed by **March 1, 2018**

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

Church being visited:	Church doing the visit:	Date Visited:
2016/2017		
<u>Northern Churches:</u>		
Terrace CRC	- Smithers CRC	
Smithers CRC	- Prince George CRC	
Telkwa CRC	- Terrace CRC	
Houston CRC	- Telkwa CRC	
Prince George CRC	- Houston CRC	
<u>Island Churches:</u>		
Victoria CRC	- Nanaimo CCC	
Victoria CCC	- Duncan CRC	
Duncan CRC	- Alberni Valley CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	- Victoria CCC	
Alberni Valley CRC	- Victoria CRC	
<u>Lower Mainland Churches</u>		
Maple Ridge CRC	- New Westminster CRC	
Mundy Park CF	- Nelson Ave CC	
New Westminster CRC	- The Tapestry	
Nelson Ave CC	- Maple Ridge CRC	
1 st Vancouver CRC	- Mundy Park CF	
Richmond Immanuel CRC	- 1 st Vancouver CRC	June 5, 2016
Richmond The Tapestry	- Richmond Immanuel CRC	

Reimbursement form for classical church visits

On our web page, www.classisbcnw.ca, under the tab marked “documents” you will find a short form that needs to be filled out for any reimbursements for costs associated with a classical church visit. These forms need to be printed off and sent to the stated clerk, either by scanning and emailing, classisbcnw@shaw.ca or regular mail, 22591 McClinton Ave., Richmond, B.C. V6V 2P8 for approval for payment. Please do not send directly to the classical treasurer.

11] CLASSICAL PULPIT SUPPLY APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

October to December 2017 for Duncan CRC

<u>DATES</u>	Duncan CRC
October 1	Rev. Andrew Turkstra
October 15	Rev. David Salverda
November 5	Rev. Gary Roosma
November 19	Rev. Curtis Korver
December 3	Rev. Chelsey Harmon
December 17	Rev. Gary Roosma

If still needed a new list for 2018, January to May will be drawn up in early November 2017.

Lower mainland ministers will be assigned for this list as well as Island ministers.

Humbly and cheerfully submitted, (without any alternative facts, maybe ☺)
Andy de Ruyter, Stated Clerk

Motion to approve the work of the stated clerk.

Stated Clerk – Conference/Vidyo Call
Notes from May 30, 2017

1. Opening Prayer– Any classis concerns? Darren spends time in prayer, specifically for John Meiboom and his family, in thanks for the pastoral supply in Classis Huron, in praise for Vic’s clean bill of health and also for Richard’s friend, recently diagnosed with cancer.
2. Attendance:
Staff: Darren Roorda, Al Postma.
Stated Clerks (Dick Kranendonk, Henry Gunnink, Richard Smit, Gary Duthler, Andy de Ruyter., John Meiboom (absent with notice), Lubbert Vander Laan, Vic Vandermolen, Ron Middel (absent with notice, Lynda Westervelt (absent), Cameron Fraser (absent).

3. Approval of minutes of January 2017 meeting (*Attachment 1*) – passed.
4. Items for update/information:
 - a. Seminary Funding Update – Darren drew attention to the Synod 2017 report (p.398 ff.) It was made mention that churches/classes in Canada could take next steps as per one of the recommendations. It was also mentioned that it is essential in Canada to know the tax laws around grants, scholarships and forgivable loans. CRA forms and legal content about this may be available from CTS through (Jennifer Settegren). *The best way to do it is forgivable loans because it is never taxable.*
 - b. Newly Ordained Canadian Leaders Gathering (January 16-18, 2018). This is held in parallel to the Canadian Youth Champions Gathering as well. Stated Clerks ask that if there is a funding component, to please make a formal request for this fall's classes meetings by July 1st in writing! The request will be similar from other years (\$500 + \$400).
 - c. National Gathering of the CRC in Canada:
To be held, we hope, Spring 2019. Kings University is not available. We are looking at nearby sites. Delegation process: Stated clerks suggest using the same process of finding delegates (“it worked OK”). But, having more delegates would be OK too. Note: The amount of delegates is a budgeting issue.
Recommended to the stated clerk's that they ensure early on in the process that the team making the decision about who will be a delegate is bigger than themselves.
Question: How do we align National Gathering, Ministry Plan, CRCNA practices, uniquely Canadian pieces etc.?
Question: How do we get workshop formats that fit this desire aforementioned?
Personal contact from Lubbert's CMC may help re-focus the planning team to come away from a training/local church perspective – locals and trainables
 - d. Roll out of The Bridge App:
It is anticipated to have a roll out in the late fall of 2017. Darren need's to communicate to classes (fall, 2017 ff) when he will be coming. He will need to ask permission from each classis to present, train, and provide other options – ie. video sessions, user manual. One by one church by church clarification would be needed.
As well, Darren introduces a draft idea of the potential funding model. If it is to come with a request to the classes for monies this fall already, that request should also come by July 1st in writing.
 - e. Update on Council of Delegates:
Darren reminds the stated clerks who is on the approved list for members to belong to the COD (both classis and at large).
5. Classis Renewal Coordinator – Al Postma:
 - a. Follow up to our January 2017 meeting Re: Purpose and agenda from classis – conversation had. Classes are changing their agenda slowly and progressively. Classis Niagara is especially behaving in a 'Reformed' way that puts mission in the driver seat. Rich will work with Al Postma to ensure that Classis Niagara's agenda model is received by all stated clerks.
6. Action Items:
 - a. “Strengthening Ministry Relationships”:
The “project” initiated by the Canadian Ministries Team (CMT) is explained by Al and

Darren. It is mainly intended to be a change in behavior on the part of the denominational personnel. There will be a beginning landing spot(s) of Classis Quinte and Classis Hamilton. The project is given a sense of welcome approval amongst all the stated clerks. It appears that this will be a helpful approach.

- b. Canadian Ministries Director Attendance at Classis Meetings:

(see list of possibilities on sheet). Darren to follow up with request.

BC classes – better in March Alberta

North – better in March Huron –

February might be good

- c. Inspire 2017:

Darren informs the group that 11 of 12 classes in Canada are represented and emphasizes that Inspire is a synodically mandated event – a culmination of regional events. The stated clerks agree to communicate the event as they are able using the classis tools on the Inspire website. <https://inspire.crcna.org>.

- d. Marriage Licenses:

Dorothy Vandersteen provides a reminder that temporary marriage licenses for weddings to be held in Ontario are facilitated through the Burlington office. As well, for Ontario pastors requiring a permanent marriage license, this is also facilitated through the Burlington office. Darren provides a “Letter of Authorization” to accompany the pastors’ application. Further information can be found on the Canadian Classes Connection [google site](#) or by contacting Dorothy.

7. Other Items Received from Stated Clerks:

- a. Budget requests to support the “Newly Ordained Canadian Leaders Gathering” – deadline of July 1, 2017 – see 4b above.

- b. Though classis renewal/deliberative assemblies/binationality are relevant topics to explore, I wonder whether this discussion ignores a broader issue, ie. The declining CRC population under 18 (families having less children and/or children leaving the CRC), an aging population that is moving from churches into seniors’ homes, and both groups disconnecting communally from institutional life (churches). Tabled.

Note: If funding of denominational ministries through ministry shares is problematic why wouldn’t it be any more problematic in a binational setting? (Lubbert)

- c. Are we moving in the direction of the major assemblies being deliberative assemblies (traditional Reformed) to representative assemblies (more akin to hierarchical bodies)? Conversation is ongoing. Tabled.

- d. Is the call to work toward unity with the broader Christian community (ie. churches of other denominations) only a task of the denomination, or is it also a local and regional classis responsibility?

Darren makes quick mention of this saying it is a both/and approach. There are communication flyers available through the EIRC of the denomination to help promote this.

- e. Does the matter raised by Harry Houtman in Christian Courier in both his advertisement and subsequent letter to the editor have any merit?

Darren addresses this first, noting that there is always merit to having a discussion on what structure or form might provide better ministry mission. Dick states that he wonders if things are set up in such a way that the Canadian side is not well rooted in its understanding and follow through with its legal foundations and thus if the COD form is indeed correct. Andy and Darren agree to follow up with this discussion as they together have served in the BOT structure and have watched the process for Canadian

contextualization of ministry get stronger and stronger over the past several years.

8. Potential schedule for CMD visits to Classis in 2017-18:

Darren indicates that due to family dynamics, it will be difficult to plan “in stone” for the fall of this year. His wife is scheduled to have an operation and he needs to be nearby during recovery.

Alberta South/Saskatchewan – Oct 27th, 2017 a.m. preferred Alberta North –
Spring 2018 Classis Meeting

BCNW – Spring 2018 is best

BCSE – Spring 2018 combined with BCNW

Chatham – possibly Sept 26

Eastern Canada - ??

Hamilton – Oct 25th

Huron – Sept 20 – Wingham

Lake Superior – Sept 18, 19 at Lake Geneva Niagara
– Oct 18th

Quinte

Toronto – October 3rd

CLASSICAL MINISTRIES INTERIM COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CLASSIS BCNW: Session 73

October 17th & 18th, 2017

Classical Ministry Interim Committee (CMIC)

Mandate:

Act for classis between meetings in matters that require immediate action.

Ensure that the provisions of the Church Order and Classis' Rules of Procedure are adhered to.

Advise classis on requests for aid from the CRC Church Loan Fund.

Be responsible for church visitors, church counselors, classical examinations, licensure of exhorters, financial management, abuse response, other teams i.e., Ministry to Seafarers Committee, Student Fund Committee, and diaconal related ministries.

Ensure that communication, coordination, collaboration, encouragement and vision for classis be maintained through direct consultation with all existing teams requiring additional expertise and input at a broader level.

Grant licenses to officiate at weddings to all ordained ministers and commissioned pastors. All unordained ministry staff requests for licenses will be reviewed by CM/IC and will only be granted with approval and supervision of the local church council. (Article 3.2 October 2014)

Membership consists of eight members: the Stated Clerk as leader (Andy de Ruyter), the Classical Treasurer (David Pel), the chair of the Student Fund Committee (Vic Chen), the elected alternate stated clerk, who also serves as secretary to the committee (Kathy Smith), three open-elected positions, preferably one from the Northern, one from Island and one from the Lower Mainland churches (David Salverda, Henry Numan and *Ken Vander Horst) and the Safe Church Team Coordinator (ex-officio) (Faye Martin).

The CMIC does most of its work by email conversations, phone calls and conference call meetings. A lengthy meeting was held July 4th where several key issues were discussed and items planned for the agenda of this classis meeting as well as the ongoing work of classis and the CMIC. Another meeting is planned for early October and will be reported through the addendum report / package.

Classical Missions Statement

CMIC presented the following Missions statement for approval at the last classis meeting, which was approved with the understanding that it would be altered in conjunction with ongoing review from both the CMIC and Going Forward Team in their work on classis renewal.

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Both CMIC (classis ministries interim committee) and GFT (going forward team) continue to work at classis renewal and hope to present some significant changes at the March 2018 classis meeting in conjunction with the missions statement and working it into a new format for the agenda that will involve values and relationships in how we do the work of classis.

500th Celebration of the Reformation

A bi-classis committee was mandated to prepare and make plans for this celebration at our October 2017 classes meetings. Committee members are: from BCSE Anthony Jansen and Natasha Vedder

and from BCNW, Trevor Vanderveen, Kathy Smith, Ken Vander Horst & Andy de Ruyter.

Evening agenda will be as following:

5:30 Classis delegates from BCSE will join us for a time of fellowship and a catered dinner
Please note that the dinner will be for delegates to both classes and invited guests only.

6:30 Mr Nick Loenen will present a history of the CRC in B.C. which recently celebrated its 90th anniversary of the first organized CRC church in Vancouver.

7:30 Celebration service for delegates and open to all for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This will be a time of worship and praise led by worship teams in singing and liturgies with Dr. James Payton, retired professor from Redeemer University College as the key note speaker in examining what the Reformation means for us, 500 years later.

1] CMIC Actions

- Reviewed and approved expenses from classis meeting March 2017 - \$ 8329.18
- Appointed Rev. Ken Vander Horst to serve as the next chair of classis and Rev. Joe Ellis as Vice-all.
- Mrs. Kathy Smith will serve as recording secretary.
- Rev. Ken Vander Horst to join CMIC as Northern Rep. Appointment to be ratified by classis at the October meeting.
- Commissioned Pastor Examination request from 1st Vancouver CRC for Ms. Dena Nicolai who has accepted the call to be the Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer. (position approved by classis at its March 2017 meeting) Examination to take place during the Wednesday morning session with Rev. Curtis Korver leading with the interview and Pastor Kathy Kiesser and Rev's. Al Chu and Gary Roosma serving as the sermon evaluators. note: CMLT was contacted as to their involvement with a commissioned pastor examination and offered support as needed.
- Going Forward Team (classis renewal) reports it continues to meet and will be making a report to the Fall meeting of classis. Team members are: Rev's. Al Chu, Andrew Beunk, Trevor Vanderveen along with Kathy Smith and Andy deRuyter from the CMIC. Team is looking at renewal in connection with agenda setup, setting core values and how that would relate to how we do classis meetings, ministry reporting, ministry highlights from churches, days and times we meet, length and times of meetings, present and future costs, regional meetings, ministry shares and how classis funds are used etc. (report from committee on pgs. 22-24)
- The classis annual survey will be sent out to delegates shortly following the Fall meeting. Survey results will be used by both the CMIC and GFT in planning for future classis meetings.
- Classis ROP (Rules of Procedure) work continues on updating and re-formatting. Finalized copies will be presented to the delegates by way of the addendum report for approval. CMIC discussed whether a 70% vote is needed to make changes to the ROP as was suggested at the last classis meeting. CMIC members all agree that this is an unnecessary step as the ROP simply reflects what classis decides rather than dictate something new, so it needs to be a document that can easily be updated by the stated clerk and CMIC.
- Temporary marriage registration #'s were approved for Rev's. Harvey Roosma and James Zondervan so they could officiate at weddings this past summer in our province.
- Payment of \$598.52 was approved for the annual web hosting fee for our classis website. CMIC notes that a lot of updating has taken place on our website and encourages the churches to use it for the information it contains.
- Dietary needs for some classis delegates will be addressed by way of the registration form that will be filled out by all delegates from now on. If needed, special meals will be brought in for those with food allergies that are identified.

- Prince George CRC asked for information on council membership in relation to family and business relationships. Information was gathered from the Canadian Council of Christian Charities and shared with the Prince George council and sent as a point of information to all churches within our classis.
 - noted the re-submission of an overture from Victoria CCC. Overture was submitted late for the last classis meeting and was not accepted as to our ROP. Overture is now properly before classis and will be sent to the pre-advice overture committee for review and recommendation to classis. A copy of overture can be found in the agenda package. (pg. 19)
 - CMIC approved new mandates for all pre-advice committees for presentation to classis. Proposal can be found on pgs. 15-17 in this agenda package. CMIC is recommending that classis accepts the new mandates that would come into effect at the March 2018 meeting.
 - Received letter and report from Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director. Noted that he will have a video report available for our classis meeting. Also noted three funding requests for a) the Bridge App, b) support for New Pastors Annual Gathering and c) support for Canadian Youth Ministry Champion Team Gathering. Copy of letter and funding requests can be found in the zip file that is sent along with the agenda that contains all correspondence and ministry reports for classis. (zf att. 1)
- note: video presentation will take place under Denominational Ministries reports.
- Received notification from Rev. Chelsey Harmon as to her resignation as classis rep on Classis Safe Church Team due to personal and heavy workloads. Nominations Committee along with SCT to find replacement and present to classis for approval.
 - CMIC to highlight and remind churches of Inspire 2017 held in early August 2017. Also noted next Canadian Gathering scheduled for the Spring of 2019 in Edmonton Alberta.
 - CMIC has signed up with the denominational account for our own Vidyo portal to replace current use of tele-conferencing which cost classis an average of \$800 per year for CMIC and other classis team's use.
- This will allow the CMIC and other classis teams and committees the use of a secure on-line vidyo conferencing system at no cost to our classis.
- noted annual request from CMLT for \$500.00 (to come out of classical expense fund)

From Treasurers Report

- Ministry review team beginning to discuss the need for each ministry to come up with measurable criteria, criteria that the ministry itself comes up with and which align with the new mission's statement of classis.
- Classis signatories have now been updated with the Banking Institutions we deal with. Classis signatories are David Pel, Andy de Ruyter and Kathy Smith.
- 2016 Auditors report will be presented at the Oct Classis meeting.

Richmond CRC Board

- CMIC acts as the Richmond CRC Society Board of Directors for the disbanded Richmond CRC in relation to the sale of the property to The Tapestry CRC. The board is currently looking at the disbursements of undesignated surpluses in relation to the sale of the property and if any deviation can occur to the original agreement. Discussions with former council members of the Richmond CRC and the lawyers who originally penned the current agreement are being held and if favourable then a formal "Legal Opinion" may be sought.

2] Ministerial Items and actions

- Terrace CRC requests classis approval for elders to administer communion when ordained pastors are not available. Copy of letter / request follows this report in the agenda package. (pg. 18)
- CMIC recommends classis extend Dr. Neil Lettinga's licensure to exhort for two more years (CO art 43 b)
- Duncan CRC Oversight Committee will be making its report and recommendations to classis
- Oversight Committee working with Rev. Walt Vanderwerf will report and make recommendations
- Maple Ridge CRC informed CMIC that Pastor Shane Rozeveld has resigned from his commissioned pastor position to move on to other ministry opportunities. As ordination for commissioned pastor is a local ordination, Shane will need to re-apply for ordination if he accepts another approved commissioned pastor position in future.

3] Report from Seafarers Ministry

Noted that the review committee has submitted its report and will be presented to classis by Rev. Bill Tuininga (copy of review report is in zip file sent along with the agenda)
 Approved (along with BCSE) the sale of seafarer's manse and distributions of funds. Reminded committee that left over funds are to be saved for further housing requirements for new chaplain.
 Approved (along with BCSE) the appointment of Rev. Gary Roosma for a one year interim appointment to carry on the work of the seafarers work.
 Rev. Gary Roosma and Seafarers Committee Chair, Mr. Hank Hamstra, will both be present for report at the Oct meeting of classis.

4] Proposed Classical and Denominational Ministry Shares for 2018

Classis BCNW Ministry Share per member \$ 71.45 (proposed)	2018	2017	Denominational Ministry Share per member \$ 376.42 (same as 2017) (approved by Synod June 2017)
Ministry to Seafarers	\$ 9.45	9.45	BTGMI \$ 44.41
Leadership Development Network	\$ 8.00	8.00	Calvin College \$ 3.40
Student Fund	\$ 15.00	12.00	Area colleges (Kings) \$ 65.46
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C.	\$ 15.00	15.00	Calvin Seminary \$ 36.27
Classis Expense Fund	\$ 14.00	14.00	Church Support Ministries \$ 78.95
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain	\$ 1.00	1.00	Home / World Missions \$ 108.52
Safe Church Team	\$ 3.00	4.00	
**The Bridge App	\$ 2.00		Syn. Admin. Services \$ 35.68
Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer	\$ 4.00	4.00	Special Assistance Fund \$ 3.73
	\$ 71.45	67.45	

In 2017 the \$4.00 ministry share for SCT was allocated to SFC to help with reserves.

If approved, monies (\$5100.00) for The Bridge App could come out of the Church Planting Fund as well, therefore reducing ministry shares by \$2.00 to \$69.45 for 2018.

Classical Expense Fund to include \$500 for CMLT and \$850 for Newly Ordained and Youth Champion Gatherings. (To be held in January 2018)

5] Requests for reporting at this meeting of classis

An updated list will be presented in the Addendum package report.

- Faye Martin - Safe Church Coordinator
- Andy de Ruyter - COD: update on Council of Delegates changeover and first meeting
- Melissa Van Dyk- final report as classis DMC rep
- Rev / Dr. Alan Vander Woerd UNBC - CRCM

- Rev / Dr. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director by way of video message.
- Rich Bracksma, Resonate Global Missions

6] Nomination Committee Report (ballot will be in the addendum report)

CMIC reminds churches of the wonderful ethnic / gender / age diversity we have in our classis in nominating persons for classical and denominational board and delegate positions.

- Classis Ministry Interim Committee Northern Rep: Ken Vander Horst
- Synodical delegates for Synod 2018:
 - Minister Delegate by rotation: Rev. Ken Vander Horst. Alternate: Rev. Joe Ellis
 - Elder delegate and alternate: need nominees
 - Deacon delegate and alternate: need nominees
 - 4th delegate position open to all offices plus alternate: need nominees
- Classis Safe Church Team Rep
- Classis Diaconal Ministries Rep

7] Stated Clerk / CMIC Addendum Report / Updates

- will be made available to delegates shortly before classis meets.

8] Motion to approve the work of the CMIC

- Andy de Ruyter
- Kathy Smith
- David Pel
- Vic Chen
- Henry Numan
- David Salverda
- * Ken Vander Horst

Classis BCNW October 2017

CMIC proposal for changes to the pre-advice committees of Classis.

The current pre-advice committees of classis are: Credentials, Overtures, Expense, Concept & Transcribed Minutes, and Nominations.

Current procedure is that the stated clerk assigns delegates from two churches within our classis to serve on four of the pre-advice committees to each classis meeting. The fifth pre-advice committee, Nominations, is run by the CMIC with the secretary of the CMIC leading. The assigned delegates are given instructions on the work of their committee approximately 1 week before classis meets in the hope they will do some pre-meeting work and come prepared to make a report / recommendation to classis. The alternative is that they have to meet during break times of classis sessions to do their assigned work.

Unfortunately, over the past several sessions of classis, this procedure has not been working out very well. Members of the CMIC are having to do the bulk of the work for some of these committees on behalf of the delegates that were assigned: mostly due to inexperience and lack of knowledge of classis Rules of Procedure. (Never unwillingness, just a lack of understanding of what is all involved.)

In order to better organize the work of these pre-advice committees, and better serve the meeting of classis with clear reports and recommendations, the CMIC is proposing the following:

For the Credentials, Overtures and Expense pre-advice Committees: Instead of two churches' delegates being assigned to each pre-advice committee only one church's delegates be assigned along with 1 or 2 members of the CMIC who will have a good understanding of what is expected of the pre-advice committee for the discernment / approval of classis.

The current mandate for the pre-advice Nominations Committee would go unchanged.

For the Concept and Transcribed Minutes pre-advice committee: The mandate be re-worked to state that between the recording secretary and the stated clerk a set of minutes be produced that will properly reflect the decisions made at the classis meeting. The new name for this pre-advice committee would be the Classical Minutes Committee. The minutes would be presented to the executive of classis and to the CMIC for approval before being distributed to the member congregations and posted on the classis website. There would be opportunity given at the following classis meeting for any questions / comments on the minutes produced and distributed. This new committee would also produce a "Highlight Page" after each classis meeting that would reflect important highlights and decisions for the churches and members of each church.

The Instructions for each pre-advice committee would then be as follows.

Credentials Committee

Members: 1 or 2 CMIC members and delegates from 1 church

Survey each Classical Credentials form to see whether it is in order and if there are any questions under C.O. Art. 41, that need to be reported to Classis.

Check each church's credentials for any "items of information and requests for advice or help of Classis"

Report to Classis on the committee's work and findings.

Overtures Committee

Members: 1 or 2 CMIC members and delegates from 1 church

Review overtures made to classis by either the member churches or individual CRC members within our classis and determine whether they are legally before classis.

Prepare and present a recommendation in the form of a motion to classis regarding each Overture.

If any such motion is substantially different from an Overture submitted to classis, the recommendations of the Overture shall take precedence.

Expense Vouchers Committee

Stated clerk and/or secretary of the CMIC and delegates from 1 church

Collect all expense claims from delegates for expenses made for attending the Classis meeting, making sure proof of expenses are attached. Committee to note: Classis only covers the expenses of the elected two delegates. If a church sends a third person, or a delegate brings along a spouse, the sending church or delegate are responsible for those costs incurred.

Collect expense claims from the host church for meals, lodging and transportation provided for the classis meeting, receipts required.

Check with stated clerk and/or CMIC for any additional expenses.

Add \$350.00 as honorarium for the host church.

Enter claim information including honorarium for the host church on “Meeting expenses” spread sheet and total. Report total expenses to Classis.

Classical Minutes Committee

Recording Secretary and stated clerk

The recording secretary and the stated clerk produce a set of minutes that reflect the decisions made at the classis meeting. The minutes are then presented to the executive of classis along with the CMIC for approval before being distributed to the member congregations and posted on the classis website. There would be opportunity given at the following classis meeting for any questions / comments on the minutes produced and distributed.

This new committee would also produce a “Highlight Page” after each classis meeting that would briefly reflect important highlights and decisions for the churches and members of each church.

Standing Nominations Committee

Members of the Classical Ministries Interim Committee and led by the secretary of the committee.

Check the List of Classical Functionaries and Denominational / Regional Board Members and Representatives for any people who need to be reappointed or replaced.

Check any other requests from the denomination for nominees.

Provide delegates with a printed slate of reappointments and new nominees if needed.

Single nominations can be elected / appointed by voice vote. Members may request a ballot for sensitive elections.

Allow for additional nominations from the floor of Classis. Note: Nominations from the floor must have the approval of the person being nominated.

When voting is done, move to destroy the ballots.

It is the hope of the CMIC and the Stated Clerk that these changes will better serve the churches and delegates to each classis meeting and better facilitate the procedures, reports and recommendations needed by classis from its pre-advice committees to properly discern what the churches have brought forward.

**Request from the Terrace CRC to Fall 2017 Meeting of Classis BCNW
Concerning Elders Administering the Lord's Supper**

The Council of the Terrace Christian Reformed Church in Terrace, BC requests Classis BCNW to authorize the elders of the Terrace CRC to administer the Lord's Supper without the presence of an ordained minister of the Word when a minister is unavailable to preside.

Grounds:

1. Terrace CRC enjoys monthly Communion (last Sunday of the month) and would like to continue this edifying practice, as far as it is possible, without interruption.
2. Terrace CRC is geographically isolated. There are no retired CRC ministers residing nearby to fill in if the current minister is away. It is impractical to invite active CRC ministers from elsewhere in the province to make the trip (financial consideration and availability).
3. Terrace CRC's current minister is in the process of applying for a Sabbatical leave of 3-4 months duration in 2018 or 2019 and we are unsure if our pulpit will be served with a student intern, interim minister, elders and/or local ministers from other denominations.
4. Our minister is absent from Terrace an average of two 'last Sundays of the month' each year and we would like our congregation to have continued access to the Lord's Table during our minister's absence from the pulpit.
5. Article 55 of the Church Order, and its supplement, notes that classis may grant ordained persons (ordinarily elders) approval to administer the sacraments.
 - a. Article 55 *The sacraments shall be administered upon the authority of the consistory in the public worship service by a minister of the Word, a commissioned pastor, or, in the case of need, an ordained person who has received the approval of classis, with the use of the prescribed forms or adaptations of them that conform to synodical guidelines.*
 - b. Supplement, Article 55
 - a. *Classis approval is required for an ordained person to administer the sacraments.*
 - b. *Ordinarily the ordained person should be an elder. (Acts of Synod 2002, p. 537)¹*
6. There is precedent with Telkwa CRC, when it was without a minister, being granted permission by Classis BCNW for elders to administer the Lord's Supper.
7. For practical reasons, since elders in the Terrace CRC are elected to three-year terms, granting authority to all current elders is preferred to granting authority to particular elders whose terms may soon expire. Any elder who administers Communion would administer the sacrament 'upon the authority of the consistory'.
 - a. Giving authorization to the elders of a church in general has precedent in our sister Classis: In a recent (Fall of 2016) Classis BCSE meeting, they passed a motion to "...authorize the Agassiz CRC elders to administer the Lord's Supper without the presence of an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament until an ordained pastor is available to serve the church."²

¹ https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/church_order_2015.pdf

² Minutes of the Fall 2016 Meeting of Classis BCSE

**Victoria Christ Community Church
Overture to
Classis BCNW Oct. 2017**

Preamble

While this Overture originates from Canada it is made in the full recognition that the governing institutions and political culture is markedly different between our two countries. However, we serve the same God and share the same Bible. Our calling to be a light in a dark world holds equally on either side of the border. As citizens we must give testimony to the redeeming, reconciling power of the gospel. What that means practically, concretely will vary considerably depending on what side of the border we are on. Walking in God's ways may not mean the same on the US side as it does on the Canadian side. But both sides need to walk by the light of God's word. We must together distil from the Bible eternal principles to guide our walk as citizens. This Overture aims to focus our minds on God's word, not on political leaders and partisan agendas.

Victoria Christ Community Church overtures Classis BCNW to overture Synod 2018

1. To encourage the denomination, its officers, boards, agencies, publications (including The Banner), and local congregations to foster discussion and education focused on biblical principles for Christian citizenship.
2. That the Executive Director monitor progress made and report to Synod 2019

Grounds

- While it is not the task of the pulpit to tell the pew how to fill-in the ballot, the Bible's view of the task of government must shape Christian citizenship, how we vote, talk about and react to current events.
- The denomination's unity is threatened by a deep and growing divide about the duties of Christian citizenship. That is equally true on both sides of the border. We must go back to basics.
- Our unity is not around party leaders, partisan agendas and national interests. Our unity is in the principles God reveals in the Bible and the confession that Jesus is Lord.
- During the most recent Canadian and US federal elections, The Banner carried no spiritual commentary and guidance for Christian citizenship.
- The deepening political uncertainty, polarization, and racial and religious intolerance both at home and abroad demands that we equip ourselves, putting on the whole armor of God.
- The world needs the Church. In fact, the Church exists for the sake of the world.
- Church and state must remain separate but to separate religion from politics is impossible. Religion touches all of life, politics is part of life.
- Uncertainty about the demands of Christian citizenship is not political but spiritual in nature. Exploring God's claim on life is a spiritual quest, entirely appropriate for the Church to address.

Regional Pastor “Tour de North” -- May 26-28, 2017

Accompanied by my wife, Ella, and in my role as Regional Pastor for the Northern churches in Classis BCNW, I undertook to visit with each of the pastoral couples. We visited with Joe and Michelle Ellis (Telkwa CRC), Ken and Marg VanderHorst (Smithers CRC), Charles and Heather VanHoffen (Houston CRC), Andrew and Miriam Aukema (Prince George CRC) and Alan and Eileen VanderWoerd (UNBC Chaplaincy). Each of the visits was conducted over a meal and some included a follow-up walk or other activity with the couple. We spent time listening, encouraging, praying and supporting the pastoral couple. The visits were very well-received in terms of building bridges with fellow pastoral couples. Spouses especially appreciated that we visited and made ourselves available on behalf of the classis. I have personal notes on each of the visits, but it is not necessary to include them here.

As follow-up from the tour, I sent a generic letter to each of the church councils, inviting them to consider a number of items (see attached letter for details):

1. Their pastor’s job description
2. An open process of dialoguing with and reviewing compensation for their pastor
3. Mental health leave policy
4. Continuing education and sabbatical policy
5. With sensitivity - whether they might be in a position to welcome their northern female colleague to their pulpit

In sum, it was a bit of a whirlwind tour -- driving 1250 kilometers, preaching in Prince George and meeting with 5 couples along Highway 16 over 3 days, but it was certainly worth the time and effort. I am grateful that Ella’s employer (Centennial Christian School) was gracious enough to allow her to take a personal day for the tour. Thanks also to Classis BCNW for providing funding to make this possible. We are grateful that through this endeavour, God has opened new doors of mutual encouragement, edification and discipleship.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Joel Ringma, Regional Pastor of the North in Classis BCNW

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To the Fall session of Classis BCNW,

The council of Christ Community Church in Nanaimo B.C. requests classis gives its approval for Rev. Walt Vanderwerf to be granted the privilege of early retirement at the age of 55 on February 22, 2018 under Church Order article 18 (supplement).

Attached is a letter from Rev. Vanderwerf to Christ Community Church council providing details surrounding his request.

Sincerely

Don Campbell
Chair of Council

note from stated clerk: letter from Rev Vanderwerf will be presented to the delegates under executive session.

Classis BCNW Student Fund Committee
Classis Report, October 2017

I would like to open my report by relating an incident that occurred in early April. I got a call from Luke Shi Dai, a member of Immanuel who was a Regent student. Luke came from China two years ago with his wife Grace. Grace was a part time ministerial staff at our church and the couple worked very well with our members who are also from the PRC. Luke told me that he was about to graduate and was hoping to find a full time position in a church in the Vancouver area. Immanuel did not have a vacancy so he had to look elsewhere and received a call from an independent church in Edmonton.

He told me he wanted to repay the money our classis had given him, since he was not going to continue with the CRC. I knew he was not well off financially so I suggested that he could go to Edmonton and then repay the money in installments as he was able.

On Sunday he hands me a rather thick envelope and when I opened it I saw a wad of \$100 bills. We had given him \$4000 over two years and that is the amount he gave me. I found out later that he did not have a bank account, hence the cash. He said that he and his wife both strongly felt that it would not be right to leave Vancouver with repaying what we had given him.

Dave Pel would not take cash so I had to put it into my own account! Yes I just returned from a few trips! :o)

This year we have just two students, Shane Roseveld of Maple Ridge and Shaun Jung from the Tapestry both of whom are on their last year with Calvin on the distance program. Our committee of three, David Cheung, Albert Wu and I met on Aug 24 and we request that Classis approve a total amount of \$9000 for the year.

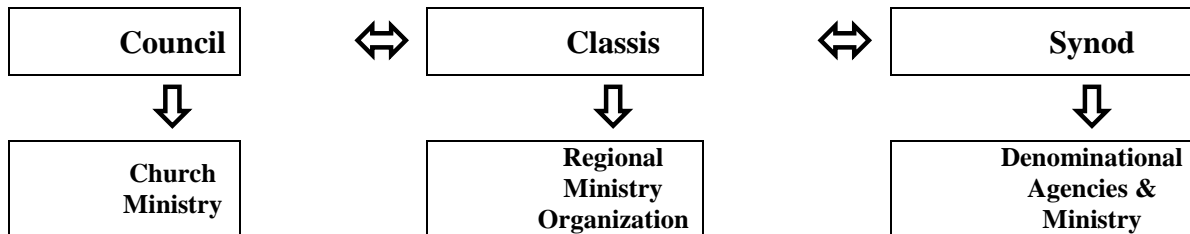
The good news is that we will be in a healthy financial position. The flip side is that we do not have students that we expect to graduate in the next few years to fill the many vacancies in the churches in our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Chen, SFC Chair

Going Forward Team (GFT) Report to Classis October 17 & 18, 2017

A. Agenda

Al Postma, CRCNA Classis Renewal Coordinator, joined us via Vidyo at our last GFT meeting. One of the things Al has been reflecting on is the goal, or purpose, of classis, and this has led him to look at the relationships of classis. This diagram shows those relationships.



Using this diagram, Al has identified Four Lenses, or relationships, that each classis has. Each classis is:

- ↑ **A Spiritually Discerning Community:** advancing evangelistic and diaconal witness to Christ and his kingdom.
- ← **A Network of Support and Accountability:** supporting and assisting pastors and churches, both personally and in their ministry.
- ↓ **A Regional Ministry Organization:** implementing a regional ministry plan that advances our witness to Jesus Christ.
- **A Bridge: Congregations and Denomination:** participating in ministry beyond our local region and receiving support from those with more specialized training and experience.

As the GFT considered these Lenses in light of our mandate to rework the classical agenda, we decided that we would try using the Four Lenses of classis to organize the agenda, beginning with our March 2018 classis meeting. We are not exactly sure what this will look like but will look at this more concretely in the coming months. We do know of at least one other classis that organizes their meetings in this way and we have access to their agenda as a resource. (If you would like more information on the Four Lenses, ask Andy or Kathy for a copy of a PowerPoint slide show that Al has put together.)

B. Mission Statement

The CMIC has been working on a rewrite of the mission statement. The mission statement rewrite will be brought in line with the Four Lenses of classis, and we anticipate bringing it to the March 2018 classis meeting for approval.

C. Ministry Reporting

We continue to support the plan to have a rotation of speakers, so not every ministry speaks at every meeting. Local, non-CRC ministries (e.g. Bethesda, M2W2) will no longer report to classis but will be asked to report directly to congregations.

D. Regional Breakout Sessions

In March we plan to schedule time during the meeting for regional breakout sessions. We anticipate that each regional gathering will have a “small agenda” built around the Four Lenses, a facilitator, and a topic or guiding question to discuss. After the breakout time each region will give a brief, 5 minute, report to classis on any highlights of their time together. We plan to try this as an experiment and see what kind of response we get from classis delegates at that time.

Submitted by the members of the Going Forward Team:

Andrew Beunk, Albert Chu, Andy de Ruyter, Kathy Smith, Trevor VanderVeen

Sent as a separate attachments in a zip file along with the main agenda. (zf att. #)

Copies of the following reports can be found in a zip file that was sent along with the main agenda package. They are numbered as att. 1, att. 2 and so on and correspond with the item listed in the main agenda.

We hope that with the use of laptops, notebooks etc, less and less dependency on paper will be achieved and make our classis more environmentally aware of the resources we have/use.

Reports that can be found in the Zip File sent along with the agenda:

- att. 1 Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director: letter and funding requests
- att. 2 Seafarers Ministry: Report
- att. 2a Seafarers 2018 budgets
- att. 2b receipts / disbursements
- att. 2c Seafarers Review Committee report
- att. 3 BC Leadership Development Network
- att. 3a BCLDN 2018 budget
- att. 4 World ReNew
- att. 5 Classis Ministry Leadership Team
- att. 5a CMLT budget request
- att. 6 Redeemer College
- att. 7 Diaconal Ministries Canada
- att. 8 Safe Church team
- att. 9 Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer
- att. 9b CRSM ministry budget
- att. 10 Resonate Global Missions
- att. 11 Kwantlen
- att. 12, 12a, 12b, 12c UNBC CRCM (Campus Ministry)
- att. 13 The Kings University College

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 Rev. David Salverda 2019(2)
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CDT - CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM – no current members assigned

Please contact stated clerk for any info needed

CMLT/SFC - CLASSIS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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Mr. Richard Mast	2020(1)
CTS - CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	
Mr. Vic Chen	(2019(1)

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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 Ministries 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