

Classis British Columbia North-West

MINUTES for Session 77

October 1 & 2, 2019

The Tapestry, 9280 No. 2 Road, Richmond, B.C.



Executive:

President: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen
Recording Clerk: Rev. Michelle Ellis

Vice-President: Rev. David Salverda
Stated Clerk: Mrs. Kathy Smith

Delegates, as per classical credentials:

	Church	Delegate	Delegate
1	Burnaby – Nelson Ave. Community Church	Pastor Angela Elliot (Tues) Rev. Johannes Schouten (Wed)	Deanne Arnott, elder
2	Burnaby - New Westminster CRC	Rev. Andrew Beunk	Elder Irene Kraay
3	Duncan CRC	Rev. Kevin VanderVeen	Elder John Duifhuis
4	Houston CRC	Rev. Charles Van Hoffen	Elder Rene Dieleman
5	Maple Ridge CRC	Rev. Tim Sheridan	Deacon Robin de Haan
6	Nanaimo - CCC	Rev. Chelsey Harmon	Elder Shirley Dorsey
7	Port Alberni – Alberni Valley CRC	Rev. Curtis Korver	Elder Willem Colyn
8	Prince George CRC	Rev. Andrew Aukema	N/A
9	Richmond – Immanuel CRC	N/A (Tues) Rev. David Cheung (Wed)	Deacon Crystal Malapas (Tues) Deacon John Zhang (Wed)



10	Richmond – The Tapestry	Rev. Sam Lee (Tues) Rev. Albert Wu (Wed)	Rev. Michael Yang (Tues) Rev. Jesse Pals (Wed)
11	Smithers CRC	Rev. Ken Vander Horst	Deacon Barb Bandstra
12	Telkwa Community Church	Rev. Michelle Ellis	Deacon Justin Wisselink
13	Terrace CRC	Rev. Joel Ringma	Elder Casey Braam
14	Vancouver – First CRC	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	Deacon Melissa Van Dyk
15	Victoria – Christ Community Church	Rev. William Delleman	Elder Wilma van Wiltenburg
16	Victoria CRC	Rev. David Salverda	Elder Greg Diemer

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

1. PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE ON GOD

1.1 Opening Worship

Tim Choy of The Tapestry Church led us in a few songs of worship. Rev. David Salverda led us in devotions on the theme of Authentic Community.

1.2 Constitution of Classis

1.2.1 The President welcomed all delegates and visitors.

1.2.2 Roll Call as per credentials by the Stated Clerk.

1.2.3 First-time delegates signed the Covenant for Office Bearers in the CRC.

1.2.4 Delegates recited in unison the Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life.

2. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

2.1 Canadian National Gathering Report

2.1.1 Melissa Van Dyk and Dena Nicolai reported and led the discussion time. The theme of the National Gathering was “From Emptiness to Fullness”.

2.1.2 The delegates were separated into three groups that discussed the following statements:

- We believe our congregation needs to grow in discipleship, spirituality, and being led by the Spirit.
- We believe our congregation needs to better reflect the cultural, ethnic, age, and ability diversity of our community and country (ability diversity includes cognitive, social, emotional, physical).
- We believe our congregation needs to equip all of our members to be sent out and able to share the gospel with others.



2.1.3 Some comments from the group discussion time included:

- Desire to offer leadership in spiritual growth, discipleship.
- Diversity group: “You can’t be what you can’t see”. Becoming diverse needs to be modelled by leadership. Diversity may be present in people’s personal relationships, but not Sunday mornings.
- Equipping members to be sent out to share the gospel: Tension between relationships and programs. Cultivation of relationship through story-sharing. Going and being with people where they are.
- Different seasons of momentum, seasons of growth and decline, communally and individually.

3. DISCIPLES MAKING NEW DISCIPLES

3.1 **Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer Report**

Pastor Dena Nicolai updated us on her work. Journeying with refugees is about walking with people so they feel like human beings again. Often, what they have been through is incredibly dehumanizing.

4. COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS

4.1 **Pre-advice Committee Assignments**

The President drew attention to pre-advice committee assignments.

4.2 **The Minutes of Classis Meeting held March 5 & 6, 2019**

Received for information.

4.3 **Stated Clerk Report**

Mrs. Kathy Smith indicated that she hopes her role will support the flourishing of congregations. She highlighted two items from her written report:

- The church visitation schedule: churches who have not yet completed their church visits are encouraged to do so in the next 5 months.
- The classis website: there is information on there not just for classis but for churches as well.

MOTION CARRIED: To approve the work of the stated clerk.

4.4 **Classical Ministries Interim Committee (CMIC) Report**

4.4.1 Rev. Ken Vander Horst, CMIC Chair, led the delegates through the CMIC report.

4.4.2 After reporting on Janina Mobach Krabbe’s acceptance of a call to The Tapestry, Janina was invited forward to share about her new ministry. She shared about transition: accepting a call from the Tapestry to be chaplain in the DTES; what does it look like when marginalized people are central to who the church is?

MOTION CARRIED: That classis change the ROP to allow six members on the CMIC rather than seven.

MOTION CARRIED: That classis increase the annual remuneration of the stated clerk and treasurer from \$5,600 to \$5,700.



4.4.3 Regional Classis Meeting Proposal

- A three-step approach is recommended for discerning whether meeting regionally for March meetings is a faithful way of doing our work as classis.
- The first step is to spend Wednesday at the March 2020 meeting in separate rooms in our separate regions.
- Grounds are: to better practice values as small groups, increase regional connections, better stewards of our classical finances.
- Part of the plan is to test coming together electronically.
- Even if we go this route it may not work to do all March meetings this way. It depends what is on the agenda (e.g. examinations). These decisions would be discerned as a group as we go forward.
- Recognition that when we gather as regions, we do not have the diversity of voices. What would be lost in that?

MOTION CARRIED: That classis accede to the Regional Classis Meeting Proposal and, as a first step, spend the Wednesday of the March 2020 meeting in the regional meeting structure.

MOTION CARRIED: To approve the work of the CMIC.

5. COMMITTEES FOR PRE-ADVICE TO CLASSIS 3:30-4:00 P.M.

5.1 Credentials Committee

5.1.1 Rev. Tim Sheridan reported that credentials are in order.

5.1.2 In response to a question on the credentials, the credentials committee encouraged churches to make use of LDN in training leaders.

5.1.3 There was a request from Prince George CRC that the October meeting be changed to two weeks before Thanksgiving or one week after.

Motion: to meet two weeks before Thanksgiving.

Discussion: There have been benefits to aligning our meetings with BCSE. Should this be considered, especially as we consider meeting regionally in March? Also, September is a busy time, so it could be challenging to get everything ready.

MOTION TABLED. CMIC to come with a proposal to the March meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: To approve the work of the credentials committee.

5.2 Standing Nominations Committee

Rev. Ken Vander Horst led us through some of the nominations.

MOTION CARRIED: That the following people be approved as follows:

- World Renew - David Mayer (Smithers CRC) was approved at Synod 2019 to serve for a second term.
- Licensure to Exhort – two-year renewal for Neil Lettinga
- Historical Records – Anne Kwantes (Victoria CRC) for a fifth term
- Ministry to Seafarers - Rens Slot (Vancouver 1st CRC) for a third term

MOTION CARRIED: That Rev. Gary Roosma be Seafarers Chaplain.

MOTION CARRIED: That Mr. Andy deRuyter serve another term on the Council of Delegates.

MOTION CARRIED: The following synod nominations were approved. The other nominations were tabled until Wednesday (see point 12.4).



- Kevin Laarman from Prince George CRC as elder delegate.
- Shelly Hempstead of Prince George CRC to be deacon delegate. Liz Gysbers to be alternate deacon delegate.

5.3 Overtures Committee

There were no overtures to this meeting of classis.

MOTION CARRIED: To approve the work of the overtures committee.

6. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

6.1 Church Visitor Reports

- 6.1.1 Prince George CRC visited Telkwa: Recommendation that pastoral evaluations happen on a regular basis. Journeying through membership stuff. Welcome of house church. Mountaineering trips a highlight.
- 6.1.2 Nanaimo visited CCC in Victoria: Work of keeping communication lines open. Sense of thankfulness to classis during time of being vacant. Sense of gratitude and excitement, ministry initiatives beginning. Theme of learning to be flexible as pastor, church, council.
- 6.1.3 Victoria CCC visited Alberni Valley: Intentional leadership, discipleship, and faith formation they are doing together as a council. Feeling of encouragement in meeting together. Pastor Curtis well received. Mutual respect and good working relationship.

7. DISCIPLES MAKING NEW DISCIPLES

7.1 UNBC Campus Ministry

- 7.1.1 Rev. Alan van der Woerd, UNBC Campus Chaplain, updated us on his ministry. Question of how we can operate in the new environment that is more hostile to the way things have been done in the past with chaplaincy.
- 7.1.2 Rev. Andrew Aukema shared from the Board that there aren't concrete ideas for what transition from Alan's retirement from this position will look like.
- 7.1.3 Rev. Alan van der Woerd gave some advice going forward: Have a signed contract throughout the year that includes what emotional and pastoral support will look like for the chaplain, and includes an agreement about conflict resolution.
- 7.1.4 Andrew Beunk noted that the Mosaic model as they have at New West CRC could be a good one to consider. Having a church community for students to connect to is a great thing. International Student Ministries Canada is a great support as well.

8. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

8.1 Commissioned Pastor Examination: Mr. David Leung as Clinical Chaplain, The Tapestry Church

- 8.1.1 Examination by Rev. Chelsey Harmon
- 8.1.2 CLASSIS ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION
Classis prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance.
After a time of discussion, classis voted by ballot.



MOTION CARRIED: To admit David to the position of Commissioned Pastor in the CRCNA

CLASSIS RECONVENED

8.1.3 All the delegates gathered around David and prayed for him and his ministry as clinical chaplain with the elderly and hospitalized.

Note: Classis does not normally assign a mentor to Commissioned Pastors

9. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

9.1 **Minister of the Word Examination:** Mr. Shaun Jung, The Tapestry Church

9.1.1 The President welcomed the Synodical Deputies:

- Rev. Randolph Beumer - Pacific Northwest
- Rev. Rudy Ouwehand – BCSE
- Rev. David Swinney – Alberta South Saskatchewan

9.1.2 Practica Examination: Rev. Charles Van Hoffen

Questions from the floor

MOTION CARRIED: To proceed.

9.1.3 Sermon Evaluation by Pastor Angela Elliot and Elder David Miedema of Nelson Avenue Community Church.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION CARRIED: To proceed. Synodical Deputies concur.

9.1.4 Biblical and Theological Examination: Rev. Tim Sheridan

Questions from the floor.

9.1.5 CLASSIS ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Classis prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

After a time of discussion, classis voted by ballot.

MOTION CARRIED: To admit Shaun to the position of Minister of the Word in the CRCNA.

The synodical deputies concur.

CLASSIS RECONVENED

9.1.6 All the delegates gathered around Shaun and his wife and prayed for him and for his ministry with The Tapestry.

9.1.7 The regional pastor will assign a mentor.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.

CLASSIS RESUMED: WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30 A.M.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019		
10.	PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE ON GOD & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
	10.1	Roll Call as per credentials by the Stated Clerk.



	10.2	First-time delegates who were not in attendance for the Tuesday session signed the "Covenant for Office Bearers".
	10.3	Opening Worship and Workshop Rev. Chris DeVos from The Colossian Forum led us in a workshop on "Practicing Humility Through Listening, Especially in the Cross-Currents of Conflict". The delegates were led through three listening exercises: listening to God, listening to ourselves, listening to others.
11.	AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY	
	11.1	<p>Immanuel CRC Addressed Classis</p> <p>11.1.1 Rev. Andrew Beunk introduced Rev. David Cheung and set the stage for the discussion that would follow.</p> <p>11.1.2 Rev. David Cheung addressed classis regarding "The 308 Incident": the passing of a motion, at the March 8, 2017 meeting of classis, to send an overture to synod to make the Confession of Belhar (CB) a Contemporary Testimony. According to David and Immanuel CRC this was done improperly from a moral and theological perspective, and he was granted an hour to address both perspectives.</p> <p>11.1.3 The President responded to David and there was also response from the floor. There was an expression of thankfulness for David and his return along with the delegates from Immanuel CRC.</p> <p>11.1.4 As part of his report, David and Immanuel CRC brought four recommendations to the floor of classis. Classis dealt with each one individually:</p> <p>A. MOTION CARRIED: That classis be careful not to allow hastily introduced motions to come to the floor, especially when they involve weighty matters. Note: Along with the passing of this motion came the recommendation that, for weighty matters, time perhaps be given for the issue to be brought back to the churches.</p> <p>B. MOTION CARRIED: That classis reviews the passing of the CB resolution on March 8, 2017 to ascertain whether proper procedure was followed. Note: We were reminded that classis does not meet alone. Councils and synods are all a part of this and we need to make sure that proper procedure is being followed along every line.</p> <p>C. MOTION CARRIED: To return to recommendation C after the review is complete (Recommendation C being: "That, where proper procedure was not followed, classis mends things by overturning synod to decategorize CB as a Contemporary Testimony.") Note: Overtures can be brought to classis at any time by any church, regardless of how our discussion goes on this issue.</p> <p>D. MOTION TABLED: That classis affirms the traditional biblical ethic on marriage and human sexuality. After some discussion of the wording of this motion it was determined that we need to clarify the wording so that everyone can get behind it, even if there is a shared, common commitment. We will revisit this motion at the</p>



		<p>March 2020 classis meeting when there will be adequate time to meet and discuss.</p> <p>11.1.5 The CMIC and the Oversight Committee will take further action on these motions. David requested 30 minutes to address the next classis meeting. This was not immediately granted but will be taken into consideration by both committees as they move forward on this issue.</p>
12.	COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS	
	12.1	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Mr. David Pel, classis treasurer, talked the delegates through the Financial Reports for the Period Ended June 30, 2019. It was noted that Pastor Turkstra continues to do his business chaplaincy, just not through classis.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: To accept the Treasurer's Report.</p>
	12.2	<p>Ministry Funding Proposal</p> <p>Rev. Ken Vander Horst and Mr. David Pel led classis through the Proposed Model and Rationale for Ministry Funding, as prepared by the Classis Funding Team. This funding models shifts away from a ministry funding to a seed money approach. Ministries that are independent entities look beyond classis for funding. Ministries that are initiated by churches can be funded by classis, but the hope would be that there would be a wider community of support.</p> <p>A few of the comments that were made during discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to a church-planting model, move to becoming self-sustaining. There are perhaps some ministries that are important year after year. • Appropriate to have a question of review and how much classis should fund. • Caution that not every ministry may have the same resources as others to raise funds. Ministries may be unstable as a result. Perhaps a funding threshold would be appropriate. • The proposed model has two types of support. Perhaps add another type that has a funding threshold, a certain percentage of funding. Is there wisdom in capping how many grants a ministry is eligible for? • It means a clearer structure that ministries will be expected to follow. This will not be a "one size fits all" approach. • Diaconal Ministries would be a good partner in thinking about funding. • Every ministry should be carried by a vision that captures the heart of the churches. <p>MOTION CARRIED: To accept the proposed model and rationale for funding classis ministries and instruct the CMIC and the Funding Team to take the next steps of implementation.</p>
	12.3	<p>Ministry Shares</p> <p>Mrs. Kathy Smith, Stated Clerk, led us through the 2020 proposed classis ministry shares. Note: consideration would be given to churches who request funding for additional things throughout the year.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: To approve the proposed Ministry Share of \$66.45 for 2020.</p>



12.4	<p>Delegates to Synod (continued from 5.2)</p> <p>After a series of ballot votes the following people were approved to attend Synod 2020:</p> <table> <tr> <td><i>Minister:</i> Janina Mobach Krabbe</td><td><i>Minister Alt.:</i> William Delleman</td></tr> <tr> <td><i>Elder:</i> Kevin Laarman</td><td><i>Elder Alt.:</i> Deanna Arnott</td></tr> <tr> <td><i>Deacon:</i> Shelly Hempstead</td><td><i>Deacon Alt.:</i> Liz Gysbers</td></tr> <tr> <td><i>4th Delegate:</i> Dena Nicolai</td><td><i>4th Delegate Alt.:</i> Henry Jonker</td></tr> </table>	<i>Minister:</i> Janina Mobach Krabbe	<i>Minister Alt.:</i> William Delleman	<i>Elder:</i> Kevin Laarman	<i>Elder Alt.:</i> Deanna Arnott	<i>Deacon:</i> Shelly Hempstead	<i>Deacon Alt.:</i> Liz Gysbers	<i>4th Delegate:</i> Dena Nicolai	<i>4th Delegate Alt.:</i> Henry Jonker
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13.	REPORTS								
13.1	<p>Covenantal Relationships</p> <p>13.1.1 Report from the Delegates to Synod: Rev. William Delleman from CCC Victoria, reported on behalf of the delegates to synod.</p> <p>13.1.2 Regional Pastor Report: Rev. Joel Ringma reported on his role as regional pastor to the Northern churches.</p>								
13.2	<p>Leadership Development</p> <p>13.2.1 BC Leadership Development Network: Pastor Wilma van der Leek reported on the ministry of LDN. LDN continues to offer a three-year training program in spiritual development. Currently 14 leaders are taking this training; around 50 leaders in our BC churches have taken this training. LDN also offers the Let's Talk About training for churches and councils. Wilma has spent the summer doing research on how to make this more accessible and connected. Is there a unified theological vision for all the things we are doing?</p> <p>13.2.2 Student Fund Committee (SFC) and Classical Ministries Leadership Team: Mr. Vic Chen reported that currently three candidates are being supported for a total of \$20,040.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED: To receive the SFC report.</p>								
13.3	<p>Disciples Making New Disciples</p> <p>13.3.1 Ministry to Seafarers: Rev. Gary Roosma reported that there is an increasing interaction with other organizations. Between the Anglican Seafarers Ministry and the MTS they have hired a half-time intern, Vincent, who speaks fluent Cantonese and Mandarin. In 2020 the MTS will be celebrating 50 years as an officially organized ministry through classis since 1970.</p>								
13.4	<p>Authentic Community</p> <p>13.4.1 Safe Church Coordinator: Mrs. Faye Martin, Safe Church Team Coordinator, presented her report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to all churches to develop a local safe ministry team. It takes an intentional process to have safe church ministries. Helps support practices and leaders. • Request that council engage in council training. Councils become of aware of what their role is and what the law says around allegations of abuse. Have you had a training in the past year? • SAFE SPACES: An equipping conference that addresses the prevalent challenge/struggle in the churches today surrounding unwanted sexual behaviors by adults, pornography use, and the risks and behaviors happening 								



		<p>amongst our teens and kids as a result of the easy & immediate access to internet porn. November 16 at New Life Church in Abbotsford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued need for people to serve on a Classis BCNW Safe Church Team. Need of a team of a minimum of four people. • Rev. Mary Lee Bouma is suggested as a good resource in leading conversations about human sexuality. <p>13.4.2 Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director, addressed classis briefly. He is committed to visit each classis once/year. Churches are encouraged to look at the “Ministry Shares Reimagined” information sheet and give feedback to the denomination.</p>
	13.5	<p>Review of reports submitted with no verbal presentation: sent to all delegates and churches in a “Ministry Reports” zip file.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calvin Seminary • Calvin University • Canadian Ministries Director • Council of Delegates • Diaconal Ministries Canada • King’s University • Redeemer University College • World Renew
14.	COMMITTEES FOR PRE-ADVICE TO CLASSIS	
	14.1	<p>Expense Committee MOTION CARRIED. To approve meeting expenses of \$7,400.48.</p>
15.	CLOSING SESSION	
	15.1	The President gave closing announcements and thanks.
	15.2	The Vice President closed with a few words and with prayer.
	15.3	The President Declared Classis Adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Next Meeting of Classis:

March 3 & 4, 2020

Nelson Ave. Community Church, Burnaby

Next Executive of Classis:

Rev. David Salverda, President

Rev. William Delleman, Vice-President

Rev. Trevor Vanderveen, Recording Clerk



Church Visitor Assignments for 2018-2020 Beginning March 1, 2018

The following church visits have been assigned.
Visits are to be completed by March 1, 2020.

CHURCH DOING THE VISIT	CHURCH BEING VISITED	DATE VISITED
Northern Churches:		
Houston CRC	Terrace CRC	
Prince George CRC	Telkwa Community Church	Mar. 9, 2019
Smithers CRC	Houston CRC	Nov. 13, 2018
Telkwa Community Church	Prince George CRC	
Terrace CRC	Smithers CRC	
Island Churches:		
Duncan CRC	Victoria CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	Victoria CCC	June 11, 2019
Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni	Duncan CRC	Jan. 24, 2019
Victoria CCC	Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni	May 16, 2019
Victoria CRC	Nanaimo CCC	
Lower Mainland Churches:		
Nelson Ave. CC, Burnaby	Immanuel CRC, Richmond	
New Westminster CRC, Burnaby	1 st CRC, Vancouver	
Maple Ridge CRC	New Westminster CRC, Burnaby	
Immanuel CRC, Richmond	The Tapestry, Richmond	
The Tapestry, Richmond	Maple Ridge CRC	
1 st CRC, Vancouver	Nelson Ave. CC, Burnaby	



Classical Committees, Teams, and Denominational Representatives

Updated October 2019

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Mr. Victor Chen – CMLT/SFC chair	2020(3)	
Rev. Chelsey Harmon – Island Rep	2022(1)	
Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	2022(1)	
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CLASSIS AUDITOR		
Mr. Fred Bosma	2021(9)	
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SCT – SAFE CHURCH TEAM CLASSIS REPRESENTATIVE		
<i>open</i>		
REGIONAL PASTORS		
Rev. Joel Ringma		Northern Churches
Rev. Henry Jonker		Island Churches
Rev. Andrew Beunk		Lower-Mainland Churches
CHAPLAIN AND REFUGEE SUPPORT MOBLIZER		
Pastor Dena Nicolai		
CMLT - CLASSIS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM (BI-CLASSIS COMMITTEE WITH CLASSIS BCSE) SFC - STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE		
BCNW Members		
Mr. Victor Chen – (Chair, SFC)	2020(3)	
Rev. David Cheung (SFC)	2021(2)	
Rev. Al Wu (SFC)	2020(1)	



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Mrs. Kathy Smith – Stated Clerk		kathy.bcnw@outlook.com
Rev. Andrew Beunk		
Rev. Albert Chu		
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Rev. Andrew Aukema	BCNW	chair / classis rep
Mr. Rick Garrison	BCNW	2021(1)
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Mr. David Pel – Treasurer BCNW	2020(9)	
Mr. Rens Slot	2022(3)	
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SIERRA LEONE BC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE		
Mr. Dave Meyer – Chair	BCNW	
Rev. Joel Ringma – Secretary	BCNW	
DENOMINATIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES		
COD – Council of Delegates: CRCNA		
Mr. Andy de Ruyter	2021(2)	
CCBOT - CALVIN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Mr. Richard Mast	2020(1)	
CTS - CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY		
Mr. Vic Chen	2022(2)	
CRCPD - CHRISTIAN REFORMED CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE		
Dena Nicolai	2020 (2)	



DMC – REGIONAL DIACONAL MINISTRIES DEVELOPER		
Mrs. Rachel Vroege		
DMC - DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS / BCNW Rep		
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WORLD RENEW – Classis Rep		
Dave Mayer	2022(2)	



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

ACRCMBC	Association for the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in British Columbia (aka Christian Reformed Campus Ministry at UNBC)
BCSE	Classis British Columbia South-East
BOT	Board of Trustees
BTGMI	Back to God Ministries International (now part of the COD)
CC	Candidacy Committee (formerly Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)
CDT	Church Development Team (classical)
CMIC	Classical Ministry Interim Committee
CMLT	Classis Ministry Leadership Team (formerly Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)
COD	Council of Delegates
CO	Church Order (also CO Art. = Church Order Article)
CPJ	Citizens for Public Justice
CRCM	Christian Reformed Campus Ministry (see also 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 (as in CRC in BC & SL)
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
TKU	The King’s University, Edmonton AB
UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC

