



## Minutes for Session 76

March 5 & 6, 2019

New Westminster CRC, 8255 13th Avenue, Burnaby, BC



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### Executive:

President: Rev. Joe Ellis Vice-President: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen  
Stated Clerk: Mr. Andy de Ruyter Recording Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Smith

### Delegates, as per classical credentials:

	Church	Delegate	Delegate
1	Burnaby - NACC	Rev. Johannes Schouten	Deanne Arnott, elder
2	Burnaby - New Westminster CRC	Rev. Andrew Beunk	Elder Irene Kraay
3	Duncan CRC	Rev. Kevin VanderVeen	Deacon Norm Brandsma
4	Houston CRC	Elder Greg Macleod	Elder Dennis Verbeek
5	Maple Ridge CRC	Deacon Al DeJong	Deacon Robin de Haan
6	Nanaimo - CCC	Rev. Chelsey Harmon	Elder Shirley Dorsey
7	Port Alberni – Alberni Valley CRC	Rev. Curtis Korver	
8	Prince George CRC	Rev. Andrew Aukema	Shelley Hempstead
9	Richmond – Immanuel CRC	George Tan, deacon	
10	Richmond – The Tapestry	Rev. Jesse Pals (Tues) Rev. Albert Chu (Wed)	Rev. Michael Yang (Tues) Rev. Sam Lee (Wed)
11	Smithers CRC	Rev. Ken Vander Horst	Deacon Edith Beerda
12	Telkwa Community Church	Rev. Joe Ellis	Elder John Fokkens
13	Terrace CRC	Rev. Joel Ringma	Elder Bill Henderson



14	Vancouver – First CRC	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	Deacon Melissa Van Dyk
15	Victoria - CCC	Rev. William Delleman	Elder Matt Myhre
16	Victoria CRC	Rev. David Salverda	Elder Dr. Terry Huberts

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	<b>Prayerful Dependence on God</b>
1.1	Opening Worship
1.1.1	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen and Rev. David Salverda led us in a time of worship. As the theme of this classis meeting is “Leadership Development” (one of our Five Values), over the course of the meeting Trevor, Rev. William Delleman, and Deacon Melissa Van Dyk led us through four devotions focusing on Mark 9 and four temptations that face us as leaders.
1.1.2	Trevor read Mark 9:2-13, the story of the Transfiguration. The temptation to us as leaders is to hold Jesus alongside others. The central message of this passage is to hold to nothing but the centrality of Christ.
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 of Office Bearers in the CRC”
1.2.4	Delegates recited in unison the Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life
2.	<b>Covenantal Relationships</b>
2.1	The President drew attention to Pre-advice Committee assignments.
2.2	The Minutes of the Classis Meeting held October 2 & 3, 2018 were received for information.
2.3	Stated Clerk and CMIC report
2.3.1	The Stated Clerk, Mr. Andy de Ruyter, highlighted a number of items from this report, which can be found in the Agenda.
2.3.2	<b>Motion Carried:</b> That classis approve the following change to the transportation policy in the Classis Rules of Procedure (change in <i>italics</i> ): Classical delegates will be reimbursed for travel and loss of wages up to the amount determined by classis and at their request. <i>Airline transportation should be used for long-distance travel; classis will pay the cost for seat selection. If a traveler elects to drive for long-distance travel, the mileage/car rental reimbursement should not exceed the average cost of an airplane ticket to that destination. Please consider car rental and carpooling to reduce cost.</i>
2.3.3	<b>Motion Carried:</b> That classis instruct its treasurer to continue to hold in trust the funds from the sale of the ministry house for the continued work of the Ministry to Seafarers for as long as that ministry continues, but to allow annual returns earned from those funds to be used to offset current ministry



costs. Any use of the principle funds in future must be approved by both Classes BCNW and BCSE in consultation with the Ministry to Seafarers.

- 2.3.4 **Motion Carried:** That Rev. William Delleman (who was elected as the alternate to the open position) be appointed as the minister delegate to the 2019 meeting of Synod as neither the minister nor the alternate appointed at the last classis meeting can make it.

- 2.3.5 Andy highlighted a few points from Addendum package:

- a. At the recommendation of the oversight committee, Rev. David Cheung will be allowed one hour to speak at the next classis meeting.
- b. Re. delegates to classis meetings: Church councils are reminded that according to church order the offices of minister, elder, and deacon should be respected. One office cannot take the place of another office, except an elder can replace a minister who is unable to attend. So, each church can send to classis: a minister and an elder or a deacon, an elder and a deacon, or two elders.
- c. Safe Church: Currently in Classis BCNW thirteen churches have safe church policies and seven churches have Safe Ministries Teams. Synod has said that all churches must have a safe church representative or a team, and those who don't will be listed in the Agenda to Synod. As well, Classis BCNW does not currently have a proper board to work with Faye Martin, the Safe Church Coordinator; the CMIC fills that role in a limited way.

- 2.3.6 **Motion Carried:** to approve the work of the CMIC and the stated clerk.

## 2.4 Treasurer's Report

Mr. David Pel led us through the financial statements.

- 2.4.1 The President ruled that David look into transferring the balances from Schedule 12 (Yaletown – downtown friends) and Schedule 17 (Breakthrough Ministries) to the Classis Expense Fund.

- 2.4.2 A question was asked about Breakthrough Ministries. Rev. Andrew Turkstra is still doing ministry, but is no longer being supported by classis.

- 2.4.3 Schedule 10, the BC Church Planting Fund, has been renamed the BC Ministry Fund.

- 2.4.4 Andy pointed out that the costs for hosting classis meetings continue to rise, so will need to budget more for the Classis Expense Fund going forward.

- 2.4.5 **Motion Carried:** to accept the Treasurers Report.

## 2.5 Classis AGM

- 2.5.1 Classis BCNW was adjourned to hold our annual AGM. Separate minutes have been prepared for this meeting.

- 2.5.2 After the AGM, Classis BCNW was called back to order.

## 3. Authentic Community

### 3.1 Church Visitor Reports

- 3.1.1 Rev. Ken Vander Horst reported on Smithers CRC's visit with Houston CRC.

- 3.1.2 Rev. Curtis Korver reported on Alberni Valley CRC's visit with Duncan CRC.



### 3.2 Regional Pastor Reports

- 3.2.1 Lower Mainland: Rev. Andrew Beunk reported on a conference the regional pastors attended. While there they learned to use the Berkman Assessment Tool as a tool to assess strengths, stress, and anxiety.
- 3.2.2 North Central: Rev. Joel Ringma reported that he has regular video contact with the Northern pastors, and also makes personal calls. The pastors work to pastor each other. A Sustaining Pastoral Excellence grant provided an opportunity to meet together.
- 3.2.3 Vancouver Island: Mr. Andy de Ruyter gave brief highlights from a written report submitted by Rev. Henry Jonker.

### 3.3 Oversight Committees

- 3.3.1 Immanuel CRC: see Article 2.3.5.a.
- 3.3.2 downtown friends: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen gave a brief history of the situation and provided an update on the status of Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma and Rev. Janina Mobach. As per church order, both are in a time of discernment as to their future in ministry. Janina is beginning to explore, in partnership with Resonate, establishing a CRC indigenous ministry in Vancouver. BC is the only Western province not to have an Indigenous Centre. Trevor and the oversight committee hope to give more detail in the fall. Trevor referenced a letter from Rich Braaksma (Resonate Global Mission) expressing support for the direction Janina is exploring.

## 4. Leadership Development:

### 4.1 Student Fund Committee

Mr. Vic Chen reported on the work of the SFC.

- 4.1.1 **Motion Carried:** to approve a \$2,300 grant to Andre Roberge from Maple Ridge CRC who is doing his long-distance EPMC at Calvin Seminary.
- 4.1.2 Vic initiated a discussion on whether an applicant for student funding needs to be headed into full-time ministry. The SFC currently has one applicant who is intentionally bi-vocational and, according to our current policy, would not be eligible for funding. After some discussion Vic received classis' blessing to explore this further and come back with a recommendation in October.
- 4.1.3 **Motion Carried:** to receive the SFC report.

### 4.2 Calvin Seminary

Vic put on his other hat and gave a brief report on Calvin Seminary. He reported that fundraising is going well.

## 5. Covenantal Relationships

### 5.1 The King's University

Dr. Melanie Humphreys shared highlights of the current year at The King's University. She reported on an Evangelical Fellowship of Canada study that showed that Christian students that attend a Christian university more like to maintain their faith. She also reported on the new Statement of Inclusion put out by the Board of Governors and found on their website. Classis had a long discussion on this statement. Dr.



Humphreys indicated that she is willing to have a longer conversation on this if classis so desires.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

5.2 Council of Delegates (C.O.D.)

5.2.1 Mr. Andy de Ruyter gave some highlights from the Council of Delegates.

- The issue of bi-nationality is a big topic at the moment.
- The Report on Reimagining Ministry Shares: please read this and ask, “Is this what Synod 2017 asked to be reimagined?”
- Calvin College is now Calvin University
- Canadian Aboriginal Ministries is now Canadian Indigenous Ministries

5.2.2 Discussion of Ministries Share Reimagined: The classis delegates to synod would like feedback on the Report on Reimagining Ministry Shares. When this report has been officially issued Kathy will send it to church councils and put it on the classis website. She will also pass along the contact information of the delegates to synod and encourage councils to engage with this and give feedback to the delegates.

**6. Round Table Discussion on the “Report on Funding Classically Supported Ministries”**

6.1 Martin Contant led classis as the delegates gathered in four groups around tables and discussed the following questions:

1. Do you believe that classical ministries shares assessed to your church are fully supported? Are they part of the annual local budget or raised through offerings?
2. If Classis were to establish a Classical Mission Fund to which congregations could apply for funds to assist them launching a new local mission/ministry opportunity, would your church apply for such funds (e.g. \$1,500-\$2,000 annual cap per church)?
3. What suggestions do you have to assist classically funded ministries in conducting regular ministry reviews (e.g. every 3 years) that include classical representatives not currently associated with the particular ministry being reviewed? What criteria would you like to see included in such a ministry review?
4. The report talks about incremental decreased funding vs. ‘perpetual’ funding. We recognize some supported ministries are not designed to become even partially self sustaining. What are some possible ways that ministry budgets could be maintained but not be fully dependent on classis’ support if funded ministries were to experience a gradual percentage decrease to a base level of continued support?
5. Recognizing that patterns of giving are changing, what strategies could classis employ to engage a new generation of donor?



- 6.2 After the round table discussion, we gathered together to hear some responses. All responses, written and oral, have been gathered by the Funding Committee and will be taken into consideration as they consider next steps.

**7. Prayerful Dependence on God**

- 7.1 Before we broke for dinner, the President invited us into a few minutes of contemplative prayer on John 21:1-12a. As we reflected on this passage we were asked to consider, in the context of the round table discussion we had just had, "What do I want to say to Jesus? What does Jesus say to me?"

DINNER BREAK

**8. Leadership Development**

- 8.1 Pastor Wilma van der Leek, BC LDN Facilitator, led us in a two-hour session discussing spiritual discernment.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M.

CLASSIS RESUMED: WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:40 A.M.

**9. Prayerful Dependence on God**

- 9.1 Opening Worship: Pastor William Delleman read Mark 9:33-37, the story of the disciples arguing about who would be the greatest. The temptation to us as leaders is priority of place and power. The central message of this passage is to be welcoming and hospitable.
- 9.2 The stated clerk took roll call.

**10. Authentic Community**

- 10.1 Rev. Al Chu introduced the following leadership development questions for the regional breakout session. After receiving the questions, delegates broke into the three regions and discussed together until the refreshment break.
1. Aside from the LDN, what other denominational, classical, or regional resources has your church found helpful in developing leaders? What resources or initiatives would you like to see more at the classis or regional level?
  2. Does your church have a process in place for identifying future leaders? If not, why not?
  3. After identifying a future leader, does your church have a process or a system to mentor this person? In other words, how does your church create new leaders?

REFRESHMENT BREAK

**11. Leadership Development**

- 11.1 Commissioned Pastor Examination of Ms. Angela Elliot for the position of Pastor of Faith Formation, Nelson Ave. Community Church



- 11.1.1 Examination by Rev. Andrew Aukema
- 11.1.2 Sermon Evaluation by Rev. Sam Lee
- 11.1.3 CLASSIS ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - Classis prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance
  - Motion Carried:** to admit Angela to the position of Commissioned Pastor in the CRCNA.
  - CLASSIS RECONVENED
- 11.1.4 All the delegates gathered around Angela and prayed for her and her ministry in Nelson Ave. Community Church.
- 11.2 Commissioned Pastor Job Description: The Tapestry Richmond
  - 11.2.1 **Motion Carried, with the concurrence of the synodical deputies,** to approve the job description of Chaplain at Pinegrove Place and Spiritual Health Facilitator as a Commissioned Pastor position.

LUNCH BREAK

**12. Prayerful Dependence on God**

- 12.1 Melissa Van Dyk read Mark 9:14-29, the story of Jesus healing a demon-possessed boy. The temptation to us as leaders is to do ministry work without sustaining it with prayer. The central message of this passage is that ministry work always needs to find its source in our own being sustained in our relationship with God.

**13. Reports**

- 13.1 Authentic Community
  - 13.1.1 Classis heard from Mrs. Faye Martin, the Classis BCNW & BCSE Safe Church Coordinator. In her presentation she:
    - Indicated she would be sending a letter to the churches: encouraging them to start Safe Ministries Teams in each church; to provide council training; and to have a rep from each team be part of a classis team.
    - Informed us of the upcoming "FaithCARE Training: Learning to Grow Restorative Churches" conference taking place in Langley from April 11-13.
    - Read a testimony: My Experience with Safe Church Ministry
  - 13.1.2 Classis prayed for Faye and her ministry.
- 13.2 Leadership Development
  - 13.2.1 Classis heard from the BC Leadership Development Network (LDN) Facilitator, Pastor Wilma van der Leek. In her presentation she:
    - Reminded churches that this is recruitment time for LDN. Church councils are asked to consider and pray about who from their congregation might attend.
    - Reminded churches about LTA (Let's Talk About) sessions that can be hosted as training sessions for the leadership in their congregation.
  - 13.2.2 Rich Braaksma, from Resonate Global Mission, briefly addressed classis on the continuing efforts to draw together the equipping ministries in BC (local,



regional, and denominational). One of the things that is being considered, to help do this better, is an equipping ministries centre.

13.3 Disciples Making New Disciples

13.3.1 Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer

Pastor Dena Nicolai thanked classis for its continuing support of refugees and of her ministry. She asked for prayer specifically for:

- Refugees, especially those arriving here in Canada
- Churches
- Dena – good practices for keeping her own bucket filled
- Those who are welcoming refugees

The delegates were invited to Journey Through Lent with a Refugees Prayer Calendar.

13.3.2 Seafarers Ministry

Rev. Gary Roosma, the Seafarers Chaplain, shared some highlights of the past six months in the Seafarers ministries, especially Christmas at Sea, ships visits, and a course he recently took in Houston, TX, where he was able to interact with other Seafarer Chaplains.

13.4 Prayer

Classis prayed for LDN, the Refugee Chaplain, and for the Seafarers Ministry.

13.5 Review of reports submitted with no verbal presentation

Classis delegates were reminded to review the reports submitted by the following agencies and share them with their church council. These reports can be found in the Meeting Documents zip file forwarded to delegates by the Stated Clerk.

- Calvin Seminary
- Calvin College
- Canadian Ministries Director
- Diaconal Ministries Canada
- Northern B.C. Campus Ministry
- Redeemer University College
- World Renew

**14. Committees for pre-advice to Classis**

14.1 Standing Nominations Committee / CMIC

Mrs. Kathy Smith led delegates through the voting process. The following people were elected:

- World Renew: Mr. David Mayer (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Alternate Stated Clerk: Mr. Ken Vander Horst (1<sup>st</sup> term as alternate stated clerk)
- CMIC (Island Rep): Rev. Chelsey Harmon (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- CMIC (member at large): Rev. Trevor Vanderveen (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Alternate Deacon Delegate to Synod 2019: Mr. Robin de Haan
- Alternate 4<sup>th</sup> Delegate to Synod 2019: Rev. Andrew Beunk
- Alternate Minister Delegate: Rev. Michael Yang





- 14.2 Credentials Committee
  - 14.2.1 The Credentials Committee reported that the credentials were all in order. There were no communications to report from the credentials.
  - 14.2.2 Duncan CRC thanked classis for pulpit supply. Classis responded with gratitude for the new pastor at Duncan CRC.
  - 14.2.3 **Motion Carried:** to approve the work of the Credentials Committee
- 14.3 Expenses Committee
  - 14.3.1 The Expenses Committee reported expenses of \$7,793.42 for this classis meeting.
  - 14.3.2 **Motion Carried:** to approve the expenses of \$7,793.42.
- 15. **Closing Session**
  - 15.1 The President gave closing announcements and notifications
    - 15.1.1 Next meeting of classis: October 1 & 2, 2019 at The Tapestry, Richmond
    - 15.1.2 Next Executive of Classis: Rev. Trevor Vanderveen, President; Rev. David Salverda, Vice-President
  - 15.2 The Vice-President gave closing thanks and devotions
    - 15.2.1 Rev. Trevor Vanderveen read from Mark 9:38-41, where Jesus said, “whoever is not against us is for us”. The temptation to us as leaders is to think that only we have the ‘corner on the truth and right practice’. The central message of this passage is to remember that our work is in the context of the broader, small “c” catholic church.
    - 15.2.2 On behalf of classis, Rev. Joel Ringma, Rev. Trevor Vanderveen, and Rev. Henry Numan thanked Mr. Andy de Ruyter for his many years of service to the Lord and to classis as stated clerk and in other positions, and presented him with a card signed by all the delegates, a plaque, and a monetary gift.
    - 15.2.3 The President was thanked for leading the meeting.
- 16. The President declared classis adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**Next Meeting of Classis**

October 1 & 2, 2019 at The Tapestry, Richmond Campus

**Next Officers of Classis:**

Rev. Trevor Vanderveen: President

Rev. David Salverda: Vice-President



## 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
<b>Northern Churches:</b>		
Houston CRC	Terrace CRC	
Prince George CRC	Telkwa Community Church	
Smithers CRC	Houston CRC	Nov. 13, 2018
Telkwa Community Church	Prince George CRC	
Terrace CRC	Smithers CRC	
<b>Island Churches:</b>		
Duncan CRC	Victoria CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	Victoria CCC	
Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni	Duncan CRC	Jan. 24, 2019
Victoria CCC	Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni	
Victoria CRC	Nanaimo CCC	
<b>Lower Mainland Churches:</b>		
Nelson Ave. CC, Burnaby	Immanuel CRC, Richmond	
New Westminster CRC, Burnaby	1 <sup>st</sup> CRC, Vancouver	
Maple Ridge CRC	New Westminster CRC, Burnaby	
Immanuel CRC, Richmond	The Tapestry, Richmond	
The Tapestry, Richmond	Maple Ridge CRC	
1 <sup>st</sup> CRC, Vancouver	Nelson Ave. CC, Burnaby	



## APPOINTEES & COMMITTEES OF CLASSIS BCNW

Updated March 2019

CLASSIS COMMITTEES, TEAMS, AND PERSONNEL		
STATED CLERK (S/C)		
Mrs. Kathy Smith	2022(1)	kathy.bcnw@outlook.com
Alternate – Rev. Ken Vander Horst	2022(1)	kvhorst@gmail.com
CMIC - CLASSICAL MINISTRIES INTERIM COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE		
Chair - TBD		
Mrs. Kathy Smith – Stated Clerk	2022(1)	kathy.bcnw@outlook.com
Mr. David Pel – Classis Treasurer	2020(8)	david@dpelcga.com
Rev. Ken Vander Horst – Alternate S/C	2022(1)	
Mr. Victor Chen – CMLT/SFC chair	2020(3)	
Rev. Chelsey Harmon – Island Rep	2022(1)	
Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	2022(1)	
Ms. Faye Martin – SCT Coordinator	EX OFFICIO	
CLASSICAL TREASURER		
Mr. David Pel	2020(8)	david@dpelcga.com
Mrs. Verney Kho - alternate	2021(2)	
CLASSIS AUDITOR		
Mr. Fred Bosma	2021(9)	
SCT - SAFE CHURCH TEAM COORDINATOR		
Ms. Faye Martin		sfmartin@telus.net
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		



<b>CMLT - CLASSIS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM (BI-CLASSIS COMMITTEE WITH CLASSIS BCSE)</b>		
<b>SFC - STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE</b>		
BCNW Members		
Mr. Victor Chen – (Chair, SFC)	2020(3)	
Rev. David Cheung (SFC)	2021(2)	
Rev. Al Wu (SFC)	2020(1)	
<b>GFT - GOING FORWARD TEAM</b>		
Rev. Trevor Vanderveen - Chair		
Mrs. Kathy Smith – Stated Clerk		kathy.bcnw@outlook.com
Rev. Andrew Beunk		
Rev. Albert Chu		
<b>LDN - B.C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (bi-classis team)</b>		
Rev. Andrew Aukema	BCNW	chair / classis rep
Mr. Rick Garrison	BCNW	2021(1)
Mrs. Wilma van der Leek		Fraser Valley LDN Facilitator
<b>MTS - MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS</b>		
Chaplain, Rev. Gary Roosma		crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com
BCNW Members:		
Mr. David Pel – Treasurer BCNW	2020(9)	
Mr. Rens Slot	2019(2)	
Mr. Steve Berkenpas	2021(2)	
<b>UNBC CAMPUS MINISTRY</b>		
Rev. Dr. Alan VanderWoerd, Chaplain		alan@alabanza.ca
<b>CLASSICAL LICENSURE</b>		
Dr. Neil Lettinga (250-964-7734)	9/19	
<b>SYNODICAL DEPUTY</b>		
Rev. Henry Jonker	2021(1)	
Rev. Andrew Beunk - alternate	2021(1)	
<b>SIERRA LEONE BC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>		
Mr. Dave Meyer – Chair	BCNW	
Rev. Joel Ringma – Secretary	BCNW	
<b>DENOMINATIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<b>COD – Council of Delegates: CRCNA</b>		
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		
Mrs. Cindy Verbeek	2021(1)	
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Mrs. Caroline Short		caroline.vanderloo@gmail.com
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE LIAISON		
Mrs. Anne Kwantes	2019(4)	
RGM – RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Western Canada Regional Mission Leader		
Mr. Rich Braaksma		
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



### 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.