



# CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH – WEST

Christian Reformed Church in North America

## Agenda for Session 69

Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm & Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am, 2015

**Location:** The Tapestry, 9280 # 2 Rd. Richmond, B.C.

### Classis Executive:

President - Rev. Jo Schouten

Vice All - Rev. Tim Sheridan

Stated Clerk - Mr. Andy de Ruyter

Rec. Secretary – Rev. Trevor Vanderveen

### 1. Opening Session

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

### Time Schedule:

Tuesday

- 1:00 - opening session
- 3:15 – refreshment break
- 3:30 – session
- 5:30 – dinner break
- 6:45 – Rev. H. Smidstra - Restorative Justice
- 8:30 – adjournment

Wednesday

- 8:30 - opening session
- 10:00 - refreshment break
- 10:15 - session
- 12:00 - lunch break
- 1:00 - 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 - Smithers CRC & Duncan CRC

Expenses - Terrace CRC & Telkwa CRC

Credentials - Prince George CRC & The Tapestry

Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Mundy Park CF & Richmond Immanuel CRC

Standing Nominations Committee - CMC

### 3. Classical Ministries / Interim Committee

Reports from:

- Stated Clerk (including any correspondence and/or submitted reports)...**pg. 4-7**
- Classical Ministries / Interim Committee...**pg. 8-14**
- Classical Treasurer
- Annual General Meeting of the Corporation (*March session*)
- Deacon delegates at Classis and Synod...**pg. 15-16**

#### **4. Examinations and/or any matters requiring synodical deputies**

Candidacy Examinations, Commissioned pastor positions & examinations etc

#### **5. Classis Teams / Standing Committees**

- Church Counsellors (for Victoria CC, Mundy Park CF & Houston CRC)
- Church visitor reports...**pg. 7**
- Synod 2015 report from delegates - Rev. Tim Sheridan
- Student Fund Committee (SFC)...**pg. 17**
- Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT)...**pg. 17-18**
- Safe Church Team (SCT)...**pg. 19-23**
- Classis Renewal Team
- Leadership Development Network (LDN)...**pg. 23-25**
- Church Development Team (CDT) – proposal from The Tapestry for church plant...**pg. 25-26**

#### **6. Classis Ministries**

- Ministry to Seafarers / Chaplain Ernst Devries...**pg. 29-30**
- Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in B.C. @ UNBC / Rev. Alan VanderWoerd...**pg. 30-31**
- Downtown Friends / Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma
- Breakthrough Ministries / Rev. Andrew Turkstra
- Kwantlen Multi-Faith Center / Rev. Sam Lee...**pg. 31-32**
- Sierra Leone Ad Hoc Committee / Rev. Joel Ringma

#### **7. Denominational Ministries**

- CRCNA: BOT – Andy de Ruyter
- Home / World Missions – Ko Spykma
- World Renew – sent as an attach. with agenda
- Calvin College BOT
- Calvin Seminary BOT
- Office of Race Relations – verbal report by O.R.R. rep.
- Diaconal Ministries Canada – sent as an attachment with agenda
- Canadian National Gathering – verbal report from Burlington Office Rep.

#### **Non-Denominational Ministries**

- Bethesda Christian Association
- Cascade Christian Counselling...**pg. 32-34**
- The Kings University College... **pg. 34-35**
- M2 / W2

#### **8. Reports from Pre- Advice Committees**

Overtures - Smithers CRC & Duncan CRC  
Expenses - Terrace CRC & Telkwa CRC  
Credentials - Prince George CRC & The Tapestry  
Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Mundy Park CF & Richmond Immanuel CRC

#### **9. Additional Reports / Correspondence**

- Standing Nominations Committee – CMC (in addendum report)
- Motion to approve Ministry Shares for 2016
- Submitted written reports not accompanied by verbal presentation (listed on pg.14 point 10)
- List of Classical Committees / Teams and Denominational Representatives – pg... **36-38**
- Acronym List - pg... **38-39**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Richmond Immanuel CRC
  - Next Officers of Classis - Rev. Tim Sheridan: President
    - Rev. Andrew Aukema: 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.

*The whole earth,  
 not just parts of it, is full of God's glory;  
 the whole earth, not just parts of it, is tainted by sin;  
 the whole earth, not just human beings, will be saved by God,  
 and our whole lives, not just part of our lives, are in service to God as gratitude—we serve God  
 by serving the whole earth, not just Christians.  
 This is Reformed theology and spirituality in a nutshell.*

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**LODGING**

For lodging requests and airport pickup / drop off, please provide the following information to the Host Church, The Tapestry, no later than **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**email:** [lucinda@thetapestry.ca](mailto:lucinda@thetapestry.ca)

1. Name and City of Home Church \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_
3. Billet / Lodging \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (please indicate if not for both nights)
4. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ from airport \_\_\_\_\_ to airport  
 Transportation to and from Billet / Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
5. Airline & Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled arrival time on October \_\_\_\_\_  
 Airline & Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled departure time on October \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Stated Clerk Report**

October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**1]** Welcome to Session 69 of Classis British Columbia North - West.

A big thank you to the council and members of The Tapestry for their hospitality in hosting this meeting of classis and the classis renewal workshop.

**2]** The agenda for this classis meeting is laid out a bit differently than what we are used too in the past as we are trying to put together a system that is easier to follow for the delegates and be more user friendly. Instead of jumping all over the place on the agenda, we are trying to form a more organized step by step approach so delegates will know what is coming next and what needs to be done to satisfy all the items on the agenda before adjournment can happen. This will be a work in progress over the next several classis meetings and your helpful comments and suggestions in making our agenda more user friendly are welcomed and encouraged.

The agenda for this meeting will keep us busy with many committee reports and presentations, ministry shares budget for 2016, an expanded LDN mandate and increased funding, SCT executive setup and local church reps, diaconal delegates to classis and synod, some guest speakers and presenters as well as all the regular classis committee reporting.

The Tuesday evening workshop will be lead by Rev. Henk Smidstra on Restorative Justice and how to apply in the local church context.

**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 CMC agenda material and lead meeting, recorded executive minutes, set agendas, recorded and distributed classis minutes and regular administrative duties on behalf of classis. Other work done included spending time on forwarding announcement emails, denominational and government communications, etc. to churches, committees, and others as required.

From Classis Session 68: Transcribed Minutes Committee

The concept and transcribed minutes from Session 67 were found to be in good order. One minor discrepancy was found: Motion to approve the work of the Treasurer vs. Motion to approve the financial reports. Stated clerk will look into and correct as needed.

Action: Minutes have been amended to show approval of both Treasurer and Financial Statements as two distinct separate motions.

**4]** On July 14<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a Vidyo conference with the other 11 stated clerks of Canada and Rev. Dr. Daren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director.

Subjects discussed were:

- a combined Canadian student fund for ministry students
- Registered Charity status of Canadian classes

- Elder and Deacon: Training Opportunities
- Financial Health: Prioritizing Classes Ministries
- Salaam Project: looking for more Canadian Classes support
- Time at Classes meetings for ministry plan conversations and changes  
(Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director, to attend March 2016 Classis Meeting)
- funding for “Welcome to Canadian Ministries” and “Youth Ministries Reps”
  - \* \$700.00 total for both events, covers approx 1/3 of cost. Rest to come from Denomination funding: *request in CMC report*
  - \* separate gatherings to take place January 2016 in Burlington On.
- encouragement for all classis to participate in the Kairos Blanket Exercise: from Synod 2015

5] Sent as separate attachments along with the agenda.

- Canadian Diaconal Ministries Report
- World Renew Newsletter – note: still looking for a classis BCNW rep!!!

6] Classis Credential Form. \*Note new contact information section

Please complete and return before the meeting of classis, either scanning and sending by email or using post-mail. If you send back the credentials by email, electronic signatures are fine. You do not have to send a second copy with signatures. Please note to include delegates email addresses.

It would be helpful if delegates could be elected/appointed at least 1 month before the meeting of classis so I 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 using possible seat sales when coming from the north and ride / ferry sharing when coming from the Island. Also please inform the office of The Tapestry **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, on transportation and lodging requirements. (please see the form at the bottom of **pg. 3**)

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

9] The Spring 2016 meeting of classis will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at Immanuel CRC in Richmond, B.C.

10] Proposed Classical and Synodical approved Denominational ministry shares for 2016

<u>Classis BCNW Ministry Share</u>		<u>Denominational Ministry Share</u>	
per member \$ <b>66.95</b> (2015 - \$63.30)		per member \$ <b>376.42</b> (2015 -	
\$371.01)			
Ministry to Seafarers	\$ 9.45	BTGMI	\$ 44.41
LDN	\$ 7.50	Calvin College	\$ 3.40
(2017 - \$10.00 / 2018 - \$12.50)			

SFC	\$ 12.00	Area Colleges: Kings	\$ 65.46
C.R. Campus Ministry	\$ 15.00	Calvin Seminary	\$ 36.27
Classis Expense Fund	\$ 14.00	Church Support Min.	\$ 78.95
Kwantlen Chaplain	\$ 1.00	Home Missions	\$ 47.35
SCT	\$ 4.00	World Missions	\$ 61.17
downtown friends	\$ 4.00	Syn. Admin. Services	\$ 35.68
		Assistance fund	\$ 3.73

*note: CRHM and CRWM retain individual budgets while the unification approved by Synod 2015 is implemented.*

Classical Ministry Shares: 50 % due by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year / Balance due at end of year.

## 11] Church Visiting Church Order changes as per Synod 2015

*Italicized text indicates changes from the 2014 Church Order. . . .*

### *Article 42-b*

The church visitors shall consist of one or more teams of office bearers chosen for their experience and counsel. ***Team composition shall include a minister of the Word and at least one other office bearer.*** Their task shall be to ascertain whether the office bearers of the church faithfully perform their duties, adhere to sound doctrine, observe the provisions of the Church Order, and promote the building up of the body of Christ and the extension of God’s kingdom. Churches are free to call on the church visitors whenever serious challenges arise that would benefit from their advice. The church visitors shall provide classis a written report of their work.

### *Grounds:*

- a. Oversight of office bearers belongs in the hands of ministers, elders, and deacons at the congregational level (see Art. 35-b and Supplement, Art. 82-84), and the same should be true at the classical level, especially when all three offices are delegated to the classis.
- b. Some matters for which church visitors may be required are matters that lie primarily within the mandate of the office of deacon, and the churches would benefit from having an experienced deacon as one of the church visitors, which the proposed article allows, but does not require.

*(Acts of Synod 2015, pp. 663-65)*

### **Church Visitors Assignments for 2015/16, beginning March 2015**

The following church visiting assignments have been assigned for this year.

Church Visitors Assignments for 2015/16, beginning March 2015

Visits to be completed by March 1, 2016

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

Church being visited: 2015/2016                      Church doing the visit:                      Date Visited:

Northern Churches:

Terrace CRC	- Houston CRC	
Smithers CRC	- Terrace CRC	
Telkwa CRC	- Prince George CRC	June 8, 2015
Houston CRC	- Telkwa CRC	
Prince George CRC	- Smithers CRC	June 1, 2015

Island Churches:

Victoria CRC	- Duncan CRC	April 14, 2015
Victoria CCC	- Nanaimo CRC	
Duncan CRC	- Alberni Valley CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	- Victoria CRC	
Alberni Valley CRC	- Victoria CCC	

Lower Mainland Churches

Maple Ridge CRC	- Vancouver CRC	
Mundy Park CF	- New Westminster CRC	
New Westminster CRC	- Nelson Ave CC	
Nelson Ave CC	- Then Tapestry	
Vancouver CRC	- Nelson Ave. CC	
Richmond Immanuel CRC	- Maple Ridge CRC	
Richmond The Tapestry	- Mundy Park CF	

note: an updated 2015 Church Visitors document is available on the classis website

Reimbursement form for classical church visits

On our web page, [www.classisbcnw.ca](http://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](mailto:classisbcnw@shaw.ca) or snail mail, 22591 McClinton Ave., Richmond, B.C. V6V 2P8 for approval for payment. Please do not send directly to the classical treasurer.

*Humbly Submitted :o)*

*Andy de Ruyter*

*Stated Clerk*

**Motion to approve the work of the stated clerk.**

**CLASSICAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT TO CLASSIS BCNW: Session 69**  
October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The classical Ministries committee does most of its work by email conversations, phone calls and conference call meetings. A meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, where several key issues were discussed and items planned for the agenda of this classis meeting.

**1] CMC Actions**

Reviewed and approved expenses from Classis meeting in March 2015 - \$ 9670.08  
(note: includes \$2850 for joint session with BCSE expenses, food, transportation, retirement gift etc.)

Appointed Rev. Jo Schouten to serve as chair of classis and Rev. Tim Sheridan as Vice-chair.  
Rev. Trevor Vanderveen will serve as recording secretary.

The Tapestry Worship Team will lead worship on the opening session and the Wednesday morning session.

Rev. Henk Smidstra will lead classis delegates in a workshop on Restorative Justice for the Tuesday evening session.

Time will be set aside for classis to review Synods decision on having Deacon Delegates seated to classis and synod sessions. A letter of different scenarios that classis could consider was sent to each council in early September for their information and advisement to their delegates. A copy of this letter is included in this agenda on pg...

Correspondence received:

- That synod instruct the BOT to encourage classes and congregations to engage in the Blanket Exercise.
  - \* scheduled for evening session on March 1, 2016 (see item #7 below)
- letter from David Koll on Candidacy issues and examinations of candidates at classis meetings. (letter and suggestions to be forwarded to future candidate examiners.)
- letter from Chaplaincy and Care for the CRCNA endorsing Thomas Rolf for Chaplain Ministry

Ministry Funding Tax Report

Classis Treasurer David Pel has continued doing an ongoing review of accountability criteria for the ministries classis financial support. Items such as appointing directors, control over spending, agreement outlining accomplishments on behalf of classis etc.  
He will make a report to classis on what needs to be done by each ministry.

Classis Review Team (Martin Vellekoop, Jo Schouten, David Salverda)

- updated on workshop for Oct 5 1:00pm to Oct 6 11:00 am. Syd Hielema to lead and facilitate.
- lodging, food, transportation for the delegates to be organized with The Tapestry Church

SCT – Safe Church Team

CMC meet with Ms. Faye Martin to update on her work within Classis BCNW.  
Discussion included planning for the Faith Care Workshop in late October, Ministry Needs Assessments Review and responses from churches, Roberts-Hall Insurance issues, organizing local church SCT reps and the forming of a classis executive.



### Overtures –Safe Church Team Executive

Classis acceded to an overture from Maple Ridge CRC on looking at having a joint executive with BCSE for the Safe Church team, however due to logistics and workload it was determined that it was best for BCNW to form their own executive. The process has started to have each church appoint a regional safe church team and out of that group form a BCNW executive that would oversee, educate and take care of administrative matters pertaining to SCT work. Notices went out to all churches in late July asking them to form these regional teams. Rev. Chelsey Harmon, our classis Rep will be making a report to classis on how this is organizing and what to expect in the coming weeks and months.

Faye Martin will also be reporting to Classis on this as well and on the current needs assessment process currently underway with our churches.

CMC approved granting of \$2000 for Faith Care Training Workshop in late October. Classis BCSE to contribute the same. Monies to come from SCT funds, schedule 15:

#### **Motion needed to ratify**

CMC approved the spending of \$800.00 for computer needs for coordinator – APRC

Classis BCSE to also contribute the same. Monies to come from SCT funds, schedule 15: **Motion needed to ratify**

note: CMC needed to approve of this as BCNW does not have an executive or committee in place.

### Leadership Development Network

The LDN Board will be presenting to classis an expansion of their mandate with additional staffing / funding requests. Report and budget is included with this agenda.

### Future Joint Sessions with BCSE

Discussion with the CMC of BCSE on possible future joint sessions will continue to see if the logistics can be worked out (mostly time, travel and cost considerations) and if a joint session would be beneficial to the delegates of both classes.

## **2] Ministerial Concerns and actions**

CMC transferred the ministerial credentials for Rev. Harvey Roosma to Classis Lake Superior as he accepted a call to the Bethel CRC in Princeton Minnesota.

#### **Motion to approve transfer of credentials**

CMC appointed Rev. David Salverda to be the Classis Counsellor for Victoria CCC

Rev. Albert Westerhuis has retired as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

(Approved at classis meeting of March 2015)

CMC appointed Rev. Jo Schouten to serve as Classis Counsellor for Mundy Park CF

Rev. Martin Vellekoop has informed classis of his leaving his ministry position at Houston CRC as of November 2015.

CMC appointed Rev. Ken Vander Horst to serve as Classis Counsellor

#### **Motion to approve the appointing of classis counsellors**

Classical Pulpit supply has been set for both the Victoria CCC and Mundy Park CF for the months of October through December. Assignments for January through June 2016 will be presented at classis in October.

**DATES**            **Victoria Christ Community Church**

October	
4	Rev. Curtis Korver
18	Rev. Henry Jonker
November	
1	Rev. Walt Vanderwerf
15	Rev. David Salverda
December	
6	Rev. Chelsey Harmon
20	Rev. Darren Colyn

**Mundy Park CF**

October	
4	Rev. Andrew Beunk
18	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen
November	
1	Rev. Jo Schouten
15	Rev. Tim Sheridan
December	
6	Rev. Albert Chu
20	Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma

Duncan CRC – approved Commissioned pastor position  
- has asked to postponed the examination of Mr. Henry Vanderschaaf till they complete their review

Re-ordination request for Mr. Daniel Devadatta  
Mr. Devadatta has withdrawn his request for re-ordination.

Extension for Licensure to exhort for Dr. Neil Lettinga (for two more years)  
- letter of request for extension is included with this agenda...**pg.14**    **Motion to approve**

**3] Ministry Shares for 2016**

CMC reviewed the following:

- considered proposed increase for LDN and what that means to overall budget
- noted depleted Student Fund reserves and restricted 2015/2016 grants accordingly. CMC will recommend raising ministry shares from \$10.00 to \$12.00 for 2016 with future increases probable.
- noted classis expense funding is tight and may need to be raised if additional items are approved.

- s/c to contact reps from Kwantlen Chaplaincy, downtown friends, CR Campus Ministry on future financial needs and possible reduction in classis financial support

Proposed Classical Ministry Shares for 2016

	<b>2015 (\$63.30)</b>	<b>2016 (\$66.95)</b>
Ministry to Seafarers	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.45
Leadership Development Network	\$ 2.50	\$ 7.50
		<i>(\$10.00: 2012 / \$12.00:2018)</i>
Student Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C.	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Classis Expense Fund	\$ 13.85	\$ 14.00
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00
Safe Church Team	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
<i>downtown friends ministries</i>	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

**4] Funding Requests**

These two requests come from the Burlington offices of the CRCNA and have to do with two gatherings, one for a new pilot project for youth workers and the other for new pastors who have entered into Canadian Ministries.

Welcome to Canadian Ministries Gathering

A two day event for ordained pastors new to ministry in the CRC in Canada since January of 2014. This event will empower, equip, resource and learn from the invitees the many challenges facing these newcomers. This is being planned to help new pastors better prepare and serve the Canadian Church.

Canadian Youth Ministry Project

A pilot project to develop a support structure for youth ministry in Canadian CRC congregations has begun. Syd Hielema and Ron De Vries from the Burlington office have begun to organize and develop this program. A Youth Ministry Team from the 12 Canadian Classes has been formed and has met monthly so far by conference call. A two day meeting in Burlington is being planned and classis is being asked to contribute to the costs of sending our rep, Ashley Patton, to this event.

More details are included with this agenda on...**pg. 27-28**

*Also sent as attachments with the agenda, two documents, Canadian Youth Ministry Pilot Project proposal approved by the BOT and a copy of the letter to councils on the Canadian Youth Ministry proposed set up.*

**Motion needed to approve the spending of \$700.00 to fund these two events.**

note: This will cover approx 1/3 of the actual costs. The remainder of the costs will be subsidized by the Canadian office of the CRC.

#### **4] CDT Report (Classis Development Team)**

CMC continues to discuss the future mandate for this team. Thoughts for classis involvement in regards to church planting and/or planning include local churches to bring ideas, proposals to classis for support, i.e. local specialized ministries, church plants and/or renewals, outreach programs etc.

Discussion on whether to become more of a missional team and/or a new church renewal team instead of development team and what that would all entail. The need for a worksheet for the churches on what would be covered, what could be funded and supported is needed.

CMC continues to ask member churches / pastors to forward any recommendations, ideas, available persons who have a heart for this type of ministry that can help shape classis role in church development to the CMC.

\*\* CMC notes that a church plant proposal for the Marpole area in Vancouver will be coming from The Tapestry at our October meeting.

Classis contact for the following ministries will for the time being, continue to be done by the CMC.

Breakthrough Ministries

Downtown Friends

Seafarers

UNBC

Kwantlen

#### **5] Requests for reporting at this meeting of classis (Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning session)**

LDN - Joanne Devries / Andrew Aukema

Office of Race Relations – verbal report from ministry rep

Seafarers Chaplain - Chaplain Ernst DeVries

CRWM Mission Advocate – Ko Spyksma

SCT – Faye Martin

Canadian National Gathering – Rep from Burlington office

CR Campus Ministry – Rev. Alan Vander Woerd

Classis Ministries: downtown friends, breakthrough ministries, Kwantlen

Denominational boards: BOT, Home Missions etc.

#### **6] Ministry Fair**

CMC is looking at hosting a Ministry Fair once per year where the various ministries that normally report to classis will be encouraged to set up a table / display of their ministry and that time would be given for the delegates to interact with the reps instead of doing lengthy verbal reports to the delegates.

It is the hope that in this way, the info shared and given will be better served to the local churches and filter to the right persons in each church.

#### **7] Kairos Blanket Exercise**

Synod 2015 has encouraged all classes to participate in the Kairos Blanket Exercise in the coming year before Synod 2016 meets.

This is Synod's motion that was approved:

“That synod encourages classes and congregations to engage in the Blanket Exercise. This will be done prior to Synod 2016 and the address of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force report (BOT Supplement section I, I). Trained Christian Reformed Church facilitator teams are available throughout the United States and Canada. The Blanket Exercise is adapted to each nation's history with Native Peoples. Teams can be contacted through the Office of Race Relations (US) and/or the Centre for Public Dialogue” (Canada).

Grounds:

- a. The Blanket Exercise is a practical, powerful, experiential way to understand Native Peoples' history in the Canadian and American contexts allowing participants to experience the dynamics of power without a voice.
- b. In obedience to Hebrews 12: 14 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 to be reconciled, The Blanket Exercise is a proven method to enter into Native Peoples' experience of inequality.
- c. The Blanket Exercise helps us live into other people's story no matter where we live. The Lord calls us to walk TOGETHER as we experience the hurtfulness done to people groups even as God in Christ walked amongst us and experienced our pain.

This Blanket Exercise has been scheduled for the evening session of our March Classis meeting. Facilitating along with the Office of Race Relations will be Rev. Curtis Korver.

Here is a link to a KAIROS Blanket Exercise video for those who like to see more information: (We will try and have this shown at our classis meeting)

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/dignity-rights/indigenous-rights/the-blanket-exercise-video/>

### **8] Canadian National Gathering**

Planning is being made for a National Gathering of CRC churches for May 2016. Each church in Canada will be invited to send one delegate to this event that will promote better awareness and understanding between the churches. Details, times, agenda items, costs etc. are being firmed up and will be available by the time classis meets in October.

### **9] Nomination Committee Report (ballot will be in the addendum report)**

Calvin Seminary BOT member nominations

Minister and Elder / Deacon delegates to Synod 2016

*Please forward names of elder/deacon delegates to Synod 2016 by way of credentials*

Rev. Chelsey Harmon next on rotation list for 1<sup>st</sup> minister delegate

Appoint Classis Auditor: Mr. Fred Bosma for an 8<sup>th</sup> term

Alternate Classis Treasurer: ?

**10] Submitted Written Reports**

The following is a list of written reports submitted that are included in the agenda packet and/or sent as attachment to the agenda. These reports will not be accompanied by a verbal report, but still should be read and dealt with by each church council.

- Canadian Diaconal Ministries report – sent as an attachment
- World Renew Newsletter – sent as an attachment
- Cascade Christian Counselling – pg. 32 - 34
- Kings University – pg. 34 - 35

**11] Stated Clerk / CMC Addendum Report**

- to include pulpit supply assignments for 2016
- will be made available to delegates shortly before classis meets.

**12] Motion to approve the work of the CMC**

- Mr. Andy de Ruyter - Lead / Stated Clerk
- Rev. Jo Schouten - Secretary / alt. Stated Clerk / nominations
- Mr. David Pel - Classis Treasurer
- Mr. Victor Chen - CMLT/SFC rep
- Rev. David Salverda - nominations
- Rev. Henry Numan

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**To: Classis BCNW  
From: Neil Lettinga  
August 20, 2015**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Classis,

This is a request to renew my license to exhort in the churches of Classis BC Northwest for another two years.

I continue to preach as needed among the churches of Classis BC NW, primarily in the northern congregations (I served as an interim pastor at Houston CRC in the spring of 2012 and in Telkwa in the fall of 2012), as well as continuing to serve the CR Campus Ministry Association. In Fall 2013 I taught for a semester at UNBC and preached locally.

In the fall of 2014, Virginia and I were invited to serve in the role of interim senior pastor at River Park CRC in Calgary. We intended to serve in Calgary for four months, but extended our service to 13 months and now expect to return to BC at the end of September 2015 after Pastor Derek VanDalen is installed at River Park Church.

We hope to remain in BC for most of 2016 and I would be pleased to serve any of the churches in Classis BCNW as I am needed and available.

In Christ,  
Neil Lettinga

## Deacon Delegates to Classis and Synod Councils of Classis BCNW

Greetings!

Synod 2015 adopted the proposed changes from Synod 2013 to allow Deacons to serve as delegates to all classes and synod meetings.

The changes for Classical delegates are as follows:

***Boldface text indicates changes from the 2014 Church Order.***

*Article 40*

*a. The council of each church shall delegate a minister, an elder, **and a deacon** to the classis. If a church is without a minister, or the minister is prevented from attending, **another elder** shall be delegated **in place of the minister**. Office bearers who are not delegated may also attend classis and may be given an advisory voice.*

*Supplement, Article 40-a*

***a) When great distances or other weighty reasons make it impractical for a church to send three, a council may opt to send two***

Our Churches / Classis certainly fits under CO 40a and will need to decide together whether or not it is practical and cost efficient for our churches to begin to send 3 delegates to each classis meeting. Currently travel, lodging and other costs make up the bulk of our Classis costs and normally run in the \$7000.00 to \$8000.00 range per meeting. An additional delegate from each of our churches would substantially increase this amount, guesstimated in the 50% range increase.

(10 more flights from the north, 10 more ferry costs and rides from the Island, additional lodging, food, administrative costs, larger venues etc)

Classis will need to decide together on how to implement Synods decision and have deacons serve as delegates to the classis meetings.

Different scenarios that could be considered:

- approve the sending of three delegates, minister, elder and deacon, and increasing the classical expense fund to cover additional costs ( currently at \$13.85 per member, probable \$5.00 to \$6.00 increase needed if this is implemented.)
- maintain the sending of two delegates per church, but opening the two delegate positions up to any combination of the 3 offices
- maintain the sending of one minister delegate and the other delegate either an elder or deacon
- allow each church to decide for itself whether or not to send a deacon delegate but cover the costs themselves of sending a third delegate
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Synod 2015 also ratified Synod 2013 decision to alter the offices for Synodical delegates.

*That synod adopt the following changes to Church Order Article 45 with full implementation (delegation of a deacon) at Synod 2016.*

*Article 45*

*Synod is the assembly representing the churches of all the classes. Each classis shall delegate one minister, one elder, one deacon, and one other officebearer to synod.*

Currently in our classis we appoint the first minister delegate from a rotation of current full time ministers that have never been to Synod, depending on years of service within our classis. The second minister delegate is elected by open vote. The two elder delegate positions are also elected by open vote.

The questions we face in BCNW in order to implement this are:

- maintain the practice of appointing the first minister delegate as per rotation
- do we maintain the electing of a second minister delegate
- do we open the remaining two delegate positions to either elder or deacon
- or do we open all three remaining delegate positions to all three offices
- or do we discontinue the practice of appointing the first minister delegate as per rotation and simply do what has Synod mandated: one minister, one elder, one deacon, and one other office bearer to synod.

The Classical Ministries / Interim Committee asks that each council of our classis, take some time at their September council meetings to discuss these changes and advise their classical delegates to the October Classis meeting of their feelings in which way classis should go with these two decisions on delegates to future classis and synod gatherings.

Classis will take the time at its October meeting to decide these changes together, but the more information and feeling the delegates have from their local church councils, the more informed and united decision can be made.

If you have any questions and/or comments on this before classis meets, or require any further information, please let me know.

Blessings,  
On behalf of the CM/IC  
Andy de Ruyter  
Stated Clerk



**Student Fund Committee**  
**October 2016 Report to Classis BCNW**

The SFC members, Kathy Smith, David Chung and Vic Chen met on July 15. The focus of the meeting was the disbursement of funding to our five applicants.

We have one new applicant this year, Dai Shi from Immanuel who is at Regent first year. Jianluo Xu from Nelson Avenue is on his second year at Calvin. Shane Rozeveld is on his third year of his EPMC through Calvin. Se Youn Moon and Jesse Pals both from Vancouver First will be graduating from Regent next year.

A total of \$24,000 was granted to the five students leaving our balance in the Student Fund with only \$8,000. We desperately need to get that fund to a healthier level to be able to support the students who still need our help and for new students who may be coming on board.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Chen, Chair

*note: CM/IC will be proposing to classis that the current ministry share for the Student Funding of \$10.00 per member be increased for 2016 to \$12.00 per member. Depending on need in the coming years, this may well have to go higher to accommodate the requests.*

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**BCNW CMLT Report to Classis**

July 16, 2015

Team Members

Mike VanderKwaak (Chair BCSE), Dan Hoogland (Clerk BCSE), Marlene Ensing (SFC BCSE), Peter Stillingwerff (SFC BCSE), Mary Lee Bouma (BCNW), Henry Jonker (BCNW), Victor Chen (SFC BCNW), Kathy Smith (SFC BCNW).

The BCSE and BCNW joint CMLT committee continues to meet on a regular basis. Our main objective is to serve, guide and support students and pastors towards candidacy for minister of the word and sacraments in the Christian Reformed Church. The CMLT functions as an umbrella which includes the Student Fund Committee.

The main routes that people can follow towards candidacy are:

- 1) In resident MDIV Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) student; (Art. 6)
- 2) Non-resident MDIV CTS student; (Art 6)
- 3) EPMC (MDIV non-CTS) either 10 week resident or 24 month nonresident. (Art. 6)
- 4) Ordained Pastors from another denomination who wants to be a candidate in the CRC.(Art. 8)

The CMLT also provides support to those seeking ordination via Art. 7 (individuals with exceptional giftedness) and Art. 23 (Commissioned Pastor). We work with individuals and students from a wide range of backgrounds. Some simply want more information. Others are well on their way to candidacy.

We have worked closely with Regent College for several years and host an annual luncheon for students who are pursuing or interested in ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. We have requested a **\$500 budget** for BCNW to help offset the costs of a luncheon we are currently planning for next January. The CMLT also hosts a similar luncheon for students at ACTS seminary in Langley, and hope that our deepening relationship at ACTS will provide other opportunities to support students who have a desire to pursue candidacy.

We ask Classis to Pray:

- 1) That God would equip, develop and affirm His call on these new emerging leaders in the CRC.
- 2) That God would equip the CMLT in its role of providing support and encouragement to a wide range of individuals considering or seeking ordination in the CRC.
- 3) That God would provide the financial resources necessary (through the Classis Student Fund) to support students seeking assistance for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Hoogland  
CMLT Clerk

## **Safe Church Team: Classis BCSE – August 2015**

News reports on a regular basis, speak of organizations facing the crisis of abuse, which in some cases include multiple allegations. The awareness that churches are not immune to the risk of abuse has resulted in greater level of understanding regarding our responsibility to ensure ministries are conducted in a safe manner. This requires both intentional and ongoing action on the part of all church leaders.

### **Ministry Needs Assessment: (MNA)**

In April of this year, the Safe Church Teams (SCT) of BCSE & BCNW began the process of conducting a **Ministry Needs Assessment (MNA)** with each individual church. The MNA explores ways in which the classis Safe Church Team can **best serve the needs** of the churches. It gives opportunity for input from **all the ministry leaders/volunteers** in each church, including church councils. This broad range of responses helps provide a picture of the needs of each individual church and will determine how the SCT can effectively educate, support and work with the ministry leaders. It will guide the work of the SCT & the Abuse Prevention & Response Coordinator (APRC) in the coming years as they support the important work the churches are doing.

### **MNA Method**

The APRC & SCT representatives meet with **each church on the date of the church's choosing**. Participating leaders work through a specific set of questions, and the SCT executive compiles the responses and formulates a report for each church. In this way a general picture of the SCT work, as well as particular details pertaining to each congregation will emerge.

### **MNA Participation:**

The intent is to bring together for 90 minute meeting:

1. Church Staff
2. Church Councils
3. **All leaders/volunteers** of ministries that involve children, youth, young adults & vulnerable persons, such as those with disabilities. This would include nursery team leaders, volunteers in Sunday school, Gems, Cadets, youth ministries, leaders/volunteers that accompany mission trips, young adults, Friendship ministries etc...

*The importance of participation of all the leaders involved in these ministries cannot be stressed enough. Through their responses a picture will emerge that will help indicate where the needs lie in terms of being a safe church.*

**“It takes a whole church to be a safe church”**

### **MNA Benefits: Why come together to focus on the church being a safe place?**

1. Provides a great opportunity for further discussion of this important subject that is foundational to work done in the church and ongoing faith formation.
2. Promotes a message of unity on the subject and working at this together.
3. Provides an opportunity for volunteers to give their input.

4. Participation and presence of council members gives a strong message of support to the ministry leaders/staff/volunteers. Church councils are responsible for **all** that takes place within the programs connected to their church. Their role is paramount as responders and decision makers regarding any abuse related incident.
5. As overseers of ministries, the role of church staff is integral to the ongoing safe church process.
6. Provides the church with a overview of their safe church related needs and how the SCT and the APRC can **support** the important work being done in the church's ministries.

### **MNA Structure**

CRC mandate adopted by classis for the Safe Church Team is:

1. **Education:** provide educational opportunities for churches regarding issues surrounding abuse.
2. **Support:** help churches provide compassionate support for those who struggle with abuse.
3. **Advisory Panel:** offer a fact finding & listening panel in cases of allegations of abuse against a church leader.

The focus is on the SCT mandate through a series of specific questions clustered around the top **8 Goals for Safe Churches** derived from the 3 fold mandate. These **8 goals** are:

1. That every church has a council appointed representative on the Classis Safe Church Team.
2. That every church has a Safe Ministry Practices team at the local level.
3. That every church has written and implemented their own Safe Church Policy.
4. That every church regularly accesses training for their staff, leaders and volunteers.
5. That every church leader is actively committed to safe church practices within their area of ministry.
6. That every church uses a Safe Church curriculum specifically designed to train, guide, and empower children & youth with regard to their personal safety.
7. That every church has become a place in which everyone feels that she/he can raise issues of abuse without fear or shame.
8. That every church council has knowledge of, and follows approved protocols for, responding to allegations of church leader misconduct.

Goals 1-6 are derived from the **Education** mandate, goal seven from the **Support** mandate and goal eight from the **Advisory Panel** mandate

### **MNA: Date & Time**

Each church can **choose a date and time** for the **MNA** to take place. SCT representatives will accommodate that timetable and be present to facilitate the process. Churches which have not yet gone through the MNA process are encouraged to set a date with the Abuse Prevention &

Response Coordinator. Letters have been sent to all councils inviting their churches to participate.

Beginning this past April, in a 2 month period, **11 churches** (in BCNW & BCSE) went through the MNA process. Some of the common results/themes/challenges/concerns shared in those churches include:

- Safe church Policies – continued updating and the ongoing challenge of ensuring implementation.
- The need for a Safe Ministries Team at the local church level that provides oversight and support to the process of being a safe church.
- Challenges faced by councils in regards to their role, responsibility and oversight of the ministries.
- The varied areas/subjects that require training for the leaders and volunteers.
- ***The MNA has stimulated much needed discussion at the local church leadership level. Churches are encouraged to continue that important discussion.***

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### **BCNW CMC & the classis Safe Church Team ministry**

1. A letter of correspondence encouraging the development of ***Safe Ministries Practices Teams*** in each church has been sent from the BCNW CMC to all the church councils. A portion of what is stated in the letter is as follows: “For the past 26 years, the denomination has been guiding and equipping individual congregations and classes to be safe places that live out God’s design for healthy communities through the office of Safe Church Ministry. Over the last year, the **BCNW Classis has renewed its commitment to partnering with the churches in our region and is asking each of our churches to establish a Safe Ministries Practices Team at the local level.** As spiritual leaders, you are invited by God to safeguard the health of your community; a Safe Ministries Practices Team is one of the key ways for you to carry out this important call.”

I deeply appreciate the approach of the CMC and the commitment they show in supporting all the efforts and ways the church ministries can become safer places. ***Safe Ministries Practices Teams*** provide oversight and support to the leaders of the individual ministries of the church, assisting with policy implementation and safe ministries practices. This group also works with and is supported by the classis Safe Church Team and the Abuse Prevention and Response Coordinator. Details regarding the establishment of those teams are included in the letter of correspondence to the church councils.

2. The CMC is overseeing/determining the response to the overture from Maple Ridge CRC regarding the development of an Executive Team that will oversee the classis Safe Church Team ministry and the work of the Abuse Prevention & Response Coordinator.

### **Upcoming Conference/Training**

**FaithCARE: Learning how to grow restorative congregations:** is a skill based conference teaching restorative practices. **FaithCARE** trains and supports churches to:

- transform conflict and become **restorative culture congregations**,

- implement a restorative, relational framework across congregational life and explicit practices that help to heal relationships and build stronger, more connected congregations,
- use restorative approaches to healing relationships and repairing harm in churches.

**A Restorative Congregation** lives out the belief that:

- every person has God-given worth
- no one is disposable
- conflict and harm can be most effectively addressed by attending to the healing of all persons affected

Participants will learn the tools to **support the implementation of restorative practice** in their congregation, which enables **conflict prevention** (by nurturing respectful relationships) and provides **healthy ways to address conflict** when it arises. Some churches have become “restorative congregations” integrating restorative practices into everyday lives at home at church, even before a clear conflict arises. Conflict is inevitable and the church bears responsibility for its prevention and response.

This training opportunity is a collaborative venture of **FaithCARE**, the International Institute of Restorative Practices (IIRP), CRCNA Office of Social Justice and Office of Pastor Church Relations, Diaconal Ministries Canada and Classis BCNW/BCSE Safe Church Team Ministry.

**Registration is limited to 30 people.**

**When:** October 29, 30 & 31, 2015 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Place:** Willoughby Christian Reformed Church (20525 72nd Avenue, Langley, BC)

**Cost:** \$265.00 (fee covers all materials for classroom training, including two books, and individualized field coaching, refreshments and lunch each day) **Note:** Funding is available to pastors by applying for continuing education to the CRC office of Pastor Church Relations.

**Register** by September 30: **Register online** at: <http://faithcare-event.eventbrite.com> or Rachel Vroege: [rvroege@crcna.org](mailto:rvroege@crcna.org), phone: 604-847-0474

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**Further SCT Work:**

1. Church leaders regularly make contact with the SCT/APRC for input and assistance when they are faced with challenges related to various forms abuse & boundary issues. These types of situations within the churches continue to increase. Requests come from various sources including pastors, councils, spouses, support persons and in some cases the person who has had concern expressed about their actions.
2. Meeting new pastors, youth pastors & church staff is a vital part of establishing a working relationship with this ministry.

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**PERSONAL NOTE: from Faye Martin**

Having conducted **11 Ministry Needs Assessments** has been both productive and helpful for the work of Abuse Prevention. It has provided an avenue to establish contact and dialogue with key staff and leaders. The BCSE SCT executive put many hours of hard work into establishing this MNA. I am deeply grateful for their wise input and consistent support to the work of this position. The effort/work done in BCSE has benefited both classis. The nature of the work comes with challenges and the team input and partnership is essential.

I consider it a privilege to serve in this APRC position. It's a **big learning curve** to be back in this role. Since this ministry began in 1996, I have seen a huge shift in understanding in the churches. Concern for safe ministries and serious diligence on part of many leaders is very evident. Awareness within the churches has grown to the point that the church's responsibility is being seen/understood as a fact. The challenge of implementation and execution of safe ministries will remain. As I see church leaders (in both classis) taking the responsibility of being a safe church very seriously, it is a pleasure to work alongside them in the very important work their churches and leaders are doing. I encourage contact from anyone who may have questions/concerns/ideas.

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**BCLDN Standing Committee Report**  
For Classis BCSE and Classis BCNW, October 2015

*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. Matthew 7:24,25*

Last year, the LDN standing committee used these words to examine the foundation that LDN was built on. As a result of that process, the LDN reworked its vision and mission statements and mandate, which both classis BCSE and Classis BCNW approved at the spring session. Synod 2014 named leadership development at all levels as being critical to the health of the CRC; we conclude that LDN is strategically located within the classes to be a major force of leadership development.

To move forward in our mandate to **discover, develop and deploy** leaders, the BC LDN is therefore asking for a substantial increase in our budget request over the next three years - \$18,000 for 2016, \$24,000 for 2017, and \$30,000 for 2018, per classis.

The LDN standing committee is committed to ensuring that the 3 year program of Biblical content, ministry skill competence and character development continues to be provided to lay leaders in the churches. For the past few years, the LDN board notes that the hours required for a facilitator to run this program exceed what our budget reflects.

With this budget increase, LDN is also adding an offering of 5 *Let's Talk About* workshops per year, one on Vancouver Island, one in BC interior, one in Northern BC and two in the lower mainland. The budget request includes the prep time, the travel costs and the workshop time to offer these sessions.

Our budget request for 2016, therefore, will increase the facilitator's position from a 25% position to a 40% position (25% for LDN 3 year program, and 15% for *Let's Talk About* workshops). Our budget requests for 2017 and 2018 will ask for further increases in the facilitator's time to bring it up to 60% by 2018. In addition, our budget request includes a 15% position for administrative help.

We realize this is a big ask but the results of the surveys we sent out in December confirm that leadership development is needed in our churches. This is truly a task we can do better together than apart.

A few notes about this past year at LDN, 2014-2015:

18 participants (6 from NW and 12 from SE) gathered together monthly to dig into the New Testament, as well as to develop specific ministry skills in leading small groups, discipleship, safe church, prayer and pastoral care, and to devote themselves.

In May of this year, 5 of the participants graduated from the 3 year program: Pearl Denhaan, from Immanuel CRC; Sharon Bandstra from Terrace CRC; Candy Vanderwoed from Hope Community; Annette Kuhn from New West CRC; Jeanne Murko-Wust, from Willoughby CRC. We entrust these leaders to their local churches but note that deployment of LDN graduates is an area of growth that we hope to address with further resourcing.

In addition to the 3 year LDN program, Wilma has offered 6 *Let's Talk About...* workshops (currently funded by churches individually.) Four were held in churches of Classis BCNW (Nelson Ave CRC, Burnaby, Terrace CRC, Victoria CRC and Christ Community Church, Victoria) and two were held in churches of Classis BCSE (Fleetwood CRC and Gateway CRC, Abbotsford).

The board would especially like to thank Melissa Van Dyk, LDN grad 2009, who has finished a three year term as the BCLDN treasurer. She has served faithfully with her gifts of administration, encouragement and wisdom. We wish her God's blessings as she continues to serve him in other areas of kingdom work, in particular her current M.Div. studies at Carey Theological College.

The Board would also like to express thanks to Wilma Vanderleek for all her work in carrying out LDN's mandate of **discovering, developing and deploying** leaders. As we examined the foundations of LDN, we were amazed at all of the interactions Wilma has with pastors, mentors, potential participants and speakers. She has been a faithful steward of the resources that both classes have given her.

We are confident that the additional resources we are asking for from the classes will allow LDN to be a continued rich and sustainable resource to the BC CRC churches, providing them with a well of leaders who are passionate followers of Jesus, equipped with a variety of ministry skills and continually desirous to be shaped by the scriptures.

To give a personal sense of the learning impact of LDN on its participants, this report will conclude with a few words from two participants:



**“I believe God has led me to LDN to deepen my faith in Him and He has given me the gift of these 3 years of being in a group of people who I believe want the same thing as myself; not just head knowledge which we learned much of these past 3 years but a deeper love of the God of the Scriptures, the Son of God who walked among men, and the Spirit who enables us to live out this journey of faith that we have been called to.”**

Candy Vanderwoed

**“For me as an LDN participant, there has been excitement that comes when I experience a new or deeper understanding especially of God’s Word. There is joy in knowing that I am becoming better equipped for whatever God might have for me next. There is joy in growing closer to God. There is joy in knowing not only what I believe but why. There is even joy in having old ideas and beliefs challenged and transformed, as hard as the process has been sometimes.”** Angela Elliot

Sincerely, Joanna DeVries. Chair  
BCLDN standing committee

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THE TAPESTRY CHURCH  
*a community woven in faith*

**MARPOLE CHURCH PLANT PROPOSAL**

In partnership with Classis BCNW and Christian Reformed Home Missions, The Tapestry Church was planted in Richmond, BC in 2004. Today, the Tapestry Church is a vibrant and growing multi-cultural community that seeks to engage in the mission of God in the Lower Mainland. In early 2014, the Tapestry began to prayerfully explore the possibility of planting a new church in the Vancouver area. A feasibility report was completed by a Regent student and a church planting launch team of 5 couples was formed to investigate the possibility of starting a new church in the South Vancouver area of Marpole.

Marpole is one of the city's oldest communities. Stretching from Angus Drive to Ontario Street, and from West 57th Avenue to the North Arm of the Fraser River, it is a major traffic arterial. A Skytrain Canada Line station is located at SW Marine Drive and Cambie St. with a potential future station to be located at Cambie St. and West 57th Ave. Because demand for new development is growing, the City of Vancouver has recently completed a community plan that will greatly increase the density of the area. A number of new developments are underway. For instance, Marine Gateway (directly above the Marine Canada Line station) is close to finishing 415 residential units. Moreover, development in the Langara and Pearson Dogwood area is planning for 4,200 new residential units in the near future.

Despite a loose population of approximately 43,000 people (equivalent to the population of North Vancouver) in the Cambie Corridor alone, Marpole is under churchd. The churches at present in Marpole are small and struggling to survive. Eleven church congregations have been identified to meet in the area, the majority of them under 80 people in weekly attendance. The launch team has visited all the churches in the area, made inquires about rental space, volunteered at neighbourhood community outreach dinners, and have made contacts with business leaders in the area.

There is a true need for reaching the un-churched in this community. The people of Marpole consist of students, new immigrant families, low-income families, and single-family homes with likely middle to high-income families. There is potential opportunity for community service, community engagement, ministry to immigrants, and family ministry. The diversity of the demographics will bring diverse opportunities for service and outreach; and building community has been one of the strengths within the current Tapestry church.

The leadership at the Tapestry has affirmed the Marpole neighbourhood as a strategic location for a CRC church plant in the near future. We have already obtained the first right-of-refusal to rent space on Sunday Mornings at the soon to be completed Cineplex Odeon Theatre at Marine Gateway. We are hoping to find a gifted and suitable church planter to lead this church plant by the beginning of 2016. Our hope is to potentially launch sometime in late 2016.

Although some of the specifics are still unknown, we expect the annual budget to be approximately \$150,000 (Worship Space \$40,000; Ministry cost and office space \$50,000; Staff salary \$60,000). We are prayerfully anticipating that this new church could be financially resourced through a four-way partnership for a period of three years. We have already begun discussions with Engage Vancouver and CRHM (Due to organizational changes in CRHM, its funding structure for new church plants is changing. However, initial conversations with CRHM suggest a package of support consisting of coaching, training, technology grants, as well as financial support). Following the initial 3-year period, we will reconsider the financing in discussion with all involved partners.

The proposed financing arrangement is as follows (per annum):

The Tapestry Church	\$80,000
Engage Vancouver	\$25,000
CRHM	\$20,000
Classis BCNW	\$25,000

We are humbly requesting that Classis BCNW would consider through the Classical Church Planting Fund to partner with the Tapestry in support of this new church plant endeavour. We look forward to further conversation and collaboration concerning this exciting new ministry opportunity

In Christ,  
The Council of the Tapestry Church

**Funding Requests**  
**August 4, 2015**

Dear Stated Clerks,

At our last combined meeting done by Vidyo you requested that if there was going to be any request for funding from classes that we should do so by early August. “By making the request early”, you said, “we can ensure that the treasurer of classis will build it into the budgets and have it ready for September classis meetings. Thanks for this advice.

So, consider this the request for funds. And know that we do not do it strictly because we NEED money, but because we want intentional and shared emphasis around things we are both working towards. In this case the two things we are working towards are:

1. Engaging youth ministry champions across Canada in each classis
2. Building capacity in new CRC leaders in Canada

Out of these two desires we are **requesting \$700.00 per classis** to co-fund 2 events rolled into a January 2016 time frame that will serve our churches well. The monies collected represent about 1/3 of the monies we are spending in total for this event(s).

The event is a national gathering similar to what we did with the stated clerks in January 2015 that will empower, equip, resource and learn from the invitees. The first group of invitees is the classis representatives who work towards healthy youth ministry on behalf of individual classes across Canada. They are all part of a pilot project coordinated through Syd Hielema and Ron DeVries via Faith Formation Ministries.

The second group of people is those ordained pastors new to ministry in the CRC in Canada since January of 2014. On their own they represent 25-30 people and as many churches.

Together, both groups represent about 45 people.

As a simple reminder, last week you as stated clerks received a letter from Syd Hielema and Ron DeVries informing you of the Youth Ministry Support Project and they indicated they were going to ask you for \$300.00 - \$500.00 for this project. The request in this letter represents that \$400.00 plus an additional amount for the gathering of new ministry leaders in 2016. So, in essence, it becomes a combined request that we are working on together.

So, we ask that in the hopes of serving local churches well, you would be amenable to including this request as part of your budget for the year ahead and gain approval from classis in an upcoming meeting.

Thank you in advance,

Syd Hielema – Faith Formation Team Leader and Pilot Project Co-leader

Ron DeVries – Youth Ministries Coordinator for Classis Alberta North and Pilot Project Co-leader

Darren Roorda – Canadian Ministries Director

## **Canadian Youth Ministry Support Project**

We wish to inform classis of a one year pilot project approved by the Canada Corp. (BOT) of the CRCNA to develop a support structure for youth ministry in CRC congregations in Canada. Syd Hielema and I have each been appointed at 25% time to develop this project.

This summer we have assembled a Canadian Youth Ministry Team (CYMT), which includes a youth ministry "champion" in every Canadian classis, and this group has begun to meet (by conference call) every 6-8 weeks to implement the project. **Ashley Patton** has been asked by that team to serve as the champion for this classis.

The documents attached to this email explain this project in more detail. In the first attachment you will find:

1. A letter sent to a representative of the youth ministry leadership team in every Canadian CRC congregation.
2. An overview of the history which led to the formation of this pilot project.
3. A flexible job description for the classis youth ministry champion.

The second attachment contains the detailed proposal which was approved by Canada Corp. We are delighted to be say that we have experienced significant enthusiasm and commitment from the CYMT for this project. Because it is a pilot, we will develop it by trial and error, refining as we go.

If Classis would like to have more details, ask questions, and receive feedback and ideas to further the development of this project, I would be happy to find a way for Ashley and I to connect with Classis.

Finally, a comment about budget: we hope to gather all the youth ministry champions in Burlington for two days in January 2016, and we expect this event to cost each classis \$300-500. We hope that Classis BCNW is able to support this event.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Grace and peace to you,

Ron deVries

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## Ministry to Seafarers Christian Reformed Church

### **Report to Classis BCNW – Fall 2015**

We thank the Lord for our chaplain, Ernst de Vries, and the work he does in the Port of Vancouver and are pleased to share some of this year's ministry highlights.

#### **Highlights**

- This year our chaplain averaged between 50-70 ship visits per month at Delta Port. Additionally, approximately 1250 seafarers visited the Delta Port Seafarer Centre.
- This summer we hired Mr. Steven Berkenpas as a summer intern. Steven is an MDiv. student at Regent and a member of Vancouver CRC.
- In April, Rev. Jason Zuidema of NAMMA (North American Maritime Ministry Association) visited the West Coast and met with our chaplain, the committee members and summer intern Steven Berkenpas. Jason and Ernst visited Port Alberni and met with Rev. Korvers and members of Port Alberni CRC to discuss future ministry possibilities at this port. Recently port passes have been approved and volunteers are already visiting the ships. Port Alberni welcomes 60-70 ships annually. Thanks to Rev. Korvers and the volunteers for opening this door of ministry.
- The Seafarer committee is excited for the potential for continued growth in ministry opportunities in the Pacific North West and feel it is important to support the mission in Prince Rupert, especially in light of the increase in ship volume there now and in the future. This year we will be supporting them in helping with their Christmas at Sea and sharing literature.
- In September our chaplain will be visiting the Northern churches. This trip will include:
  - Visiting pastors and churches Prince George, Houston, Telkwa, Terrace and Smithers.
  - Visiting the Port of Prince Rupert, its Seafarer Centre and chaplain, Mr. Vito.
  - Attending the opening of Smithers new church facility.
- In October our chaplain will attend a 3 day NAMMA conference in Montreal. The theme of the conference is supporting seafarer's families at home. In addition to the seminar sessions, we hope it will be a fruitful time of networking and encouragement as our chaplain has the opportunity to hear and tell stories of what seafarers missions are doing.
- We anticipate another successful *Christmas at Sea* campaign of delivering Christmas gifts to the seafarers starting this December.

#### **Literature Fund**

- One asset of the ministry is providing Christian literature and reading materials for seafarers. These past months we have purchased:
  - 10,000 calendars
  - 200 Tagalog Bibles (Filipino)
  - 300 English Bibles
  - 1000 English Bibles (New Testament)
  - *Christmas at Sea* resources
- Last year we also had a tremendous responses to our Christian CD request, getting over 600 CDs. Since June these have all been taken by Seafarers. In light of this we will be accepting CDs donations again this fall.

- In addition to these purchases our chaplain has started to use the “NewLife” App produced by the Gideons. This is a great resource for giving access to the Bible in the Seafarer’s languages as well as a fantastic catalogue of search tools in doing Bible studies and responding to unique situations.

**Personal**

- After 17 years of volunteering, Frank Vink from New Westminster CRC received the Peter G. Bernard Volunteer Recognition award. One of two given in Canada.
- Former chaplain Rev. Simon Wolfert, who is suffering with cancer, is now at home. Please remember him and his wife Jean in your prayers in this hour of trial.
- June 25 we celebrated the ‘International Day of the Seafarer’ with a BBQ, prizes, and live music at Delta Port. It was a great success with over 65 seafarers in attendance. The day was extra special in light of our chaplain receiving his Canadian Citizenship (after 37 years of being a landed immigrant in Canada)! Congratulations Ernst.

We give thanks to God as He again has blessed this Ministry as he has in the past. All glory to Him in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Recommendations:**

1. That Classis grant permission to chaplain Ernst de Vries and summer intern Steven Berkenpas, to briefly address the assembly.
2. That Classis accept and approve the attached proposed 2016 Ministry Budget.
3. That Classis approve the work of Ministry to Seafarers and continue its prayer support for Chaplain Ernst de Vries as he witnesses to the Good News of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
4. That Classis approve the addition of Steven Berkenpas to the committee as the BCNW representative for Ministry to Seafarers.

Hank Hamstra, Chair.

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**Report to Classis BCNW of the CRC Campus Ministry @ UNBC**

**Dr. Alan van der Woerd, August 26, 2015**

**During the month of August plans are made for the following year.** Because students are gone this is a time to get to know the staff that works at the university. This summer I preached in both Telkwa, and Prince George. I look forward to making a few more visits to churches before classis meets in October. When I make out of town visits to churches I stay in people’s homes, which provides opportunity to share our vision for the UNBC campus ministry with supporters, parents, students, and church members. Interest in the UNBC Chaplaincy and prayerful support for this ministry is evident among the 5 Northern CRC churches and I look for every opportunity to foster that support.

**Early September is busy for the Chaplaincy** We help new students move into the dorms. Then we participate in a parent welcome evening, and orientation activities that involve several hundred students drop by the chapel in groups of 20. I explain the purpose and activities of the UNBC Chaplaincy, hand out brochures, and meet students. In the first few weeks of September, important friendships are established. **This is a time when I especially try to meet new CRC students at UNBC.**

**The chaplaincy program, that I coordinate, involves around 10 volunteer chaplains from a multi-denominational spectrum who donate their time and gifts to listening to students. Chaplains help students explore the big questions, help young people identify life goals, understand your room mates, and find support through the ups and downs of student life. The chapel is a safe place to get bagels, cookies, candies or to find peace.**

**Next spring I am again teaching Comparative Religions.** When I teach my students also come to me to discuss their lives and spiritual matters. Teaching a course fosters dozens of contacts with students.

**Some other things I am excited about this fall:** Last year I led a Men’s Healing Circle in collaboration with the First Nations Centre and the Peer Support Network. I have been asked to again lead this group in the fall. I also serve on the UNBC Sexual Assault Task Force that reports to the UNBC president. I am particularly thrilled to continue my weekly Bible Study with my friend Muhammed, the Imam of Prince George.

**Request of Classis BCNW: The CRC campus ministry at UNBC requests continued ministry share support of \$15.00 for 2015-16.** Regarding our committee at present, both Cindy Verbeek of Houston and Peter Rhebergen of Smithers have stepped down as committee members. During the past year Dr. Sunchul Choi, a member of Prince George CRC has served as chair in the place of Dr. Ted Binnema who took a hiatus but is anticipated to return as chair this fall.

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**Kwantlen Multi Faith Center**  
**Report for Classis BCNW, Fall 2015**

Classes are beginning once again at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and for the fifth school year the Multi-Faith centre is opening its doors for students, faculty and staff. Through the continued growth of the centre (largely thanks to the financial support of Classis BCNW and CHRM) there has been a growing Christian and Reformed presence on campus.

The centre provides a pastoral presence for students, staff and faculty where we can foster faith and social responsibility. Our hope and dream for this ministry is that we would be a place of solace and sanctuary where we encourage students, staff and faculty in their spiritual journey; honor the diversity of religious and spiritual beliefs; inspire thoughtful, integrated, virtuous living; and be an open door of care and counsel. Ultimately we hope to be good sign pointers that can point to our hope in Christ through all our actions and interactions on campus.

Last year we attempted to do this through initiatives like drop in office hours, noontime concerts, exam week refreshments, as well as our first multimedia art festival that focused on the themes of religious diversity and harmony. Throughout the last year we have seen students come to value our presence on the campus and continue to drop by throughout the year for conversation, support and prayer.

This year will see some significant changes to our chaplaincy. We have seen the expansion of the KPU chaplaincy with Fleetwood Christian Reformed Church signing service agreements with KPU and installing a part-time chaplain on the Surrey Campus. We are excited to have Ethan Vanderleek join the team here as a Christian Reformed Chaplain. But while we are gaining one, we are losing another. With Albert Wu officially transitioning out of chaplaincy at Kwantlen into full-time church ministry, we are left with Gary Roosma and myself as the only CRC chaplains on the Richmond campus. Our hope is to continue to maintain a presence on the Richmond campus throughout the 2015/16 academic years by hosting office hours and coordinating the chaplaincy programs for the Richmond Campus.

Our hope is that Classis would continue to support this growing ministry opportunity by allocating **\$1.00 per professing member**. The reduction of the ministry share from last year's share of \$5.00 is due in large part to the transition of Albert Wu away from the chaplaincy and reflects our hope to raise support from other sources. We want to thank Classis BCNW for your generous support of our ministry at Kwantlen. Together you are helping us provide a pastoral presence for students, staff and faculty where we can foster faith and social responsibility.

Every Blessing,  
Samuel Lee  
Chaplain at Kwantlen University's Multi-Faith Centre  
Associate Pastor at the Tapestry Church

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**Cascade Christian Counselling Association**  
**Report to Classis BCNW / FALL 2015**

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**A. YEARLY REVIEW**

I am reporting to you as the new Board President of Cascade Christian Counselling. The year 2014 - 2015 under our recently hired Director/Therapist, Penny Armstrong, showed a strong transition from our previous year. Cascade was able to continue serving our extended community with quality Christian Counselling under the direction of Ms. Armstrong. She also worked with



a number of contract counsellors who served in Surrey, Abbotsford, Smithers and Vancouver Christian School. Our counselling hours remained steady and our finances were adequately met through the generous support of our churches and several fund raising events. The Board met on a monthly basis from September to June to supervise the work of our office manager and our director and counsellors. We have been very happy to see how the Lord has continued to bless the work of Cascade Christian Counselling over the past year.

## **B. NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

In January of 2015 our Director/Therapist, Penny Armstrong, resigned from Cascade Christian Counselling due to personal health concerns. The Board was faced with the challenge of trying to find a new Director again after just one year with Ms. Armstrong at the helm. The Directors decided that we would try out a new system without a full time paid Director, but with a number of contract counsellors working for Cascade.

At present we are working with Hollie Tomkinson who meets clients on Fridays in our Abbotsford office and on Thursdays in our Surrey office. Brent Unrau serves us one day a week on Mondays in our Surrey office, and Mike Ayers works one day a week on Tuesdays in our Abbotsford office. In addition, we continue to receive the excellent services of Jan Bryant who travels to Smithers for two days every month to spend one day at the Bulkley Valley Christian School, and the second day meeting Cascade clients in Smithers at one of the local churches. She also serves one day per week as a contract counsellor at Vancouver Christian School.

All of our counsellors are fully qualified under British Columbia regulations and have been thoroughly interviewed by the Board as to their Christian perspective and approach to counselling our clients. We recently interviewed another potential contract counsellor who will begin with us in the Fall as clients become available in Surrey or Abbotsford. Heres Snijder brings to us strong ties to the Canadian Reformed Church community as well.

Our intention as Board is to continue to closely supervise this new approach in the coming year. It places a greater responsibility on our office manager, Marion Ottevangers, who has served us well for many years. Our initial six month review indicated that so far the system is working well and is helping to keep our costs down. We held a very successful Golf Tournament again last May, although our participant numbers were down from previous years. We continue to be thankful to God and to our supporting communities for the generous support received.

## **C. RECOMMENDATIONS**

We humbly ask for Classis to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That Classis encourage member churches to continue to remember our ministry in their pastoral prayers on a regular basis, recognizing that prayer is a powerful tool in our ministry to God's people.
2. **That Classis encourage member churches to designate two of their Sunday offerings annually to support the work of Cascade Christian Counselling.**

We pray for God's blessing on your deliberations as you meet together this Fall.

In His Service,  
Rev. Rudy W. Ouwehand  
President,  
Board of Directors  
Cascade Christian Counselling

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**Report to Classis British Columbia North-West of the Christian Reformed Church  
Fall 2015**

Greetings from The King’s University! We’re pleased to have this opportunity to share the blessings we’ve enjoyed since our last report, and to look ahead to the exciting opportunities in the upcoming academic year.

We are grateful for the generosity of all of our community over the past fiscal year. Together you helped us raise over \$4 million in donations in 2014-2015. We are grateful to God and His people for this amazing outpouring of faithful generosity. The impact of the gifts from our supporters on our students is real; our students’ experiences would be dramatically different without your support!

Forged together through a year of intense dialogue and extensive consultation, Shared Vision 2020, is a hope-filled vision for The King’s University. Owned by all, the strategic planning process engaged faculty, staff, students and the Board. The Board of Governors unanimously adopted Shared Vision 2020 this past March. Shared Vision 2020 is a blueprint that will guide The King’s University’s development over the next five years. Our strategic priorities include serving community, strengthening teaching & research, equipping student success, empowering people and advancing sustainability. Our shared vision builds on our strengths and our mission to *provide university education that inspires and equips learners to bring renewal and reconciliation to all walks of life as followers of Jesus Christ, the Servant-King.*

When our name changed with the dropping of “College,” we were informed we had to distinguish our logo from that of another King’s University in Canada. We embraced the

opportunity to create a new brand that would showcase both who we are and who we aspire to be. The result is that The King's University has a new visual identity, comprised of a new logo, new imagery, colours and a new tagline which is intended to summarize and stimulate questions and discussions about what sets us apart: Caring community, faithful future. Our vision is to be widely known as a Christian university serving to build a more humane, just, and sustainable world. We now have a logo and tagline that better reflects who we are.

Much has happened since the launch of the new Leder School of Business in Fall 2014. The school has expanded its team, connected with industry and has gone global. The Leder School of Business has signed agreements with universities in Holland, Thailand and Lithuania offering students the opportunity to spend a semester studying around the world. With a 50 percent increase in applications from students wanting to join the program, the school appears to be on the right track. Keep up-to-date on all of the exciting stuff happening by following the business school on Twitter or Facebook or visit us at the Leder School of Business website: [www.leder.ca](http://www.leder.ca)

The King's University's Education program is celebrating 20 years of training and inspiring great teachers to work in communities around the world. The Elementary Education program began in 1995, and the Secondary Education program joined it six years ago. Each year we have the capacity to send out approximately 75 teachers into your schools and communities. As a result of the success of our previous graduates, teachers in schools around the province call to ask for King's Education students to do their practicums with them. We are grateful for the important place our Education program has had in our three and half decade history. To learn more about our program, visit [www.kingsu.ca/education](http://www.kingsu.ca/education).

Plan to attend our open house on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Come and take a tour, ask questions, meet professors and much more. People who apply for admission at the event get the application fee waived. Attendees can also enter to win a \$1,000 tuition credit. Come and see why students thrive here. These are drop-in events so no registration is required. For more information, please visit [www.kingsu.ca/open-house](http://www.kingsu.ca/open-house).

We are truly grateful for the support of the Christian Reformed Church and in particular the members of the churches in Classis British Columbia North-West. You are significantly impacting the lives of our students as they are equipped for service in all areas of life. **Please visit [www.kingsu.ca/donate/why-give-to-kings](http://www.kingsu.ca/donate/why-give-to-kings) to read stories of the impact of your support.** Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Christian higher education at King's. May God bless your work on behalf of His Church.

Melanie Humphreys, PhD  
President

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**& 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

**ART** *see* SCT

**BCSE** Classis British Columbia South-East

**BOT** Board of Trustees (usually refers to the denominational board of trustees;  
however, the various agencies each have their own BOTs)

**BTGH** *see* BTGMI

**BTGMI** Back to God Ministries International (*formerly* The Back to God Hour)

**CC** Candidacy Committee (*formerly* Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)

**CCG** *see* CRCPD

**CDT** Church Development Team (classical)

**CM/IC** Classical Ministries Interim Committee

- CMCC** *see* CMLT  
**CMLT** Classis Ministry Leadership Team (*formerly* Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)  
**CO** Church Order (*also* CO Art. = Church Order Article)  
**CPD** *see* CRCPD  
**CPJ** Citizens for Public Justice  
**CRCM** Christian Reformed Campus Ministry (*see also* ACRCMBC)  
**CRCPD** Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue (Canadian ministry;  
*formerly* Committee for Contact with the Government)  
**CRHM** Christian Reformed Home Missions  
**CRWM** Christian Reformed World Missions  
**CRWRC** Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
**CTS** Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids MI  
**DMC** Diaconal Ministries Canada  
**DV** Deo Volente, Latin for “Lord Willing”  
**FOS** Form of Subscription (*may become known as* Covenant for Officebearers)  
**LDN** Leadership Development Network  
**M2/W2** Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman restorative ministry often within prisons  
**MA** Ministry Associate  
**MSC** Moved, Seconded, Carried (shorthand in classis minutes)  
**NCD** Natural Church Development (inter-denominational ministry)  
**OSJHA** Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action (denominational)  
**PCR** Pastor-Church Relations (denominational)  
**RMT** Regional Ministry Team  
**ROP** Rules of Procedure (classical)  
**SC** Stated Clerk (classical)  
**SCE** Sustaining Congregational Excellence  
**SCT** Safe Church Team (*formerly* Abuse Response Team)  
(can refer to either denominational or classical ministry)  
**SFC** Student Fund Committee (classical)  
**SL** Sierra Leone (*as in* CRC in BC & SL)  
**SMCC** *see* CC  
**SPE** Sustaining Pastoral Excellence  
**TKU** The King’s University, Edmonton AB  
**UNBC** University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC  
(*see also* ACRCMBC and CRCM)

