



CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH – WEST

Christian Reformed Church in North America

Agenda for Session 71

Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 @ 1:00pm & Wednesday October 5th, 2016 @ 8:30am

Location: 1st CRC Vancouver, 2670 Victoria Drive, Vancouver B.C.

Classis Executive:

President - Rev. Andrew Aukema Vice All - Rev. Curtis Korver
Stated Clerk - Mr. Andy de Ruyter Rec. Secretary - Rev. Chelsey Harmon

1. Opening Session

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

Time Schedule:

Tuesday	Wednesday
1:00 - opening session	8:30 - opening session
3:00 - refreshment break	10:00 - refreshment break
3:15 - session	10:15 – session – Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda Canadian Ministries Director
5:30 - dinner break	12:00 - lunch break
6:15 - evening session	12:45 - session
7:30 - 90 th Anniversary presentation by Mr. Nick Loenen	(same as Tuesday till agenda completed)
8:45 - adjournment	

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

- * reporting to come under # 8 of this agenda
- Overtures - Telkwa CRC & Terrace CRC (no overtures have been submitted)
- Expenses - Nelson Ave CC & Mundy Park CF
- Credentials - Smithers CRC & Maple Ridge CRC
- Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Victoria CRC & Victoria CC
- 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. 7-12**
 - Classical Treasurer
 - Annual General Meeting of the Corporation (*March session*)
 - Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda - Canadian Ministries Director: Wednesday 10:15am
(info sheet from Darren will be in addendum report)

4. Examinations and / or matters requiring synodical deputies

Tuesday Afternoon session, Oct 4th beginning at 2PM

- Examination of Candidate Charles Van Hoffen (Houston CRC calling church)
- Examination of Candidate Jesse Pals (The Tapestry CRC calling church)
- Synodical Deputies: Rev's. Tom Oosterhuis (Alberta North.), Rich DeRuiter (Pacific NW) and Rudy Ouwehand (BCSE)

5. Classis Teams / Standing Committees

- Church Counsellors (for Victoria CC, Mundy Park CF & Houston CRC)
- Church visitor reports
- Oversight Committee for Duncan CRC
- Oversight Committee for Rev. Walt Vanderwerf
- Synod report (Fall session) Rev's Chelsey Harmon or Andrew Aukema
- Student Fund Committee (SFC)...**pg. 16-17**
- Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT)...**pg. 20**
- Safe Church Team (SCT) Faye Martin: zip file
- Classis Renewal Team – with CMC Report
- B.C. Leadership Development Network (BCLDN)...**pg. 18-19**

6. Classis Ministries

- Ministry to Seafarers / Chaplain Ernst Devries: zip file
- Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in B.C /Rev. Alan VanderWoerd: zip file
- Downtown Friends / Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma
- Breakthrough Ministries / Rev. Andrew Turkstra
- International Student Ministries / New Westminster CRC
- Marpole Church Plant / The Tapestry
- Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer / 1st Vancouver CRC...**pg. 14-16**
- Kwantlen Ministries – The Tapestry...**pg. 21**

7. Denominational Ministries

- CRCNA BOT / Andy de Ruyter
- H/W Missions / Jenny deGroot: zip file
- World Renew/ Ko Spyskma: zip file
- Calvin College BOT/ Margaret Verboon
- Calvin Seminary BOT / Vic Chen
- Diaconal Ministries Canada: Rachel Vogue: zip file
- Disability Regional advocate / Caroline Short
- Faith Formation / Liz Tolcamp

Non-Denominational Ministries

- Bethesda Christian Association
- Cascade Christian Counselling: zip file
- The Kings University College: zip file
- M2 / W2: zip file

8. Reports from Pre- Advice Committees

Overtures - Telkwa CRC & Terrace CRC

Expenses - Nelson Ave CC & Mundy Park CF

Credentials – Smithers CRC & Maple Ridge CRC

Review of Transcribed / Concept Minutes – Victoria CRC & Victoria CC

Standing Nominations Committee - CMC

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

9. Additional Reports / Correspondence

- Review / approval of 2017 Ministry Share requests
- Motion to approve Ministry Shares for 2017 (Fall Session)
- List of Classical Committees / Teams and Denominational Representatives – **pg. 22-23**
- Acronym List - **pg. 24**

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 7th & 8th, 2017, Immanuel CRC, Richmond B.C.
 - Next Officers of Classis - Rev. Curtis Korver - President
 - Rev. Ken Vander Horst - 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.

LODGING / TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

For lodging requests and airport transportation information, please provide the following information to Joseph Zondervan, from 1st Vancouver CRC, no later than

September 27th, 2016 **email: caa.van1crc.org**

Please note, out of town delegates will be encouraged to use the sky train system as it will take you from the airport to 1 block from the church. Instructions on how to use and which lines to use will be sent to all out of town delegates requiring transportation to and from the airport.

1. Name and City of Home Church _____
2. Name of Delegate _____
3. Billet / Lodging Yes No
4. Transportation _____ from airport _____ to airport
 Transportation to and from Billet / Hotel _____ Yes _____ No
5. Airline & Flight # _____ arrival time on October 4th _____
 Airline & Flight # _____ departure time October 5th _____
6. Any special dietary requirements (allergies etc) _____

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

Stated Clerk Report
October 4th & 5th, 2016

1] Welcome to Session 71 of Classis British Columbia North - West.

A big thank you to the council and members of 1st Vancouver CRC for their hospitality in hosting this meeting of classis.

2] The agenda for this meeting will keep us busy with ministry reports and presentations, candidates Jesse Pals and Charles Van Hoffen ordination examinations (Tuesday afternoon) a report by Canadian Ministries Director Darren Roorda (Wednesday morning), a light hearty look at our beginnings of the CRC in B.C., by Mr. Nick Loenen, (Tuesday evening) in connection with 1st Vancouver's 90th anniversary celebration later on in October. (1st Vancouver was the first organized CRC in B.C., being part of Classis Pacific North-West), 2017 synod delegate elections, nominations as well as all the regular classis work and committee reporting.

3] As stated clerk I have engaged in numerous emails, telephone calls, conference calls, correspondence, reports, meetings, dealing with requests and information from pastors and councils, continually 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 includes spending time on forwarding announcement emails, denominational and government communications, etc. to churches, committees, and others as required.

4] On May 31st, I participated once again in a Vidyo conference with the other 11 stated clerks of Canada and Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director.

Subjects discussed were:

- Classis Renewal
- Seminary Funding
- Ministry Plan Development and Contextualization
- National Gathering of Canadian CRC's report, held May 6 to 8, 2016
- Governance / Societies Act – Provincial
- CRCNA Ministry Share remittance timing
- Insurance issues for Classis Officers

Next meeting will be a two day workshop to be held at the CRC offices in Burlington, Ontario on January 17th & 18th, 2017. A cost of \$500.00 per classis is suggested. Stated Clerks and one other member from each classes CMC to attend.

Motion to approve spending \$500.00 from Classical Expense Fund for two members of CMC to attend at this workshop. (same as 2015)

Motion to approve spending \$400.00 for Youth Ministry Project

Syd Hielema and Ron De Vries will again be hosting a meeting in Burlington with their Classis Youth Ministry Champions. They are planning to have a joint session with the stated clerks as well while they are here. The Youth Ministry Pilot Project appreciated your partnership with them last year in the area of your financial contribution of \$400.00 per classis and would like to ask for your support again this year in the same amount.

So, we ask that in hopes of serving local churches well, you would be amenable to including these financial requests (total of \$900.00) as part of your budget for the year ahead and gain approval from classis in an upcoming meeting.

5] Sent as separate attachments in a zip file along with the agenda.

You will notice that the main agenda is much smaller than previous agendas for classis meetings. This is because we have separated the main agenda and classis reports with those from outside ministries and agencies. This is so you can easily share the ministry reports with your churches and members, without having to page through a long agenda package. All the same information that was there in previous agenda packages will still be there, but split over two packages. It is our hope that with the use of laptops, notebooks etc, less and less dependency on paper will be achieved and make classis more environmentally aware of the resources we have/use. This will be a work in progress over the next few meetings till the bugs get worked out, and your thoughts and suggestions are most welcome.

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

Cascade Christian Counselling
Diaconal Ministries Canada
New Missions Agency (World / Home Missions)
Ministry to Seafarers
World ReNew
Kings University
M2W2
Christian Reformed Campus Ministry - UNBC

6] Classis Credential Form.

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 and using possible seat sales when coming from the north and ride / ferry sharing when coming from the Island. Also please inform the contact person from 1st Vancouver CRC by September 27th, on transportation and lodging requirements. (please see the form at the bottom of pg. 3 of the main agenda)

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

9] The Spring 2017 meeting of classis will be held on March 7th & 8th, 2017 at Immanuel CRC in Richmond, B.C.

10] Church Visitors Assignments for 2016/17, beginning October 2016

Visits to be completed by March 1, 2018

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

Church being visited:	Church doing the visit:	Date Visited:
2016/2017		

Northern Churches:

Terrace CRC	- Smithers CRC	
Smithers CRC	- Prince George CRC	
Telkwa CRC	- Terrace CRC	
Houston CRC	- Telkwa CRC	
Prince George CRC	- Houston CRC	

Island Churches:

Victoria CRC	- Nanaimo CCC	
Victoria CCC	- Duncan CRC	
Duncan CRC	- Alberni Valley CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	- Victoria CCC	
Alberni Valley CRC	- Victoria CRC	

Lower Mainland Churches

Maple Ridge CRC	- New Westminster CRC	
Mundy Park CF	- Nelson Ave CC	
New Westminster CRC	- The Tapestry	
Nelson Ave CC	- Maple Ridge CRC	
1 st Vancouver CRC	- Mundy Park CF	
Richmond Immanuel CRC	- 1 st Vancouver CRC	
Richmond The Tapestry	- Richmond Immanuel CRC	

Reimbursement form for classical church visits

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

Humbly Submitted,
Andy de Ruyter
Stated Clerk

Motion to approve the work of the stated clerk.

CLASSICAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CLASSIS BCNW: Session 71

October 4th & 5th, 2016

The classical Ministries committee does most of its work by email conversations, phone calls and conference call meetings. Meetings were on July 4th where several key issues were discussed and items planned for the agenda of this classis meeting.

1] CMC Actions

- accepted with regret but with much thanks for all the work he has done for classis, the resignation as alternate stated clerk and secretary of the CMC of Rev. Jo Schouten.

CMC will look at possible replacements and present nominees to October meeting of classis.

CMC will also ask classis to increase membership in CMC by one, adding a member from one of the northern churches.

- Reviewed and approved expenses from Classis meeting in March 2016 - \$ 7352.27

- Appointed Rev. Andrew Aukema to serve as the next chair of classis and Rev. Curtis Korver as Vice-all.

Rev. Chelsey Harmon will serve as recording secretary.

- Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director will address classis on the Wednesday morning session. (1 hour)

1. Provide the updated information on direction of Canadian Ministries in regards to the Ministry Plan.

2. Integrate the above with a brief presentation on the National Gathering

3. Introduce Al Postma (newly minted Classis Renewal Coordinator and previously pastoring in Thunder Bay, Ontario)

4. Have a time for feedback/Q &A

- Mr. Nick Loenen will do a 1 hour presentation on Tuesday evening on the beginnings of the CRC in B.C. in conjunction with the celebration of the 90th anniversary of 1st Vancouver becoming the first organized CRC in B.C.

- transferred the ministerial credentials for Rev. Walt Vanderwerf to Nanaimo CCC and Rev. Martin Vellekoop to Cephas CRC in Peterborough, Ont. and Classis Quinte.

- Appointed committee to mentor with Rev. Janina Mobach on sermon evaluation: Rev's. Andrew Beunk, Jo Schouten and Julia Prins-Vanderveen

- church visiting assignments – now 2 year rotation: updated list to be in Fall Stated Clerks report.
Same Sex Relationships workshops

- letters from and to Nick Loenen on Spring event and note from Rev. Henry Numan – RFI

- discussion on request from pastors committee for \$500.00 funding for a Fall Seminar on: "Pastoral Approaches-The Church and Same-Sex Attraction"

CMC to grant funding with the added advice to the ad-hoc committee.

“The Classical Ministry / Interim Committee want to state that it is not the roll of the interim committee to support one position over another but rather to facilitate discussion and conversation, so that there is understanding and knowledge of the various opinions. We trust that these seminars will provide a space for education, discussion and sharing among the office bearers and leaders of our classis.

Motion to ratify granting of \$500 for workshop

Election of Synod 2017 Delegates

Election of delegates will return to the October meetings of classis and be dealt with in the Nominations Committee report.

For 2017, Rev. Curtis Korver appointed as per rotation, 1 elder, 1 deacon and 1 from any office to be elected. Also needed is an elected alternate for each position.

Councils to be encouraged to send in names of nominees before classis meets.

*Note: The following four items, classis renewal, mission statement, ministry reporting and ministry funding were sent to each church council in a separate communication in August for each council to review before this meeting of classis.

Classis Renewal

CMC discussed what next steps can be taken in the context of classis renewal. Without a clear vision of what it is we hope to achieve, it is decided that a survey be created that is filed out by the delegates following each meeting. From these comments it is hoped we can see more clearly what can be done at future meetings, focusing on less reporting and more interaction and sharing between churches.

CMC continues to evaluate and make plans to implement many of the ideas and comments heard at the classis renewal event. Items being looked at include how actual classis meetings are run, the way we deal with ministry reporting, the way we hear guest speakers and presenters, the way we do the business of classis, topics for workshops / seminaries, interviews and fellowship times. As always, CMC welcomes all councils input, ideas and suggestions as we move forward with making changes and remaining a positive link for the broader CRC church.

The following draft Mission Statement was presented at the March 2016 meeting of classis and sent to all church councils for their input. Once approved, the mission statement will serve as a catalyst for what we do as a classis in conjunction with our ministries and renewal outlook.

Mission Statement:

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

Motion to approve.

CMC has made the following changes to ministry reporting. It is our hope/goal by limiting the amount of presentations and oral reporting, we can give more time and interaction between the

delegates and reps. Better to hear and interact with 2 to 3 reports, than to quickly listen through 10 to 15 quick verbal reports that accomplish little. A rotation schedule will be developed over time in consultation with these ministries in order to facilitate this new procedure.

New policy for ministry reporting for non classis ministry reps and non denominational ministries. Presentations and/or oral reporting will be limited to one session of classis every two calendar years.

In other words, if the ministry has reported in person in any of the previous 2 to 3 meeting of classis, it is asked not to make a verbal report and only submit a written report that will be included in the main agenda.

Oral presentations will be organized by rotation and hopefully give a little more time to each group that is reporting.

Those ministries affected by this new policy:

Classis Ministries

- Ministry to Seafarers
- Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in B.C
- Downtown Friends

Denominational Ministries

- Faith Formation
- Home / World Missions
- World Renew
- Disability Regional advocate
- Diaconal Ministries Canada
- Disability Regional advocate

Non-Denominational Ministries

- Bethesda Christian Association
- Cascade Christian Counselling
- The Kings University College
- M2 / W2

Classis will continue to hear reports and updates at each classis meeting from:

- Stated Clerk
- CMC
- Classis Treasurer
- Student Fund Committee
- Church Visitor reports
- Church Counsellor reports
- Safe Church Team
- Leadership Development Network
- Synod report (Fall session)
- AGM of the Corporation (Spring session)
- Classis renewal updates and reports
- CRCNA / Calvin College / Calvin Seminary BOT
- any other standing committee of classis not mentioned above

Ministry Funding Report

CMC appointed a committee of David Pel, Martin Contant and Fred Herfst to look at developing criteria for evaluating classical ministries. Items to include: effectiveness, costs, longevity and affordability etc.

Committee will report on work begun and mandate looked at in October meeting.

New B.C. Societies Act

All churches will have to align themselves with the new B.C. Societies Act in the coming year. (At their AGM's in 2017) The legislation has been passed and implemented as of January 2016. There is a two year grace period for churches / charities to come on line. Information has and will be passed on to the churches in the coming months of the steps to take. Councils please take note. This is very important to your incorporation and charity status.

The CMC'S of classes BCNW and BCSE are working with lawyer Ken Volkenant to create a template that our churches can use to get their constitutions and bylaws in compliance with the new societies act. It is still highly recommended that each church seek legal advice on how to file your new documents properly. Mr. Volkenant's firm in Surrey B.C. is well acquainted with the CRC and how it works and can guide your church accordingly, but each church is free to use whomever they are comfortable with.

An information letter was sent out to all churches on March 5th, 2016 with relevant information on how to proceed with the necessary changes. If you need that resent, please let the s/c know.

Classical Pulpit supply has been set for the Victoria CCC and Mundy Park CF for the months of September to December 2016. If these churches are still in need of pulpit supply for 2017, a new list will be made up in the Fall.

Victoria CCC

Mundy Park CF

September 11	Rev. Andrew Turkstra	Rev. Sam Le
September 25	Rev. Curtis Korver	Rev. Andrew Beunk
October 2	Chaplain Ernst DeVries	Rev. Albert Chu
October 16	Rev. Walt Vanderwerf	Rev. Jo Schouten
November 6	Rev. Chelsey Harmon	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen
November 20	Rev. Darren Colyn	Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma
December 4	Rev. David Salverda	Rev. Gary Roosma
December 18	Rev. Walt Vanderwerf	Rev. David Cheung

2] Ministerial Items and actions

Candidate Examinations

Candidate Jesse Pals has accepted a call from The Tapestry to head a new church plant in the Marpole area of Vancouver.

Candidate Charles Van Hoffen has accepted the call of the Houston CRC to be their new pastor. Examination will take place on the Tuesday afternoon session, October 4th.

Examiners for Candidate Jesse Pals
 Practica – Rev. David Salverda
 Biblical and Theological Position – Rev. Ken Vander Horst
 Sermon Evaluators – Rev. Andrew Beunk & elder from New Westminster CRC

Examiners for Candidate Charles Van Hoffen
 Practica – Rev. Mary – Lee Bouma
 Biblical and Theological Position – Rev. Jo Schouten
 Sermon Evaluators – John Buikema, John Franken, Rev. Joe Ellis

Synodical Deputies: Rev’s. Rich DeRuiter (Pacific NW) Rudy Ouwehand (BCSE) and Tom Oosterhuis (Alberta North)

Duncan CRC / Rev. Walt Vanderwerf, art 17 separation:

Appointment of oversight committee’s members is as following
 For Duncan CRC:

- Specialized Transitional Pastor appointed by Pastor-Church Relations: Rev. Henry Jonker
- Classis Church Counsellor: Rev. Curtis Korver
- Oversight Committee - Rev. Curtis Korver, Elder Jake Colyn (Alberni Valley CRC) and Elder Gordon Pierik (Victoria CCC)

For Rev. Walt Vanderwerf:

- Oversight Committee: Rev. Henry Numan, Elder John Messelink, Andy de Ruyter
- Both oversight committees will be presenting reports to the October classis meeting.

1st Vancouver CRC / New Ministerial Position

Rev. Julia Prins-Vanderveen – Chaplain at Carver Christian School
 Approval for new ministerial position, CO art. 12c
 (copy of letter included at end of this report **pg.13**)

3] Classical and Denominational Ministry Shares for 2017

Classis BCNW Ministry Share per member \$ 69.45 (proposed)		Denominational Ministry Share per member \$ 376.42 (same as 2016 - appr. by Synod)
	2017	2016
Ministry to Seafarers	\$ 9.45	9.45
Leadership Development Network	\$ 8.00	8.00
Student Fund	\$ 15.00	12.00
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C.	\$ 15.00	15.00
Classis Expense Fund	\$ 13.00	14.00
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain	\$ 1.00	1.00
Safe Church Team	\$ 4.00	4.00
<i>downtown friends</i> ministries	\$ 0	<u>4.00</u>
**Proposed:		67.45
<i>Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer</i>	<u>\$ 4.00</u>	
	\$ 69.45	
		BTGMI \$ 4.41
		Calvin College \$ 3.40
		Area colleges (Kings) \$ 65.46
		Calvin Seminary \$ 36.27
		Church Support Min. \$ 78.95
		Home/World Missions \$108.52
		Syn. Admin. Services \$ 35.68
		Spec. Assistance Fund \$ 3.73

** Please find a copy of report / request in the main agenda packet... **pg. 14-16**

Report submitted by Dena Nicolai and Pastor Albert Chu on behalf of the Chaplain and Refugee Support Taskforce – now an Advisory Committee to Dena Nicolai:

Peter Roukema and Martin Contant, Langley Willoughby CRC

Brian Woudstra, Fleetwood CRC

Pastor Albert Chu, The Tapestry CRC & Engage Vancouver

Joel Pel, Andrew Kuipers, and Pastor Trevor Vanderveen, First CRC Vancouver

4] Requests for reporting at this meeting of classis (Wednesday morning/afternoon sessions)

- DMC: Melissa Van Dyk

- Safe Church Team Coordinator: Faye Martin

- CRC Campus Ministry – UNBC: Rev. Alan VanderWoerd

- H / W Missions – Jenny S. deGroot

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

Election / Appointment of delegates to Synod 2017

Minister delegate: Rev. Curtis Korver as per rotation appointed

1 Elder delegate

1 Deacon delegate

1 from any office delegate

- Alternate stated clerk and secretary for CMC

- 1 additional member for CMC

- Calvin College BOT

6] Stated Clerk / CMC Addendum Report / Updates

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

7] Motion to approve the work of the CMC

Mr. Andy de Ruyter - Lead / Stated Clerk

vacant - Secretary / alt. Stated Clerk / nominations

Mr. David Pel - Classis Treasurer

Mr. Victor Chen - CMLT/SFC rep

Rev. David Salverda

Rev. Henry Numan

From: 1st CRC Vancouver To: Classis British Columbia North-West

We hereby inform you that our Pastor, Julia Prins Vanderveen, has offered her resignation as of August 31, 2016 and has accepted a position as Chaplain at Carver Christian High School. Pastor Julia's resignation was accepted by our Council on July 27, 2016.

Council also approved maintaining Pastor Julia's ministerial credentials while she serves as Chaplain at Carver Christian High School and requests the approval of Classis to do so on the following grounds:

1. Our council believes that Julia's new pastoral work comprises an ordainable position. In her role at Carver Christian High School, Julia will (1) primarily oversee the Chapel Services, (2) support students with a special focus on caring for those students who are involved in chapels, (3) encourage staff in their call to teach their subjects from a perspective of faith, and (4) encourage deeper faith integration into the curriculum taught at Carver Christian. This job description covers the areas of responsibility for a CRC Minister: Worship, Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Faith Formation. With an increasingly ecumenically diverse staff and student population, Julia will bring a Reformed emphasis of integrating faith into every area of life which has been identified as a current need for the staff.
2. While Julia's duties as Chaplain at Carver Christian High School will be supervised by the administration and board of the school, our council will continue to have primary responsibility for her doctrine and life.
3. A Christian School Chaplain position is a relatively new development for Christian Schools, but is not without precedent. The closest CRC pastor ordained as a Christian School Chaplain is Rev. Layne Kilbreath at Calgary Christian School.
4. Historically our congregation has previously held credentials for such positions as Seafarers' Chaplain and more recently for Pastor Fred Koning when he returned to Vancouver to serve as Chaplain of Ethics with Providence Health at St. Paul's Hospital.
5. Classis has previously taken note of other situations where congregations hold credentials for new positions which they have started and/or decided to hold credentials for, notably Associate Pastor positions at New West CRC and Tapestry, Campus Chaplain at Kwantlen and approving ordination for contexts not directly funded by CRC ministries including Providence and Operation Mobilization.

In His Service,
Joel Pel, Chair of Council
First Christian Reformed Church of Vancouver

Report to Classis and Request for Funding

RE: Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer

In January 2016, our report to you outlined the prayer and discernment that led to the formation of the position of “Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer” (formerly named “Refugee Chaplain and Community Mobilizer”), a position created by the Regional Taskforce that you approved to work on behalf of Classis BCSE and BCNW to annually evaluate the position and its ministry. The report also described the vision for the position, based out of First CRC but accountable to this Regional Taskforce and, more indirectly, the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC).

In January/February 2016, the Taskforce interviewed candidates for this position and in February 2016, Dena Nicolai was hired. In early March she was introduced during the meetings of Classes BCSE and BCNW and in mid-March she began full-time as staff of First CRC but supported by multiple CRCs and denominational ministries.

In the first five months of the position, Dena’s work has focused on assessing the needs and assets of newcomers and churches. Her hope was and is to discern the best way to form solid partnerships and develop committed and sustainable relationships between churches and organizations and newcomers and volunteers.

With the help of organizations such as Journey Home (Burnaby) and Settlement 360 (Langley), she is involved in the ongoing work of developing training materials to assist volunteers in becoming involved in resettlement of newcomers in way that is healthy for the newcomers and volunteers alike. She has also had the opportunity to speak at and/or meet with members of multiple CRC congregations throughout the lower mainland, and is developing relationships with various other churches from the Mennonite Brethren, Alliance, Presbyterian, Baptist, United, and Anglican denominations. Additionally, she has established developing partnerships with ISSofBC Vancouver, ISSofBC Langley, and Abbotsford Community Services, allowing her to link volunteers from churches with the work of these organizations. Numerous faithful volunteers have stepped into this calling and a number of CRCs have also made much needed benevolent financial commitments, providing higher-needs newcomer families (assessed by ISSofBC) with rental subsidies and grocery cards.

In late June, the Welcome Centre held its Grand Opening in the parking lot of First CRC and Dena and First were invited to set up an information and activities table as part of the festivities. During the ceremony, ISSofBC CEO Patricia Wroch thanked First CRC, noting the welcome that was extended long before construction started through to the present day.

Since the opening of the Centre, Dena’s work has focused on a ministry of presence out of First CRC. She has begun opening the church Sanctuary three mornings per week as a Sacred Space for prayer and reflection, and has welcomed in newcomers and staff from the Welcome Centre as well as neighbours of the church, some of whom wish to sit in silence and others of whom have asked for prayer.

The church is also open two times per week for “Tea, Coffee, and English Conversation” times, which has allowed for relationship-building with families living at the Welcome Centre, as well as other newcomers accessing the services of the Centre. These relationships have extended into opportunities to visit these newcomers in their permanent homes once they are settled (generally in Surrey, at this point), and deliver

“Welcome Baskets” from the church. Dena is currently working on recruiting volunteers from Surrey churches to support these families through weekly visits and sustained relationship-building.

Dena has also formed a partnership with the Inland Refugee Society of BC (IRS-BC), who serves refugee claimants/asylum seekers and has an office in the Welcome Centre. IRS-BC now operates a Food and Clothing Bank out of First CRC, and, where possible, Dena has been assisting them with finding housing for the newcomers they serve.

Finally, Dena’s work has continued to consider how to best equip congregations for inter-faith relationship and faithful witness. In July, she and Pastor Tom Bomhof of Fleetwood CRC organized an “Engaging Our Muslim Neighbours” event with Naji Umran (Christian Reformed World Missions Leadership Developer for Transformational Networks in Egypt and the Middle East), hosted by Fleetwood and attended by over 70 people from various congregations. She has more such events planned for the future.

In the fall, the official Chaplaincy Association proposal that Dena submitted to ISSofBC in April (in line with the proposal submitted to Kwantlen by Fleetwood and The Tapestry for their Chaplaincy Associations), will be re-visited by ISSofBC, who temporarily put it on hold because of the intensity of trying to move all of their offices into the Welcome Centre over the last several months. Dena’s relationship with ISSofBC is continuing to gain momentum, with further meetings in the next several weeks which will continue to solidify it, especially as they look to another large influx of Syrian Government-Assisted Refugees in the fall.

The Regional Taskforce is now an Advisory Committee to Dena Nicolai, and while one member has had to step off due to other responsibilities, there are plans to invite in new members in future. The Advisory Committee provides support and accountability for the position, in collaboration with Pastor Trevor Vanderveen, Dena’s direct supervisor. The Committee also acts to represent their own churches, and to champion Dena’s work back to their communities.

The annual budget for this position is \$70,000 (Ministry cost \$10,000; Staff salary \$60,000). Aside from financial commitments by First CRC Vancouver, the majority of other CRC congregations in the Lower Mainland have also contributed financial support to this ministry via special offerings and will be asked to do so again. Private donors are also participating as are denominational ministries including Engage Vancouver and Diaconal Ministries Canada (via a declining Operation Manna grant).

While created on a one-year trial basis, the first five months of this position and projections for newcomer arrivals in the coming year indicate that there is great need for the position to continue. Therefore, **we are humbly requesting that Classis BCNW consider supporting this ministry to the sum of \$10,000, through Ministry Shares.**

With your assistance, our financial projections for the next year are as follows:

First Vancouver CRC	\$5,000
Other CRC churches	\$20,000
Engage Vancouver	\$2,500
Private Donors	\$15,000
Diaconal Ministries Canada	\$7,500
Classis BCSE	\$10,000
Classis BCNW	\$10,000

With another 1200 Government-Assisted Syrian refugees set to arrive in BC between September and November 2016 (in addition to the 1900 already here) and more continually arriving from various countries on a smaller basis after that, there is much need ahead. Dena has been greatly encouraged by the support of CRCs across the lower mainland, and her work is possible only because of the many volunteers and churches who have answered the call to serve refugees in whatever ways they can. We ask that you continue to pray for the on- going work of this ministry, and for all of those involved in being the presence of Christ to newcomers across Canada.

Report submitted by Dena Nicolai and Pastor Albert Chu on behalf of the Chaplain and Refugee Support Taskforce – now an Advisory Committee to Dena Nicolai:

- Peter Roukema and Martin Contant, *Langley Willoughby CRC*
- Brian Woudstra, *Fleetwood CRC*
- Pastor Albert Chu, *The Tapestry CRC & Engage Vancouver*
- Joel Pel, Andrew Kuipers, and Pastor Trevor Vanderveen, *First CRC Vancouver*

Report to Classis BCNW, October 2016 Student Fund Committee

The SFC members, Kathy Smith, David Cheung and Vic Chen met on July 20th. The agenda was strictly to look at the applications of the three students we have this fall who are attending or taking courses at Calvin and Regent.

Jianluo Xu from Nelson Avenue Community is at Calvin with his family pursuing his M. Div. He will be completing his studies in the summer of 2017.

Shane Roseveld from Maple Ridge is also pursuing his M.Div. distance with Calvin. He hopes to be done in 2018.

Dai Shi is taking a Diploma course at Regent. He has his M. Div. from Manila and is taking courses to catch up on areas that he felt he was lacking. He became a dad early this year and needs to be done by April of 2017 and is eager to find a church that can use his skills.

We agreed to support our three students for a total of \$20,000. In past years we have given married students at Calvin with two children that amount. What we are requesting is not extravagant by any means but we cannot give what we do not have.

I propose that this year we give half the amount in the fall and the other half early in the new year. I understand that we have student loans that we have under written and that Calvin could conceivable call these loans in. If our balance was less than the loans we have underwritten it could leave us in an embarrassing position.

As bleak as the picture may appear I feel that it is wonderful that we have so many students who have made a commitment to enter into full time ministry with the CRC.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Chen, Chair of SFC

Nominations Committee Report for October 2016

Classical Committees and Representatives

Synodical Delegates for June 2017

Four Delegates needed

- 1] Minister by rotation – Rev. Curtis Korver
- 2] Elder – Nominee’s needed
- 3] Deacon – Nominee’s needed
- 4] Open to all three offices, nominee’s needed

(open to all ordained ministers / commissioned pastors within classis BCNW and any nominated elders and/or deacons)

note: all four delegated positions also require an elected alternate

CMC - 2 positions open (see CMC report)

LDN – John Messelink, Victoria CRC

Denominational Boards & Committees;

Calvin College BOT

Nominations of either clergy or non-clergy persons are requested for this position.
(to begin July 2017)

Nominations committee work is done by members of the Classical Ministries/Interim Committee.

BCLDN Report for Fall Classis 2016

We believe that BCLDN is uniquely placed to train Biblically grounded leaders for the Christian Reformed community in British Columbia in an increasingly secular society. Our ambition is that we will “be a great help to those who by grace have believed.” Providing reformed leadership training for the whole people of God through the 3-year program and the Let’s Talk About... One-Day Retreats will help our churches respond to this current secular movement with faith, hope and love.

We are grateful to both classes in BC for their continued support and specifically the increased funding we have received. Your support has helped us to continue to discover leaders who desire to be equipped for ministry, developing them into biblically grounded leaders and deploying them into ministry according to their gifts and calling.

As BCLDN is the only remaining LDN in Canada, Darren Roorda, head of Canadian CRC Ministries met with LDN participants after the spring classis meeting to talk about leadership training. This meeting has led to an on-going conversation about how BCLDN’s model of leadership training might be utilized elsewhere. We praise God that there is recognition and desire for theological reflection and equipping of leaders and that what we do in BC may grow across Canada.

Deployment is an on-going, cooperative work between LDN and the local church.

Here are a few examples of deployment of our LDN grads:

- **Marion VanDriel** is working as administrative assistant for BCLDN.
- **Arturs Feist** has spent this summer working as an intern with the Seafarer’s Ministry at Delta Port.
- **Carolyn Gerber** is starting up small groups at Hope Community Church.
- **Kristen Hoogland** is taking on Coffee Break leadership at Immanuel CRC (Langley)
- **Perry Daciuk** is writing a curriculum of Bible study and church history.
- Many more are serving their local churches as elders, deacons, and leaders in various ministries.

- And still others are serving in their local communities in a leadership capacity with an increased sense of how their work participates in God’s larger mission.
- There are many more who have attended a Let’s Talk About workshop and were encouraged, challenged and equipped to serve their local churches and communities with renewed passion.

Here are some thoughts from a few of our LDN grads who share how their LDN experience has shaped their leadership:

- **Ashley Patton** is continuing her work as youth director at Victoria CRC with increased peace and confidence and a much deepened sense that the scriptures relate to the whole of life: her own and that of her youth.
- **Beatrice Vanderbos** is leading services at the Harrison (Elim) and leading prayers of the people with a clearer, deeper sense of “the main thing”, as well as enjoying letting the richness of scripture and the Christian tradition flow into all she does.
- **Carolynne Tolsma** is working as worship director and youth leader at Fleetwood CRC. She says that LDN confirmed her calling to both of these areas as she responded to the scriptures in community. LDN gave her confidence that she had the necessary skills to do the work. “Learning

in a conversational community was very affirming because others called out my gifts too. Also, my mentor was especially encouraging in asking very direct questions.”

At this point of writing we have three new participants in the 3-year program. We are grateful to Fleetwood CRC who let us use their facility one Saturday a month as a place to gather and learn together. We are thankful for the work that Wilma Vanderleek does as facilitator and the work that Marion VanDriel does as administrative assistant. We are also thankful to the teachers, many of whom are CRC pastors in BC, who come alongside Wilma every month to discuss specific topics.

In the coming year, there are three Let’s Talk About... One-Day Retreats planned (one on Vancouver Island, one at Nelson Ave Community Church and one in Prince George.) In addition, Wilma Vanderleek is preparing a new Let’s Talk About... One Day Retureat on Relational Leadership (Elijah and Elisha). If a church is interested in hosting a Let’s Talk About... One-Day Retreat, they should contact mvandriel134@gmail.com for details.

BCLDN would like to thank Mike Hoyer who is retiring as a standing committee member from Classis BCNW for his faithfulness in serving. Mike, also a graduate of BCLDN, has served on this committee while at the same time working with the disaster response service of World Renew. Although there have been times that he has been on the other side of the world when a meeting was held, he often responded to the agenda by email, giving thoughtful reflections on several items. We appreciated his contributions and his leadership will be missed.

We would also like to thank Perry Daciuk who served as the BCLDN web manager for several years. Perry will continue to oversee the book suggestions on the website.

The BCLDN standing committee will continue to be served by:
Michael Koot, pastor at Ladner CRC
Andrew Aukema, pastor at Prince George CRC
Carolynne Tolsma, member of Fleetwood CRC

BCLDN is asking classis BCNW to affirm John Messelink of Victoria as a new standing committee member. (see nominations report)

BCLDN is asking classis BCSE to extend by one year the term of Joanna DeVries of the Bridge Community Church, as a standing committee member.

BCLDN is still looking for a treasurer (volunteer) to help us in preparing our budget and keeping our finances in order. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position, please have him/her contact Marion VanDriel (mvandriel134@gmail.com)

And finally, we conclude with an invitational question:

**Is LDN being fully utilized by your community? Do you keep an eye open for those a) who might benefit from the 3 year program
b) times when a particular Let’s Talk About... One Day Retreat might equip your leadership community?**

CMLT Report to Classis BCNW

July 22, 2015

Team Members

Dan Hoogland (Chair BCSE), **Vacant** (Clerk BCSE), Peter Van Huizen (SFC BCSE) Michael Naninga (SFC BCSE), **Vacant** (BCNW), **Vacant** (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 Request that Classis:

- 1) Approve 2 nominee to serve as members at large on the CMLT (yet to be recommended)

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 2016-2017 academic year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Hoogland
CMLT Chair

KWANTLEN MULTI-FAITH CENTRE
REPORT FOR CLASSIS BCNW FALL 2016

Classes are beginning once again at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and for the 6th 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 second 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 presence at the KPU Multi-Faith Centre Richmond Campus. We have extended a call to Jennifer Roosma to be our official Tapestry representative at the KPU Multi-Faith Centre as a Christian Chaplain and to coordinate Tapestry's involvement in this ministry. Jennifer has accepted the call with her official start date on August 15, 2016. Her main responsibility will be to maintain and coordinate Tapestry's chaplaincy presence on-campus, plan noontime concerts, and initiate meetings and events as need arises. Her previous training in hospital chaplaincy as well as her personal connection with the Jewish community makes her a great fit for this work.

Our hope is to continue to maintain a presence on the Richmond campus throughout the 2016/17 academic years and so we are asking that Classis and the CDT would continue to support this growing ministry opportunity by allocating **\$1.00 per professing member**. We want to thank Classis BCNW for your generous support of our ministry at KPU. 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

Coordinator at KPU Multi-Faith Centre

Associate Pastor at the Tapestry Church

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Acronym List

ACRCMBC	Association for the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in British Columbia <i>aka</i> Christian Reformed Campus Ministry at UNBC
BCSE	Classis British Columbia South-East
BOT	Board of Trustees (usually refers to the denominational board of trustees; however, the various agencies each have their own BOTs)
BTGMI	Back to God Ministries International (<i>formerly</i> The Back to God Hour)
CC	Candidacy Committee (<i>formerly</i> Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)
CCG	<i>see</i> CRCPD
CDT	Church Development Team (classical)
CM/IC	Classical Ministries / Interim Committee
CMLT	Classis Ministry Leadership Team (<i>formerly</i> Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)
CO	Church Order (<i>also</i> CO Art. = Church Order Article)
CPJ	Citizens for Public Justice
CRCM	Christian Reformed Campus Ministry (<i>see also</i> ACRCMBC)
CRCPD	Christian Reformed Centre for Public
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions
CTS	Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids MI
DMC	Diaconal Ministries Canada
DV	Deo Volente, Latin for “Lord Willing”
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
SFC	Student Fund Committee (classical)
SL	Sierra Leone (<i>as in</i> CRC in BC & SL)
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
TKU	The King’s University, Edmonton AB
UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC