



Session #75

WORSHIP MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2013

**Fellowship Evangelical Covenant Church
1569 - 44th Street
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426**

Officers of the Day

Presenter.....Rev. Marc Nelesen
Presenter....Rev. Joshua Van Drunen
Presenter.....Rev. David Den Haan
Classis Meeting Recorder..... Ms. Dee Van Heuvelen

Prior meeting activity

Article 1

As each delegate arrives he receives his name tag. Delegates attending Classis Georgetown for the first time sign the Form of Subscription. This constitutes the "Calling of the Role." Churches that have not previously sent their credentials provide them at this time.

Article 2

The credentials are given to the delegates from Evergreen Ministries Church who will serve as the Credentials Committee. They will report later in the meeting.

Welcome and Opening

Article 3

Rev. Marc Nelesen, Pastor of the Georgetown Church of Hudsonville, calls the meeting to order. He welcomes all the delegates to this meeting of Classis Georgetown. He especially welcomes visitors and those who are attending Classis for the

first time. He then leads the group in a liturgy for Work and Worship. Several songs are sung accompanied by Rev. Josh Van Drunen at the piano.

Article 4

The following are the delegates in attendance:

CHURCH	PASTOR	ELDER
Alive Ministries		Mel Vander Bie
Baldwin Street	Gerard Van Groningen	Paul Mellema
Bauer	Tim Holwerda	Ray Ringerwole
Cottonwood Heights	Matthew Palsrok	Dave De Boer
Evergreen Ministries	Tom Kragt	Rick Kennedy
Fairway	David Den Haan	John Machela
First Hudsonville	David Jolman	Bill Brower
First Jenison	Adam Barton	Cal Sall
Forest Grove	Jeffrey Scripps	Ric Van Dis
Friendship Chapel	Leonard Troast	Ben Scholten
Georgetown	Marc Nelesen	Brian De Roo
Hillcrest	Brian Bosscher	John Van Abbema
Immanuel	Robert Huisman	Larry Herweyer
Jamestown	Steven Hasper	Ben Harkema
Messiah	Terry Genzink	Rick Wierenga
Ridgewood		Mike Hoatlin
		Russell Alderink
Searchlight	Stan Drenth	Steve Haan
Trinity	Gerald Koning	Dan Postma
Twelfth Avenue	Mark Bennink	Delbert Dykstra
Zutphen	Joshua Van Drunen	Kraig Rotman

Other persons attending Classis:

Duane Vander Brug, Advisor Transition Chairman	Rev. Jim Vander Schaaf Criminal Justice Chaplaincy
Harold Postma Clerk of Classis	Tricia Bosma 10:24 Team Leader
Kathy Jelsema Asst. Treasurer	Dee Van Heuvelen Secretary Transition Team

Article 5

Rev. David Den Haan works through the report of the Transition Team. He invites several persons to assist him in his report. Some of those who contribute are: Rev. Tim Holwerda, Rev. Terry Genzink, Rev. Matt Palsrok, Rev. Bob Huisman and Kraig Rotman. Much very encouraging discussion is generated by this report.

Article 6

Rev. Josh Van Drunen offers a prayer for the work of the Transition Team.

Article 7

Rev. Tim Holwerda reports for the Student Fund Committee. He shares some of the current realities of the committee's work and shares that it is currently passing through a period of transition. This is received for information. It is also reported that Rev. Steve Hasper's term on the Student Fund Committitee is done and that a replacement needs to be selected. The names proposed for this position are: Rev. Robert Huisman, Rev. David Jolman and Rev. Matt Palsrok. A motion is made to move the selection of this person to our May 2013 meeting. The motion finds support and carries. Rev. Steve Hasper agrees to stay on the Committee until the decision is made in May.

Article 8

The Council of the Messiah Church presents a motion to approve the retirement of Rev. Terry Genzink on June 15, 2013. The motion finds support and carries.

Because Rev. Terry Genzink is retiring in June of this year, his position as Regional Pastor needs another person to be appointed.

Special acknowledgement of the work and contribution Rev. Genzink has made to Classis as Regional Pastor is made. His leadership and caring manner are recognized. A prayer of thanks for Rev. Genzink is offered by Rev. Josh Van Drunen. A song is sung at this time accompanied by Rev. Van Drunen.

Article 9

Rev. Gerry Koning has asked to be replaced as the Synodical Deputy for Classis Georgetown. He has finished one term and is unable to serve another term. Rev. Matt Palsrok, who is currently serving as alternate, is appointed as Deputy and Rev. Mark Bennink as appointed as Alternate Synodical Deputy. This is approved by motion made, supported and passed.

A prayer is offered to bless the work of the committees of Classis and to be a blessing to the new people taking the place of those leaving office. This followed by the singing of a song - "They will know we are Christians by our Love."

Article 10

First Jenison Christian Reformed Church reports that they have contacted the Pastoral Church Relations Committee of the denomination for assistance in their future procedural steps. This is received for information.

Article 11

The Treasurer's Report was presented. It was reported that our funds all currently have positive balances. This is received for information.

The report is followed by those in attendance joining in the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Article 12

The Credentials Committee presents their report. The major consideration on the credentials for this meeting is the request from Evergreen Ministries that Classis Georgetown approve the request from Searchlight Ministries that they be allowed to organize as a church in the classis and denomination. This comes as a motion to Classis. After much discussion the motion is approved.

Rev. Steven Hasper offers a prayer for the church at Searchlight Ministries.

Article 13

The Clerk of Classis distributes a number of notices that have been received since the agenda for this meeting was distributed. The denominational committee caring for the archives of each church advises that several pieces of information and history are missing from the churches of Classis Georgetown. A sheet is passed to the delegates so that each church can review the items missing from their church and take appropriate action.

The clerk distributes a ballot with the names of pastors and elders who are eligible to be delegates to the Synod of 2013. The group is asked if there are other names that could be added. When this procedure is complete he asks the delegates to vote for the nominees of their choice. The following is the result of the balloting:

Pastor Delegates

First Pastor Delegate - Rev. David Den Haan
Second Pastor Delegate - Rev. David Jolman

First Pastor Alternate - Rev. Mark Bennink
Second Pastor Alternate - Rev. Joshua Van Drunen

Elder Delegates

First Elder Delegate - Mr. Bernard Winkle

Second Elder Delegate - Mr. Donald Veltman

First Elder Alternate - Mr. John Van Abbema

A motion is made and supported to approve the work of the Clerk.
The motion carries.

A litany, using John 15, is recited by those in attendance.

We Break to enjoy a time of food and fellowship

Article 14

Rev. Bob Huisman led small group sessions in discussion of our memorable worship experiences.

Article 15

Harold Postma is retiring from his position of Stated Clerk after seven years of service. Expressions of thanks were given to Harold.

Article 16

We are led in a song in preparation for enjoying the Meal of Our Lord. A prayer of thanksgiving is offered concluded with the prayer our Lord taught us.

We Break the Bread and Drink the Cup

Communicants are asked to come forward to receive the elements

A closing song "Lord, Be Glorified" is sung

We receive the Blessing of the God

We leave to love and serve the Lord!