



SPECIAL CLASSIS CONTRACTA
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

**Georgetown Christian Reformed Church
 6475 40th Avenue
 Hudsonville, Michigan 49426**

Officers of the Day

President.....Rev. Gerry Koning
 Interim Stated Clerk..... Ms. Dee Van Heuvelen

I. Prior meeting activity

Article 1

Each delegate received a name tag on arrival, which listed his name and church name. Delegates attending Classis Georgetown for the first time signed the Covenant for Officebearers. This constitutes the "Calling of the Roll." Every church in attendance submitted their credentials electronically before the meeting.

Article 2

The following are the delegates in attendance:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>ELDER</u>
Alive Ministries		
Baldwin Street	Jerry Van Groningen	Carl Wiersum
Bauer	Doug Buys	Pete Van Weerdhuizen
Cottonwood Heights		
EverGreen Ministries	Tom Kragt	Rick Kennedy
Fairway	David Den Haan	Mark Dykema
First Hudsonville	David Jolman	Gary De Haan
First Jenison	Adam Barton	Don Wierenga
Forest Grove	Jeff Scripps	Garry Walters
Friendship Chapel	Josh Benton	Ben Scholten
Georgetown	Marc Nelesen	
Hillcrest	Brian Bosscher	Bruce Duthler
Immanuel	Robert Huisman	Robert Nesky
Jamestown		
Messiah	Don Veltman	

Ridgewood
Searchlight
Trinity
Twelfth Avenue
Zutphen

James Elders
Stan Drenth
Gerald Koning
Mark Bennink

Jeff Vander Woude
Norm Schut

Other persons attending Classis:

Duane Vander Brug
Transition Team Chair/Facilitator

Kathy Jelsema
Assistant Treasurer

Dee VanHeuvelen
Interim Stated Clerk

II. Welcome and Opening Worship

Article 3

- Rev. Gerry Koning, president of Classis, welcomed all in attendance at this meeting in which Mr. Josh Shaarda, presently serving in Uganda, will be examined for the role of Commissioned Pastor. He specifically thanked Georgetown Christian Reformed Church for their hospitality.
- President Koning's text for his devotions was Colossians 4:7-16.
- Lunch followed our devotion time.

III. Promoting Healthy Leaders

Article 4

- President Koning constituted the meeting of Classis Contracta per Church Order Supplement, Article 40-b.
- The oral exam for Josh was held to fulfill a motion made at the May 16, 2013, meeting of Classis Georgetown, at which time it was moved to hold this meeting within 3 months from said date.
- Josh was introduced by way of a teleconference by Rev. Marc Nelesen of Georgetown CRC.
- Rev. Stan Drenth led the exam of Josh for the position of Commissioned Pastor, as recommended by Georgetown CRC, per Church Order Article 23 and its Supplements.
- This was followed by a time of open questions to Josh by delegates.
- **Motion was made and supported to approve Josh for the office of Commissioned Pastor, followed by discussion. Classis delegates then voted unanimously for the approval of this motion.**

IV. Celebration

Article 5

- President Koning informed Josh of his new role in the church and that he will now be able to both baptize and serve communion.
- Rev. Brian Bosscher led us in singing the doxology and then prayed for Josh and his wife, Mandy.
- All the delegates extended a hand of blessing to the Shaarda's.
- All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves to the Shaarda's and comment as led.
- Josh expressed his thanks and appreciation to Classis Georgetown for allowing him to go through the process of becoming a Commissioned Pastor. He is quoted as saying "God designed me to live in Africa."

V. Closing

Article 6

- President Koning closed the meeting by dismissing the delegates.