

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN MINUTES

Christian Reformed Church in North America

Thursday, December 6, 2012

7:30 PM

Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church
3617 Hillcrest Road
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426

Officers for this meeting

President – Rev. Gerry Koning
Vice President – Mark Bennink
Stated Clerk – Harold Postma

Prior meeting detail

As the delegates arrive they are given their name tag for the evening. This constitutes the calling of the roll. Delegates who are attending Classis Georgetown for the first time sign the Form of Subscription.

There are five churches that did not previously send their credentials. Two of these churches present them at this time. The delegates from Jamestown Church, Friendship Chapel and Searchlight Ministries are not in attendance.

Delegates to the December 6, 2012 meeting of Classis Georgetown

CHURCH	PASTOR	ELDER
Baldwin Street	Jerry Van Groningen	Floyd Brouwer
Bauer		Peter Van Weedhuizen Rich Vander Meulen
Cottonwood	Matt Palsrok	Randy Lohman
Evergreen Ministries		Rick Kennedy
Fairway	David Den Haan	Don Heerema
Frist Hudsonville	David Jolman	Neil De Kievit
First Jenison		Gordon Mast Don Wierenga
Friendship Chapel		
Forest Grove	Jeffrey Scripps	Robert Van Den Berg
Georgetown	Marc Nelesen	John Van Regenmorter
Hillcrest	Brian Bosscher	Gordon De Kruyter
Immanuel		Roger Lutke Jim Schut
Jamestown		
Messiah	Terry Genzink	Don Veltman
Ridgewood	KC Vande Streek	Bernie Winkle
Searchlight		
Trinity	Gerry Koning	Ross Jelsema
Twelfth Avenue	Mark Bennink	Ron Nyhoff
Zutphen	Josh Van Drunen	Kevin Brouwer

Visitors and Guests attending the December 6, 2012 meeting of Classis Georgetown

Duane Vander Brug Chairman, Transition Team	Kevin Van Wyhe Candidate	Harold Postma Clerk of Classis
Tricia Bosma 10:24 Leader	Dee Van Heuvelen Secretary, Transition Team	Kathy Jelsema Assistant Treasurer

Welcome

Article 1

President Rev. Gerry Koning welcomes the delegates and other visitors to this special session of Classis Georgetown. He welcomes Rev. Adam Barton who has become the Interim Pastor at the First Jenison Church. He also acknowledges Rev. KC Vande Streek who has accepted a call to a church in northern New Jersey and will be leaving the Ridgewood Church soon after the beginning of the New Year. He declares Classis to be constituted and in session.

Article 2

Rev. Koning leads us in our devotions. He reads from Matthew 9:35-38 and leads us in a time of worship. In his devotion, he quotes from the book "Sticky Faith" which says that 40% of young people who are involved with churches in high school will leave the church in their young adult years. Rev. Koning shares with us that at this meeting we have an opportunity to approve a healthy leader. He will serve the Hillcrest Church in disciplining young people. Rev. Koning reminds us how important healthy leadership can be. He then introduces Rev. Brian Bosscher from the Hillcrest Church who leads us in singing two songs.

We Gather to Welcome a New Servant

Article 3

Rev. Koning reminds us of the purpose of our meeting and explains what will take place. Because the person being interviewed will become a commissioned pastor in the Christian Reformed Church his position needs to be approved. He asks for a motion to approve the position description as presented by the Hillcrest Church. This information has previously been sent to all the delegates. The motion finds support and carries.

Article 4

Rev. Koning shares with the delegates and those in attendance that the position description also needs to be approved by representatives of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Earlier, the position description was sent for approval to the Synodical Deputies from Classes Grand Rapids North, Grand Rapids South and Grandville. This group has unanimously approved the position description.

Article 5

The candidate, Mr. Kevin Van Wyhe, is introduced and interviewed by Ms. Tricia Bosma. She visits with him regarding his previous experience and the events that prompted his desire to become a Commissioned Pastor. She also asks about his vision for his work at Hillcrest Church.

Article 6

Rev. Marc Nelesen, pastor at the Georgetown Church, evaluates the Candidate regarding the sermon that he preached for this occasion. Rev. Nelesen and Rev. John Van Regenmorter had been requested by Classis to attend a worship service where Mr. Van Wyhe was to lead in worship. He had been assigned verses from scripture by Classis on which to base his message. Rev. Nelesen reviews the message and the worship service and congratulates the candidate on having done excellent work.

Article 7

The candidate is now interviewed on his theological knowledge and application. This part of the interview delves into the education, training and experience that the candidate has had. This part of the interview is done by Rev. Terry Genzink from the Messiah Church. A review of Scripture and of the Reformed Confessions is included.

Article 8

The floor of Classis is opened for any of the delegates in attendance to question the candidate.

Article 9

Classis Georgetown enters into Executive Session. All those not delegated to this session of Classis are asked to leave the room.

A motion is made to confirm Kevin Van Wyhe as a Commissioned Pastor at the Hillcrest Church of the Christian Reformed Church in North America under Article 23e of the Church Order. The motion is supported and carries.

A second motion is made and supported to allow Kevin Van Whye to exercise his calling as a Commissioned Pastor, outside of his calling church, to all of the churches in Classis Georgetown under Article 23e of the Church Order. The motion carries.

Classis returns to regular session and visitors are readmitted.

Article 10

Rev. Koning announces the results of the Executive Session. As a result of the completion of the examination and the approval of the Synodical Deputies, a Classical Diploma is presented to Kevin Van Wyhe. A period of congratulations takes place and a prayer for the work of Rev. Van Wyhe is offered by Rev. Brian Bosscher. This is done as a large group of persons in attendance gather around the candidate and lay hands on him. This session of Classis is closed by the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Article 11

A time of fellowship and refreshment follows in the lounge of the church.

We Leave to Love and Serve the Lord