

# agenda

**17, 2013**

## *The Transition Team* – **April**

Classis Georgetown of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

**Transforming Lives and Communities**

@ 12<sup>th</sup> Ave CRC – 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Opening – Dave

TT redacted Minutes of 03-13-13

Today's agenda check: Corrections/additions - appendices attached for your convenience  
(Bring your check to Marc for \$48.88 – reference Apr. Banner p 21)

Next meetings: May 22@ Trinity CRC; June ??@ ??

### 1. Today

#### **A Classis May 2013 meeting:** *Risky Compassion*

Gerry emailed proposed schedule to TT Apr. 11 – ref. appendix 6  
-Does TT need to say more re the loan to Alive?

#### **B Morphing into a VT** – next steps?

- Recruiting value-stewards (will email before mtg or take copies to mtg) Dave & Marc  
- Regional pastor selection process

#### **C. Grant policy** (See appendix #4) – Church Renewal Learning Lab?

#### **D Prayer Summit local events** – ref Appendix #1 & 2

### Updates & Info

**A Interim stated clerk** – Dee will report her SC activities to TT in writing

**B MissionInsite interpret meeting** – Duane (Appendix #3)

**C 2012 financials** – Mel

**D Stats '13 Yrbk** – Classis total membership **9,119** (2012 - 9,161) Recd evangelism **29**  
(2012-35: Alive not reporting). Ratio **1:314** (CRCNA ratio 1:79)

**E Newsletter** – Dee

Round-about observations, comments...

Closing – Duane

## *Transforming Lives and Communities*

### **APPENDICIES**

#### **#1 From Sam Huizenga – Prayer Summit - requests:**

1. That every CRC in the denomination **pray THIS SUNDAY** for those who will be attending. If you have anyone going to California, send them off with your prayers. Pray, too, for those who will speak, lead workshops, the mini army of volunteers and others connected with the Summit.

2. **Show “Prayer is...” video.** This is a powerful video reminder of why we are gathering to pray.

3. **“Watch and Pray”** - There’s still time to sign up and join us! Best done with others in small or larger groups, it’s easy to do. Choose from Dr. Richard Mouw (Tuesday PM) and/or Rev. Jeffrey Hough (Wednesday PM). Look for the “Watch and Pray” words on the website for more information.

For complete details, go to [www.crcna.org/prayersummit](http://www.crcna.org/prayersummit)

- **April 16 – Richard Mouw (available anytime after 1:00 pm EST, April 16)**
- **April 17 – Jeffrey Hough (available anytime after 1:00 pm EST, April 17)**

**#2 From Classis GR East - Prayer Summit** – On April 15–17 hundreds of people will gather at All Nations Church in Los Angeles, California for the 2<sup>nd</sup> CRC Prayer Summit. We have an opportunity to see and experience the Summit here in Grand Rapids. On **Tuesday, April 16 at 7 pm we will have a Classis GR East sponsored Watch and Pray meeting at the Calvin Seminary auditorium.** Dr. Richard Mouw’s Prayer Summit keynote address will be rebroadcasted after which we will pray together using the Prayer Summit theme *Your Kingdom Come*. You are invited - *encouraged!* - to join in this denominational prayer time.

#### **#3 Missioninsite report and interpretation session**

The Transition Team will plan a session by Amy Schenkel of CRC Home Missions **to interpret the statistical data.** The project was funded by a grant to CRHM. These reports are attached for you consideration/study and will be posted on the classis web site.

~ The attached reports sent to the churches for review are in **three report areas** (Hudsonville, Jenison and Grandville) from a **two mile radius** of those general areas. Attached also were a **QuickInsite** and a more lengthy **ExecutiveInsite** on each radius along with a few help documents to assist in interpreting the wealth of information included in these reports. For an in-depth look at the Mosaic Profiles listed in the Executive report, visit

<http://missioninsite.com/missionimpact-guide/>

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## 4. RE GRANT POLICY - dvb

Immanuel's request for a grant for revitalization caught us a bit behind ... here's my thoughts initially...ck in if you wish....

### As background:

- ~ Constant renewal is an *on-going* concern of every organization and church and therefore needs to be part of its annual "R&D" budget.
  - ~ Since Classis has adopted five values, the TT with the approval of classis has related these grants closely to its values so there is alignment of mission and money.
  - ~ Grant applications usually sent out in April are for the calendar/fiscal yr 2014.
  - ~ Grants for 2013 can be decided by TT/classis IF
    - a) classical funds are available
    - b) the request is in line with the five values
    - c) the church has financial need.
  - ~ Exceptions or partial *encouragement* grants can be made even if the church does not have financial need.
  - ~ If classis makes a full or partial grant for revitalization, the opportunity to apply for such a grant should be made known to ALL the churches of classis.
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## #5 Classis Agenda

May 16, 2013, 3:00 - Harbor House Ministries, The Cove

Welcome/Roll Call (5 min) [Gerry](#)

Opening Devotions and Worship (10 min) [Gerry](#)

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

"Beautiful One"

Classis will review and approve the Job Description of **Josh Shaarda** for the position of Commissioned Pastor according to Church Order Article 23 as recommended by Georgetown CRC. (4 min)

Classis will receive the concurrence of the Synodical Deputies for this Job Description. (1 min)

Classis will review and approve the Job Description of Cory Nederveld for the position of Commissioned Pastor according to Church Order as recommended by Cottonwood CRC. (4 min)

Classis will receive the concurrence of the Synodical Deputies for this Job Description. (1 min)

Examination of Cory Nederveld for the position of Commissioned Pastor (45 min) [Contact Brian Bosscher](#)

Discussion and approval by Classis Delegates (15 min)

Prayer for Cory Nederveld and Celebration (10 min) [Contact Matt Palsrock](#)

Worship around theme of **Risky Compassion** based on teaching of Luke 14:1-24 (10 min) [Gerry](#)  
 “Differently Abled”  
 “Open Our Eyes”

Presentation by Mark Stephenson on Disability Concerns (10 min) [Mark S.](#)

Prayer (5 min) [Contact Mark Stephenson](#)

Dinner with Harbor House residents (5:00 – 6:00) [Gerry](#)

Classis Reports:

Treasurer’s Report (10 min) [Mel](#)

Clerk’s Report (5 min) [Dee](#)

Student Fund Report (10 min) [Contact Tim](#)

Reports from churches in transition – First Jenison, Ridgewood, Friendship Chapel, and  
 Evergreen (15 min) [Contact all 3 churches](#)

10:24 Team report (5 min) [Contact Tricia](#)

Transition Team Report – Marc and Dave present job descriptions (20 min) [Marc and Dave](#)

Credentials Committee Report by First CRC of Hudsonville (5 min) [Contact Dave Johlman](#)

Presentation on “Just Faith” by Marc Nelesen and Bob Alderink (10 min) [Contact Marc and Bob](#)

Small group discussion on Risky Compassion in our churches – *Appreciative Inquiry* (20 min) [Gerry](#)

Closing Worship and Communion service (15 min) [Gerry and Harbor House residents](#) - [Contact Peg](#)  
 “Be Thou My Vision”

Closing remarks and Benediction (5 min) [Gerry](#)

8:00

**#6** From Marc Nelesen - Friday, January 4, 2013 (bold – dvb)

Bonus quote - Walter Brueggemann worth pondering (bold = dvb)

“Everyone now agrees that we are at a new season in the life of the North American church, a new season that is starkly different from what was but that has almost taken us by surprise. That new season of dislocation is surely to be seen as a profound challenge to the church.

It is, moreover, widely felt, not without reason, to be **an invitation for newness together** that moves past old postures that predictably, perhaps inevitably, produced quarrels.

The massive and unarguable dislocation of the conventional church may be an occasion for a common resubmission to the power of God’s Spirit.”