

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN TRANSITION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of January 16, 2013, 8:30 AM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Trinity Christian Reformed Church**

**1-1:** Josh began our devotions by mentioning that the way Google is mapping is being changed. Their theme is "You will never be lost again." He mentioned that if we are never lost, how will we ever know our lostness. He told about some of the challenges of raising a young family and how there must be times when God sees more within us than we are able to see. He opened with prayer.

**1-2: Present:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Den Haan, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Josh Van Drunen, and Ms. Tricia Bosma, representing 10:24.

**STAFF:** Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant/Treasurer and Web Keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer), Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor)

**1-3: The Transition Team redacted minutes of the December 12, 2012, meeting were accepted as written and will be posted on the web site.**

**1-4: Classis meeting of February 21, 2013, Dave, Marc and Josh:**

A. Communication:

- 1, Two weeks before this meeting a letter and several other pieces of information will be sent electronically to all of our churches.
- 2, Included in this information will be copies of the following three documents: Vision, Value and Structure of Classis, and Value Stewards.
- 3, Josh will ask Harold to work with him on processing credentials electronically.

**1-5: Radical Hospitality seminar, Marc reporting:**

- A. Topic is the same as one of our adopted values.
- B. Seminar will be held at Georgetown United Methodist Church in Jenison on January 25 and 26.
- C. Presenters are well known theologians Rev. Walter Brueggemann and Bishop William Willimon.
- D. If anyone wants to attend, they are asked to contact the church directly.

**1-6: Job description for Mr. Josh Shaarda, Marc reporting:**

On behalf of Mr. Josh Shaarda, who is a missionary with Christian Reformed World Missions serving in Uganda, Marc reported that the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church is requesting that Classis approve a job description so that Josh can serve in the office of Commissioned Pastor. This will enable him to participate more fully in the life of the church in Uganda.

**1-7: Jamestown Christian Reformed Church:**

The Transition Team has asked Josh and Rev. Terry Genzink, current regional pastor, to schedule a visit to Jamestown.

**1-8: Values:**

TT needs to get the right leaders in place at the right time. They would like to have commitments by September. Rev. Terry Genzink has been recommended to fill a leadership position in the new structure since he will be retiring this year. Josh will talk to him about this and funding for this position is available.

**1-9: Financial report, Mel reporting:**

- A. The budget is reflecting increasingly the values that Classis has adopted, and it continues to hold its own.
- B. **The work of the Treasurer was accepted.**

**1-10: First Jenison, Tricia reporting:**

- A. They have some issues/concerns with Classis that they would like addressed.
- B. One of those issues is the possibility of financial help for a staff person.
- C. TT needs to make some decisions about what we can do to help bring resolution.

**1-11: Classis representation on denominational boards, Duane reporting:**

There is less proportional representation based on total family members on these boards from Classis Georgetown than from other classes in the CRC denomination. The Transition Team is concerned about the perception of those churches outside of our area that west Michigan has too much power and influence. It was decided not to make further inquiry.

**1-12: Other business:**

**A. Dr. Harry Reeder seminar:**

- 1, Attendance is encouraged at the seminar on January 22-24 at EverGreen Ministries.
- 2, Calvin Seminary is considering adding church revitalization to its curriculum.

**B. Grant:**

Larry Doornbos informed us that CR Home Missions has a grant to do an updated precept (now called Missioninsite) study for Classis Georgetown. TT decided to request one for classis either as a whole or as separate regions. a grant to do an updated precept study for Classis Georgetown.

**C. Friendship Chapel:**

Since Friendship is looking for some financial aid for a particular need. TT encouraged them to ask some neighboring churches.

**D. Tricia, 10:24:**

She will be making contacts for the next 10:24 Training session which will be held on February 21, 2013, at noon, immediately preceding the February Class meeting.

**E. Schedule for future meetings:**

Due to some schedule changes, including Tricia's new fulltime employment, future meetings will be scheduled next month.

**F. Newsletter:**

The next edition is in process and should be in our churches before the end of January.

**1-13: Next meeting dates:**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013, 8:30 AM, ZUTPHEN CRC, Mark, devotions**

**1-14: Mark closed our meeting with prayer**

**Assignments:**

*Classis agenda, Marc, Dave, and Josh*

*10:24 Recruiting, Tricia*

*Letters and communication about next Classis meeting, Dave and Dee*

*Jamestown CRC, Gerry, Josh and Terry G.*

*Value Steward position, Josh*

Respectfully submitted,

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