

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM
Minutes of October 30, 2014, 12:30 PM to 2:05 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC

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10-1: Gerry led us in our devotions by referencing a Faith Formation conference that he had attended. The questions asked were what will this look like and what will be the end result. He shared that his thoughts about this are that who each of us is in Christ is the end result already. He shared Psalm 46:10 by separating it into 5 different "texts." The first was the entire text, "Be still and know that I am God," followed by "Be still and know that I am," "Be still and know," "Be still," and "Be." He followed his thoughts with opening prayer.

10-2: Vision Team:

Roll Call, PRESENT: Duane was warmly welcomed back from his medical leave.

MEMBERS: Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Larry Doornbos, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen

STAFF: Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), Rev. Josh Van Drunen (Classis Meeting Planner), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer) and Mrs. Dee VanHeuvelen (Administrative Assistant/Newsletter Editor/Stated Clerk)

10-3: Classis meeting of February 19, 2015, Dave, Gerry, and Josh reporting:

- A. The theme will be Daring Hospitality and the meeting will be held downstairs at Trinity CRC.
- B. Tentative plans are to have a Sudanese meal and worship service.
- C. Sam Huizinga, from CRCHM, will be doing a presentation.
- D. Discussion was held as to developing a plan to determine which organizations, committees, or churches in special situations will be invited to have time on the agenda. Gerry will work on this by possibly including this on his VT report, and then having a time for prayer in small groups.

10-4: Classis meeting of May 21, 2015, Mark reporting:

- A. Dr. John Witvliet, Director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, has been contacted to do a presentation on some aspect of worship. Suggestion was made to have this be an interactive event.
- B. Mark would like to include a communion service at this meeting.
- C. Another suggestion is to have 3 worship leaders and 3 pastors each do 10 minutes of teaching, followed by table conversation.
- D. Question raised was does every classis meeting needs a teaching time, or could we spend more time in worship.

10-5: Widening the classical culture ripples, Duane reporting:

Many thoughts/questions were raised during an extended conversation, such as:

- ~what is our vision of "doable things" for the next year
- ~what our are planned "outcomes"
- ~how do we move outside of classis
- ~what is the connection between CRHM and classis and how can this relationship be beneficial to both bodies
- ~how can we concentrate on building neighborhoods rather than churches
- ~where do we see classis in connection with the SPACT report, or the RCA

- ~what pulls us together and what can we work on together
- ~what 1-2 programs/ministries does each church do well
- ~grants need redoing as to purposes and goals
- ~church/pastor evaluations are a good tool to start with
- ~important causes need a “champion” to get them started
- ~cross cultural efforts are too large for one church
- ~each Value Steward will draw up a ½ page statement of their thoughts before our next meeting
- ~what does the name “classis” mean today

10:6 Provocative Vision reports:

- A. Healthy Leaders/Regional Pastors**, Marc, reporting:
The Regional Co-Pastors lunch held on October 28 was very well attended and created a lot of good conversation and suggestions about their needs.
- B. Collaborative Relationships**, no report
- C. Empowering Worship**, Mark, reporting:
Five of the Jenison churches (Baldwin Street, 1st Jenison, Ridgewood, Cottonwood, and 12th Avenue) have been holding joint worship services usually the 3rd Sunday evening of the month, and they have been well attended.
All classis pastors have been sent an e-mail reminding them to register for the Calvin Worship Symposium in January.
- D. Daring Hospitality**, Dave reporting:
Dave is planning a lunch soon for all pastors and/or worship leaders interested in focusing worship on hospitality.
- E. Risky Compassion**, no report

10-7: Closing prayer: offered by Dave

10-8: Next meeting THURSDAY, December 4, 2014 at 12:30 PM (lunch meeting) at Georgetown CRC Larry, opening devotions; Marc, closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

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