

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Redacted Minutes of March 18, 2014, 1:00 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Classis Georgetown Office**  
**5923 Gleneagle Trail, Hudsonville, MI**

**3-1:** Mel began our first meeting as a Vision Team by reading from Genesis 5. He mentioned the 10 generations between Adam and Noah, and the name of the head of each generation. He passed out cards to all of us with the name of the person on the front and the Hebrew meaning of each name on the back. The team was first asked to read their name in chronological order and then to read the Hebrew meaning of the name on the back. When the meanings of the names are read in order it points to how God has His hand in planning everything in the Bible. In the same way, He has planned out everything in Classis Georgetown. It is our mission to uncover and discover His will for our classis. He then opened our meeting by asking for God's guidance and wisdom in following His plan.

**3-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

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

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

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Rev. Larry Doornbos

**3-3: The Transition Team minutes of February 4, 2014, were accepted as written.**

**3-4: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service reflections, Mark reporting:**

- A. Mark sent out evaluation forms to all the pastors.
- B. Overall comments were very good, with high marks for the venue.
- C. Suggestions were given as to how often to have these events with responses ranging from every year to every 3 years.
- D. Mark was thanked for all of his work in making this evening a memorable event.

**3-5: The Vision Team and Its Work:**

- A. Learn a new role.
- B. Name the present times.
- C. Envision a bold new future.
- D. Discern key actions to be fruitful.
- E. Remove obstacles.
- F. Empower the five Value teams with clear roles.
- G. The Vision Team will handle the work normally assigned to the Classical Interim Committee.

**3-6: Value Team's workflow and agendas:**

- A. Suggested that each team keep a running journal that serves as its input to each Vision Team meeting, is easy to update and to check progress.
- B. List a few priorities and create timelines for these priorities, including recruiting lead people.
- C. Make course corrections as necessary.
- D. Journals can be posted on the web for real time reporting.

**3-7: Big Tent concerns, Marc reporting:**

- A. Ministry Shares
  - 1. The Vision Team will send a letter over Dee's signature to each of our 20 churches asking the how and why of the way each of them decides the amount of classical and denominational ministry shares it will contribute.
  - 2. Mel will supply the financial data for these letters.
- B. A Ministry to Ministers
  - 1. Marc has been working with Pine Rest to provide services to clergy and family members.
  - 2. Services would include 2 visits per year, a hot-line, lectures and strategic work.
  - 3. Annual cost to our classis is \$1,000.
  - 4. Marc was encouraged to proceed with this work.
- C. Regional pastors have made 4 clergy contacts since our last meeting.

**3-8: Grant letters:**

- A. Grant letters will be sent by Dee to all present grant recipients.
- B. She will send grant information to all of our churches and refer them to the updated application process, which can be found on our classis website.

**3-9: Other:**

Rev. Tim Holwerda has agreed to work as the Prayer Coordinator for classis.

**3-10: Closing prayer:** Gerry closed our meeting with prayer for the work accomplished.

**3-11: Next meeting dates:**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, 1 PM, Georgetown CRC, Mark, devotions; Dave, prayer**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014, 1 PM, Trinity CRC, Kathy, devotions; Marc, prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

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