

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes of May 18, 2016, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

**Georgetown CRC**  
**6475 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

**5-1:** Mark began our meeting by reading Acts 2:1-4, where the story of Pentecost is recorded. The disciples were all together when they experienced the sound of a violent blowing wind, and saw what seemed like tongues of fire resting on each of them, and each began to speak in tongues as the Holy Spirit filled each one. Mark asked the question of how the Holy Spirit is using each of us today. This was followed by prayer thanking the Holy Spirit for his work today.

**5-2: Vision Team:**

**Roll Call, PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Larry Doornbos, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Marc Nelesen. **STAFF:** Rev. Duane VanderBrug (Chair/Facilitator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer/Web keeper), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer), Ms. Tricia Bosma, Alternate Stated Clerk, and Ms. Dee VanHeuvelen

**5-3: Financial Report, Mel, reporting:**

Mel reported that at this point the VT is able to pay all of their obligations.

**5-4: Stated Clerk's Report, Dee reporting:**

**A. The following motion from First Jenison Christian Reformed Church was made, seconded, and carried:**

**The council of First Jenison Christian Reformed Church seeks the approval of Classis Georgetown on the decision of First Jenison Christian Reformed Church to disband. The effective date to disband will be July 11, 2016.**

**B. The following motion from Ridgewood CRC was MSC:**

**The council of the Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church requests Classis Georgetown to grant Rev. Jim Molenbeek honorable emeritation retroactive to June 30, 2015, for the reason of age. ( A similar motion was recorded in the March 24, 2016, minutes of the Classis Georgetown Vision Team, but was not acted on due to problems of miscommunication).**

**C. The following motion from Baldwin Street CRC was MSC:**

**The council of Baldwin Street Christian Reformed Church is asking for the confirmation and blessing of Classis Georgetown for the honorable emeritation of Rev. Jerry Van Groningen, effective June 30, 2016, for reason of age.**

**5:5: Other business:**

- A.** At the request of the council of Baldwin Street CRC for a counselor during their upcoming vacancy, the Vision Team has approved Rev. Mark Bennink for that position.
- B.** Per Larry's information, Commissioned Pastor Caleb Walcott is now serving full time as a chaplain at Holland Hospice. **Motion was MSC to transfer supervision of this work from Evergreen Ministries to Holland Hospice.**

**5-6: Transitioning, Duane hosting:**

Some of the following topics were discussed:

- History of CGMB, TT, and VT
- VT members are all on 3 year terms
- Classis work has changed from administrative to worship to themes
- Various ways in which classis has grown
- Regional Pastors have become proactive
- No longer just a calendar driven agenda
- Need to think creatively, listen to the Spirit
- Necessary to turn closing of First Jenison into celebration of what may now come
- What does collaboration look like with 19 churches.
- How can we get churches to grow in numbers of people brought in
- What are the next steps

**5-7: Closing prayer was offered by Dave.**

**Next meeting dates:**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 12:30 PM, Evergreen, Panera,  
Mel opening, Larry closing**

**Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 12:30 PM Trinity, Panera,  
Dave opening, Mel closing**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 12:30 PM 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Panera,  
Kathy opening, Marc closing**

Respectfully submitted,

*Dee VanHeuvelen*

Admin. Ass't./Alternate Stated Clerk,  
Classis Georgetown VT