

**CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM**  
**Minutes of October 4, 2018 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM**

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

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

**10-1:** Susan opened our meeting by sharing verses from Joshua 4. It's important to TRUST God and believe what he can do! God parts the waters for us and makes ministry happen. Susan opened with prayer.

**10-2:** Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call, PRESENT:

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Dave Jolman, Rev. Susan LaClear, Rev. Marc Nelesen,  
Rev. Josh VanDrunen

**STAFF:** Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator), Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer),  
Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

**10-3: Additional Agenda items:**

- A. Informal PM worship survey: Marc Nelesen presented his findings after completing a classis-wide survey; re: evening worship.
- B. Jim Roskam received an email from Laura Koning (Trinity CRC) asking to become our new Disability Concerns representative. Glenda will follow-up with Marc Stephenson.

**10-4 July Vision Team Meeting Minutes and August 23 Retreat Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are accepted as written.

**10-5 Financial Report from Mel:**

- A. Mel reports that the finances are in good shape. F
- B. Mel presented the proposed budget for 2019. He noted some changes:
  - 1. New line item for clergy couples
  - 2. Student aid increased \$5,000
  - 3. Grants adjusted as agreed upon at Vision Team retreat
- C. To make the explanation easier at the Classis meeting, footnotes will be added at the bottom of the agenda to clarify changes.

**10-6: Stated Clerk's Report:**

- A. Glenda has asked for Classis to purchase a new computer for her Stated Clerk work. It would be advisable to purchase a Dropbox account for Classis' information and files. Glenda and Kathy will work together on this purchase.
- B. Future Vision Team meetings:
  - Thursday, November 15, Georgetown CRC
  - Thursday, December 13, Georgetown CRC
- C. Upcoming Classis Meetings:
  - Thursday, October 18, at Alive Ministries
  - Thursday, February 28, 2019 (time and location – TBD)
  - Thursday, May 30, 2019 (time and location – TBD)
- D. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

**10-7: Regional Pastors report**

- A. Dave and Marc continue to serve the pastors of our classis.
- B. In 2019 they will begin to explore ways to encourage clergy marriages.
- C. Reading group will meet on November 14 at First Hudsonville CRC at 11:30 AM. The book to be discussed is "Boundaries for Leaders" by Henry Cloud and John Pearson.
- D. A regional pastors conference will be held in February in Orlando.

**10-8: Vision Team Report for Classis Meeting**

Jim wrote a concise report highlighting the work of the Vision Team. A copy will be sent to delegates along with the agenda and Jim will present the report on behalf of the Vision Team at the October 18 meeting.

**10-9: October 18 Classis Meeting Agenda**

- A. Final details are reviewed. Agenda will be sent along with reports.
- B. We will end our evening celebrating the Lord's Supper together. Susan and the elders at Alive will prepare the elements.

**10-10: Rev. Brian Bosscher will be retiring on May 1, 2019.**

This will be on the February Classis Meeting Agenda.

**10-11: REV Talks**

This has been a good time of interaction for our Classis. Approximately 35-50 people show up, depending on the week and the topic being presented.

**10-12: Mentor for Rev. Matthew Slack**

For information: Rev. Nate Meldrim will serve as Matt's mentor.

**10-13: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Close and Bless**

At our October 18 Classis meeting we will consider the motion to close 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue CRC at the end of 2018. Mark Bennink will give a PowerPoint presentation at Classis highlighting the blessings of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue (to our classis, to the CRCNA, and to the Jenison/Hudsonville community).

**10-14: Habitat Project and Social Media**

- A. Jim wonders if we could promote the project via our website and/or Facebook page. Kathy reports that not enough people are looking at these pages to make this worthwhile.
- B. Jim will ask Habitat to send updates to Glenda and she will forward on to churches.

**10-15: Faith Formation - Canoeing Mountains**

Canoeing Mountains is a workshop (sponsored by Faith Formation CRCNA) that helps leaders grow in understanding so that they can navigate continuous change and be adaptive leaders. This could be considered for a possible Classis Meeting presentation.

**10-16: Colossian Forum**

Marc Nelesen presented the ministry of Colossian Forum as a possible Classis meeting topic and presentation. He will be meeting with Chris DeVos, leader of The Colossian Way, to discuss opportunities for Chris to be present in a future meeting of Classis Georgetown.

**10-17: Time to Connect about ourselves and our churches**

- A. We continue to pray for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue CRC as they close their church and ministry at the end of the year.
- B. Prayers are needed for Trinity CRC in a time of uncertainty and negativity. They have been encouraged to talk with classis leaders.

**10-18: Mark Bennink closed our meeting with prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Tebben*

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES**

**Vision Team:**

- Thursday, November 15, Georgetown CRC, **Josh, opening; Kathy, closing**
- Thursday, December 13, Georgetown CRC, **Marc N, opening; Glenda, closing**

**Classis Meetings:**

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