

# CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of June 20, 2019 ~ 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

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

**6-1** Susan LaClear shared thoughts from the workbook, *Discovering Our Spiritual Identity: Practices for God's Beloved* by Trevor Hudson. Susan opens the meeting with prayer.

## **6-2 Vision Team (VT):**

Roll Call, PRESENT:

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Susan LaClear, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Matthew Slack

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

Roll Call, ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Mark Bennink, Rev. Josh VanDrunen

**STAFF:** Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Assistant Treasurer),

## **6-3 May Vision Team Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are accepted as written.

## **6-4 Financial Report from Mel**

- A. Finances continue to be in good shape. Funds continue to come in.
- B. Mel hopes to have a preliminary 2020 budget ready by the August retreat.

## **6-5 Stated Clerk's Report:**

- A. Mr. Jim Stuck of Bauer CRC will supervise Brian Boucek's Commissioned Pastor Learning Plan. Tim Holwerda asked pastors in the classis to be responsible for specific areas of the plan.
- B. Motion is made to approve sending credentials of Rev. Tim Holwerda to Friendship CRC in Byron Center. Motion seconded and carried.
- C. Rev. Tim Holwerda served as our Classis Prayer Coordinator. Glenda will contact Tim to find out what this position entails and ask for suggestions for a replacement.
- D. August 15 Classis Meeting, examination of Mr. Gale Tien:
  - 1. Glenda will contact Rev. Terry Genzink and Rev. Stan Drenth and ask if they are willing to serve as sermon evaluators (Gale will preach and lead the AM service at Messiah CRC on August 4).
  - 2. Glenda has emailed synodical deputies, asking for their availability
- E. Motion is made to approve the Stated Clerk registering for the Christian Reformed Church Polity resource offered through Calvin Seminary at the cost of \$121.00. Motion seconded and carried.
- F. Meeting Dates were set through the end of 2019:
  - Vision Team Meetings:
    - Thursday, July 25 – 12 noon
    - Thursday, August 22 – 9:00 AM – retreat
    - Thursday, October 3 – 12 noon
    - Thursday, November 7 – 12 noon
    - Thursday, December 12 – 12 noon
  - Classis Meetings:
    - Thursday, August 15 – Messiah CRC
    - Thursday, October 17 – Time and Place TBD
- G. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written

## **6-6 Executive Team Minutes**

- A. Minutes of June 10 meeting are reviewed. Jim highlighted a few points:
1. Staff Evaluations will be handled by Matthew and Susan. Jim offered to assist if needed.
  2. Review of May 23 and May 30 Classis Meetings:  
So that what is discussed and processed at the Vision Team is relayed at Classis Meetings, it is decided that both the chairperson and the vice-chairperson of future classis meetings should be persons serving on the Vision Team.
  3. Hand2Hand Ministries: Information is received from First Hudsonville CRC and Glenda will respond to Dave Jolman.  
Note: At our retreat in August, we will discuss the best way for our classis to send out information that is not denominationally related. How do we share these ministries with the churches? There should be a process that we follow to ensure certain criteria is met before the clerk forward things on.
  4. Ideas for August Vision Team Retreat:
    - i. Relaying information to our churches on ministries and events that are not denominationally related
    - ii. Growing the deaconate
    - iii. Ideas and themes for our three classis meetings (our classis calendar)
    - iv. Enhancing table conversations and prayer at meetings.
  5. Growing the Deaconate: Jim met with Andy Ryskamp; a survey to churches is suggested.
  6. Youth Ministry Champion: a request from Fig VanderMolen to further his role. Jim will talk with him about this.

## **6-7 REV Talks**

Marc will work on a new year of Rev Talks. It will be run through Georgetown CRC and funded through Classis Georgetown.

## **6-8 Resonate Global Mission**

Resonate is looking for someone from our classis to serve on a board with area classes to better collaborate in efforts to plant churches. Glenda will follow-up with Amy Schenkel, our Home Missions Regional Leader.

### **6-9.1 City on a Hill**

Matthew reports on the very positive visit he had at City on a Hill, highlighting three things this ministry needs: PR, volunteers, and financial support.

1. There are ways our classis can with PR and volunteers through the deacons of our churches.
2. Glenda will contact City on a Hill to ensure they are aware of the grants offered and invite them to apply for one.

## **6-10 Habitat Update**

- A. Jim gives an update on the Habitat project.
- B. Motion is made to approve funding for Jim Roskam's position as point person for the Habitat project through the end of August. Motion seconded and carried.

## **6-11 Regional Pastors**

- A. Marc shared a new ministry from the regional pastors: *Ministry to and with Clergy Spouses and/or Couples*. Connie DenHaan has agreed to be the support and contact person for Classis Georgetown clergy spouses. Once approved, the ministry will begin on July 1.
- B. Immanuel CRC will be voting on June 23 to extend a call.
- C. Hillcrest CRC has been asked to hold credentials or extend a call to a pastor who will be working with Campus Ministries.

## **6-12 Time to Connect about ourselves and our churches**

6-13 Matthew Slack closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Tebben*

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES**

**Vision Team:**

- Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC  
**Matthew opening; Jim closing**
- Thursday, August 22 – Vision Team Retreat (Time: 9 AM – 2 PM)  
at OAR Conference center room in Holland
- Thursday, October 3, at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC  
**Mark Bennink opening; Kathy closing**
- Thursday, November 6 – at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC  
**Josh opening; Susan closing**
- Thursday, December 12, at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC  
**Marc opening; Glenda closing**

**Classis Meetings:**

**Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 12 noon – Messiah CRC**

**Thursday, October 17, 2019 – Time and Place TBD**