

# CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of December 17, 2020 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**12-1** Marc Nelesen opens the meeting with prayer.

## **12-2 Vision Team (VT):**

Roll Call, PRESENT:

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Sam Krikke, Rev. Nate Meldrim, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Matthew Slack

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

ABSENT with Notice: MEMBER, Rev. Susan LaClear

## **12-3 Welcome to Rev. Sam Krikke**

Sam will serve as the value steward of Collaborative Relationships.

## **12-4 Review of Minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting**

Motion is MSC to approve minutes of November 17.

## **12-5 Financial Report**

- A. Mel reviews the budget and finances.
- B. Mel anticipates incoming funds may be slow in 2021.
- C. The student fund money for second half of the year will be paid in the next month.
- D. Mel reports on Ministry Share pledges:
  1. Some churches still need to give Mel their information; reminder emails have been sent.
  2. Our pledges are not as high as hoped.
- E. Glenda will gather contact information of church treasurers/finance people so Mel knows whom to communicate with.

## **12-6 Stated Clerk's Report:**

- A. Much time was spent by the clerk preparing for the December 10 meeting.
- B. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

## **12-7 Review of December 10 Classis Meeting**

- A. For our first Zoom meeting, we are happy with how it went.
- B. Nate will check on Josh Benton periodically, keeping in touch with him.

## **12-8 Upcoming Classis Meetings**

- A. Our February 11, 2021 meeting will be held via Zoom.
  1. We will deal with classis business that is prevalent and hope to keep it as brief as possible.
  2. Two items that must be addressed:
    - i. Delegates to Synod 2021: Because Synod 2020 was cancelled, we will ask the delegates that were scheduled to serve last year if they would consider serving this year. The Stated Clerk will send an email asking their thoughts.
    - ii. Overtures and/or communication to Synod 2021. The Stated Clerk has asked churches to send to her any information they would like included by Tuesday, January 12.
- B. Looking ahead, we hope that our May 20 meeting will be an in-person meeting. Glenda will check with Immanuel CRC and ask if they are willing to host. At this meeting we hope to have

a “ministry fair” in which we invite our ministry reps to a panel discussion where they will share about their ministry, explain how our churches can be involved, and entertain questions.

**12-9 Council of Delegates Update**

- A. A decision about how Synod 2021 will meet (virtually or in-person) will be made at the February meeting.
- B. The COD held a special meeting on December 7 to discuss the litigation between Canadian and US churches.

**12-10 Regional Pastors report**

- A. Marc shared two items:
  - 1. Churches in our community: A google doc showing the practices of churches related to Covid-19 response.
  - 2. A guidance document from LaGrave Ave. CRC.
- B. It is noted that the ministry of the regional pastors is important, especially when we have to work through an Article 17.
- C. The regional pastors are aware that clergy in our classis are hurting. Covid-19 will be leading to many resignations, separations, and retirements that would not otherwise have happened.
- D. The regional pastors are thanked for their work. They are very much appreciated.

**12-11 Time to Connect about ourselves and our churches**

Round-table sharing of both joys and sorrows in our churches and our families. The struggles are real, the blessings are great.

**12-12** Glenda Tebben closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Tebben*

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES**

**Vision Team:**

- **Thursday, January 14, at 12 NOON**  
**Nate opening; Kathy closing**
- **Thursday, February 25 at 12 NOON**  
**Matt opening; Jim closing**
- **Thursday, March 18 at 12 NOON**  
**Susan opening; Glenda closing**
- **Thursday, April 15 at 12 NOON**  
**Marc opening; Kathy closing**
- **Thursday, May 6 at 12 NOON - Georgetown CRC**  
**Nate opening; Jim closing**

**Classis Meetings:**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021– via ZOOM**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021**