

Classis Georgetown MEETING MINUTES

Session #106

Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24, 2021; 12 noon – 12:45 PM

Our Vision

Classis Georgetown is a community of Christian Reformed Churches in Eastern Ottawa County who live and minister together, in Christ, to transform lives and communities.

ARTICLE I. ASSEMBLING OF CLASSIS

Officers of the Day

President: Rev. Nate Meldrim

Vice-President: Rev. Matthew Slack

Stated Clerk: Ms. Glenda Tebben

Zoom Host: Rev. Rich Visser

A. **Credentials:** All churches sent in their credentials prior to the meeting.

B. Delegates in attendance:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR(S)</u>	<u>ELDER(S)</u>	<u>DEACON</u>
Alive Ministries	Terry Scholten Rich Visser	Jack Wierenga	
Baldwin Street		Don Hamilton Jerry VanSolkema	
Bauer	Dave TenClay	Jim Stuck	
Cottonwood	Matt Palsrok	Jordan Ballor	
First Hudsonville	Dave Jolman		
Evergreen Ministries	Harold Veldman	Rich Verkaik	
Fairway	Jeremy Rhodes		
Forest Grove	Jeff Scripps	Bob Meyer	
Georgetown	Marc Nelesen	Karen Karsten	
Hillcrest	Cory Nederveld	Keith Johnson	
Immanuel	Jake Porter	Dale Venema	
Jamestown	Matthew Slack	Dave Brinks	
Messiah	Nate Meldrim Gale Tien	Don Veltman	
Ridgewood	Len Kuyvenhoven	Doug Verwolf	Ellen DeJong
Searchlight	Sam Krikke		
Trinity	Gerry Koning		
Zutphen – no delegates present			

C. Other persons attending Classis:

Staff:

Mr. Jim Roskam
Ms. Glenda Tebben

Synodical Deputies:

Rev. Al Gelder (Classis GR East)
Rev. Bryce Mensink (Classis Grandville)
Rev. Ed Visser (Classis GR South)

ARTICLE II. OPENING

- A. President Nate Meldrim opened this segment of our meeting by welcoming all in attendance including the synodical deputies Rev. Al Gelder, Rev. Bryce Mensink, and Rev. Ed Visser.
- B. President Meldrim led in an opening prayer.
- C. President Meldrim shared announcements regarding the Zoom meeting. A sample voting poll was conducted by all delegates.

ARTICLE III. BUSINESS OF CLASSIS

Classis Action on proposed Article 17 related to Rev. Leonard Kuyvenhoven and Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church.

Discussed and acted upon in Executive Session

1. Background and History

Rev. Marc Nelesen reviewed the document explaining the background for the Article 17 separation.

2. Discussion and Recommendations

- a. **Motion was made and supported to approve Article 17 release of a mutually agreed separation between Rev. Leonard Kuyvenhoven and Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church.**

This is followed by discussion of the motion.

- b. Motion is carried.
- c. While the synodical deputies deliberate, a welcome is given to Rev. Cory Nederveld, new pastor of Youth, Young Adults, and Leadership at Hillcrest CRC. Rev. Gerry Koning shares an update and asks for continued prayers for Pastor Ernest Umoh (Strong Towers Ministry) who was injured in a fall.
- d. The synodical deputies concurred with Classis' decision.
- e. Rev. Marc Nelesen led in prayer for Rev. Leonard Kuyvenhoven.
- f. Rev. Dave Jolman led in prayer for Ridgewood CRC.

ARTICLE IV: CLASSIS IS ADJOURNED; Rev. Nate Meldrim led in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

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