

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of March 18, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

Georgetown CRC - 6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

3-1 Sam Krikke opens the meeting with a Lenten devotion and prayer.

3-2 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)

3-3 Review of Minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of January 14.

3-4 Financial Report

A. Finances are in good shape. We give thanks that the funds continue to come in.

B. Mel has turned in our Ministry pledge information to the denomination.

3-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

A. **Action Item:** MSC to approve the transfer of credentials of Rev. Scott Koeman to Zutphen CRC from Evergreen Ministries.

B. Rev. Susan LaClear who will begin her work as the Director of Candidacy for the CRCNA on April 5, 2021. Her credentials will remain at Alive Ministries in Jenison, MI. A congratulatory note will be sent to Susan.

C. Susan served on the Vision Team as the value steward of Risky Compassion. We will not replace her simply for the sake of having a person in this position. We will continue to think about and pray about who could take over this role on the Vision Team.

D. The Stated Clerk's report is received as written.

3-6 February 24 Classis Meeting

A. The meeting (via Zoom) went well.

B. The Vision Team discusses the idea of adopting guidelines and/or crafting a policy for our classis to approve in regards to the severance package given to pastors following an Article 17 separation. Pastors should receive a minimum of 13 weeks severance and one month for every year served.

3-7 May 20 Classis Meeting

A. We will meet inside at Immanuel CRC. Masks will be required. Dinner will be served (packaged, individual servings).

B. The agenda will include:

- Regular business of classis
- Examination of Mr. Jeremy Rhodes as a Commissioned Pastor at Fairway CRC
- Panel of Classis representatives who will share the ministry and work they do on our behalf.

C. The clerk will contact Fairway CRC and Jeremy Rhodes regarding the exam.

D. The clerk will invite representatives to serve on the panel.

- E. The clerk will contact the office of Immanuel CRC to discuss meeting protocols and the dinner menu.

3-8 Regional Pastors report

- A. Article 17 separations remain on the radar.
- B. The Regional Pastors have met with most of the pastors in our Classis, continuing to provide support during this difficult time of ministry.
- C. The Regional Pastors are thanked for the work that they do.

3-9 Denomination News

- A. It is predicted that when Covid pandemic is over there will be a 20% reduction in member counts. The denomination is waiting to begin new church plants.
- B. Financial giving is down due to the Covid pandemic. A hiring freeze is in place and departments have been asked to cut 15%. This affects ministry to those on the edge.
- C. John Bolt and Colin Watson have delayed their retirements until June 2022.
- D. Synod 2021 will meet by way of COD. The Human Sexuality report is delayed until 2022.

3-10 Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Invitation is given to attend *Apocalypse Now – a Reformed Perspective on the End Times*, led by Suzanne McDonald on April 13, 27, May 11, 25 at Georgetown CRC at 12 noon.

3-11 Change in date for our May meeting

- A. We will meet on May 13, not May 6.

3-12 Glenda Tebben closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team:

- **Thursday, April 15 at 12 NOON**
Marc opening; Kathy closing
- **Thursday, May 13 at 12 NOON**
Nate opening; Jim closing

Classis Meetings:

May 20, 2021 – Immanuel CRC – 4:30 PM