

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of June 17, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

6-1 Matthew Slack read Psalm 90 and opened our meeting with prayer.

6-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Ass't Treasurer), Mr. Jim Roskam (Classis Coordinator),
Ms. Glenda Tebben (Stated Clerk), Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

6-3 Review of Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of May 13.

6-4 Financial Report

A. Mel reports that our churches continue with faithful giving. He is curious as to how the new denominational pledge system will work following July 1.

B. Mel and Jim met with J. Klein of Huntington Bank.

Motion is MSC that the Chair of the Vision Team, the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and the Chair of Classis, with the approval of the Classis Georgetown Vision Team, be allowed to invest in fixed and indexed annuities and other investments where the principal invested is never diminished.

6-5 Stated Clerk's Report:

A. A grant recipient progress report from 70 x 7 is received for information.

B. The Fall Classis meeting will be held on October 14. Glenda will contact Immanuel CRC to ask if they will host this meeting.

6-6 May 20 Classis Meeting

A. The exam for commissioned pastor Rev. Jeremy Rhodes went very well.

B. Sam Krikke shared with classis his thanks for the financial support he received as a student. This was much appreciated by all who attended.

C. In the future, we must control the engagement of guests with delegates, sticking to set timelines and the guidelines that were provided.

6-7 Our Journey 2025 Classis Devotional

We will not use this devotional at a future classis meeting.

6-8 Zoom Meeting regarding Article 17

A. Meeting was held on June 9. There were almost 70 participants.

B. Church visitors are important so there are no surprises when an Article 17 is requested. In our classis, the regional pastor(s) fulfills the role of church visitors.

C. It is unfortunate that the Article 17 process is becoming a common phenomenon in our denomination.

6-9 Classical Counselors

Nate Meldrim and Marc Nelesen will work together on a document for classis churches on the role and function of classical counselors for churches that are vacant or are anticipating a vacancy.

6-10 Colloquium Doctum

- A. Rev. Nate Meldrim has asked for this exam (Article 8, CRCNA Church Order). We will conduct this at our October 14 Classis meeting.
- B. Nate has submitted appropriate materials to the Candidacy Committee.
- C. Nate will preach a sermon on an approved text (Old or New Testament) and submit two additional sermons (Old/New Testament and Heidelberg Catechism). Synodical deputies must be present at the exam. Examiners are required. A successful examination will need the approval of classis and the concurrence of the synodical deputies.

6-11 Regional Pastors report

- A. Our regional pastors continue to offer support for pastors and congregations.
- B. Flowers will be sent to Dave and Amy Jolman in remembrance of their son, Colby.

6-12 Council of Delegates/Synod Update

- A. The COD met earlier this week. Jim shared a few highlights of the meeting.
- B. Jim has completed his time on the COD. We thank him for his work on our behalf. Jeanne Kallemeyn will take over as our Classis representative in July. We will invite Jeanne to future Classis meetings to give a verbal report on the work of the COD.

6-13 Connect about ourselves and our churches

6-14 Mel VanderBie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team (meeting at Georgetown CRC):

- **Thursday, July 15 at 12 NOON**
Sam opening; Glenda closing
- **VISION TEAM RETREAT - Thursday, August 19 at 9:30 AM**
- **Thursday, September 16 at 12 NOON**
Marc opening; Kathy closing

Classis Meeting:

October 14