

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of September 16, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

9-1 Marc Nelesen read and excerpt from Henri Nouwen's book *The Inner Voice of Love* and opened our meeting with prayer.

9-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Cindy Holtrop, 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)

9-3 **Welcome to Cindy Holtrop** who has joined the Vision Team. Cindy will be the steward of the Classis value, "Risky Compassion".

9-4 Review of Minutes of the August 19 Retreat

A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of August 19.

9-5 Financial Report

A. Mel reports that things look good and we are grateful that churches continue to give.

B. The 2022 budget is reviewed. **Motion is MSC to accept the 2022 budget that is to be presented at our Fall Classis meeting.**

9-6 Stated Clerk's Report:

A. Juliana Clink, our Safe Church Team chairperson has asked to purchase copies of the book *A Church Called Toy* in order to begin a book study with Classis Safe Church contacts. **Motion is MSC to acquiesce to this request.**

B. Rev. Mark Bennink has asked for his credentials to be extended for one year. Since July 19, 2021, Mark has been serving as a chaplain for Hospice of Michigan. He is seeking CRC endorsement as a chaplain. When this occurs, Holland Heights Church will officially call him as a chaplain. **Motion is MSC to add Mark's request for a one-year extension of his credentials to the Classis October 28 meeting agenda as part of the Stated Clerk's report.**

C. Upcoming Classis meeting dates:

Winter Classis Meeting – February 24, 2022; overtures due by Monday, January 31

Spring Classis Meeting – May 19 or June 2

9-6 Classical Counselors

A. Tabled until our next meeting

9-7 October 28 Classis Meeting

A. Agenda is reviewed:

i. Matthew Slack has agreed to serve as Chairperson.

ii. Jeanne Kallemeyn will share a report; re: COD which will meet in mid-October

iii. Art Opperwal (Georgetown Harmony Homes) will speak during the dinner hour.

iv. Examiners are in place for Nate Meldrim.

- v. To avoid nepotism, we will ask for one outside pastor to serve as a sermon evaluator for Nate on October 3 (along with Rev. Jerry VanGroningen and Rev. Terry Genzink).
- vi. Sam Krikke will serve as the examiner for the *practica* portion of Bryzon Masiboh's exam. The clerk will find an examiner for the *Biblical/Theological* portion of Bryzon's exam.

9-8 Religious Exemption Communication

- A. Communication was sent to churches on September 2. While the content was good, the process of sending it was not. All future communications that are sent on behalf of the Vision Team must receive entire Vision Team's approval before going out to public.
- B. **Motion is MSC to approve the communication as written, include a date, and send it to the churches (in care of the Clerk of Council) along with a cover letter from the Vision Team.** Nate will work on putting together this cover letter. The Vision Team will review it and the clerk will then send it out via USPS.

9-9 Counselor for Ridgewood CRC

- A. **Motion is MSC to appoint Rev. Marc Nelesen as counselor for Ridgewood.**

9-10 Learning Plan for Nate from Candidacy Committee (Article 8)

- A. **Motion is MSC to approve the learning plan for Rev. Nate Meldrim.**

9-11 Renewal Lab

- A. Rev. Bob Huisman requested time at our Classis meeting to invite churches to join the Renewal Lab. Many churches in our classis have already participated so Rev. Huisman will not present his request at this time.

9-11 Georgetown Fall Speakers – Marc

- A. Marc highlighted the speaker series being held at Georgetown on the 2nd/4th Tuesdays from noon-1:30. All are invited.

9-13 Regional Pastors

- A. Marc Nelesen and Dave Jolman continue to serve faithfully in their role as pastors to our pastors.

9-14 Habitat Update – Jim

- A. Jim has joined the Habitat Steering Committee for their build in Hudsonville.

9-15 Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Jim met with him Scott Geurink (Classis Zeeland, Resonate). He invited Scott to share our grant process with Pablo Lee, pastor of the All Nations Church Plant that meets at Immanuel CRC.
- B. Cindy requests a connection with Juliana Clink, our Safe Church Team chairperson. Glenda will set this up.
- C. Georgetown CRC is close to approving a new safe church document.
- D. At the October meeting, we will recommend Josh Benton for preaching in our Classis churches. This recommendation will be included in the Stated Clerk's report.
- E. Prayers needed for Alive Ministries so they gain momentum as they begin a new year of ministry.
- F. Rev. Dale Slings is the new STM pastor at Georgetown CRC

9-16 Kathy Jelsema 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, October 7 at 12 NOON
Nate opening; Mel closing
- Thursday, November 18 at 12 NOON
Matthew opening; Jim closing
- Thursday, December 16 at 12 NOON
Sam opening; Glenda closing

Classis Meeting:

October 28 – Messiah CRC in Hudsonville