

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of December 16, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM to 1:35 PM

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

12-1 Sam Krikke read from Isaiah 9 and opened our meeting with prayer.

12-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mrs. Juliana Clink (Safe Church), Mr. Fig VanderMolen (Youth Champion)

STAFF ABSENT with notice: Ms. Kathy Jelsema (Ass't Treasurer)

12-3 We welcome our guests, Fig VanderMolen and Juliana Clink

- A. Fig, our Youth Ministry Champion, gives the history of this position and shares how he networks with the youth pastors and churches in our classis. The focus is mainly on Middle School and High School ministry but can extend to young children and young adults. Many wonderful things are happening in the youth ministries in our churches as well as in our community.
- B. Juliana Clink, our Safe Church representative, shares a bit of how the Safe Church ministry has ministered throughout the pandemic. Monthly webinars have provided excellent resources. The book, *A Church Called Tov*, has been distributed to the churches in our classis.
- C. Fig and Julian are thanked for their work. We hope to connect with them once a year to hear about their ministries and encourage them. Matthew Slack offers a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for the work and ministry of both Fig and Juliana.

12-4 Review of Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting

- A. Motion is MSC to approve minutes of November 18.

12-5 Financial Report

- A. Things continue to look good; giving remains steady.
- B. Ministry share pledge and member count: 12/17 churches have reported back to Mel. The clerk will email a gentle reminder to the five churches that haven't sent in their information. It appears as if the membership count will be down which may result in receipts being down in 2022.

12-6 Stated Clerk's Report:

- A. Classis will meet on Thursday, February 24. An email will be sent to pastors and church clerks reminding of this date and asking for names of potential delegates to Synod. Additional agenda items and overtures to Synod are due January 31, 2022.
- B. The Stated Clerks' Conference will not be held in January. It is hoped that the clerks will have a mini-conference at the Inspire 2022 conference in August.

- 12-7 February Classis Meeting**
 A. We will meet at Bauer CRC.
 B. We will examine Mr. Rob Gruessing who has accepted a call to serve as the part-time Pastor of Congregational Care at Bauer CRC. Glenda will work on finding sermon evaluators, examiners, and synodical deputies.
 C. Besides regular “classis work” we will elect delegates to Synod 2022.
- 12-9 Clergy Retreat**
 A. This is still in the planning stages; details continue to be worked out.
- 12-10 Classical Counselors Packet**
 Tabled until our next meeting
- 12-11 Regional Pastors**
 No report
- 12-12 May 19 Classis Meeting Ideas**
 A. Suggestions for speakers to invite:
 • Rev. Reggie Smith (Director for Diversity, CRCNA)
 • Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen (director of Safe Church Ministry, CRCNA)
 • Neil Carlson from the center for social research at Calvin University, to speak about trends in the CRC
 B. Team members are encouraged to consider other ideas for this meeting.
- 12-13 Connect about ourselves and our churches**
 Time is spent sharing reasons for thanksgiving and concern in our lives and in our churches.
- 12-14** Glenda Tebben leads in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team (meeting at Georgetown CRC):

- Thursday, February 3 at 12 NOON
Nate opening; Mel closing
- Thursday, March 17 at 12 NOON
Marc opening; Kathy closing
- Thursday, April 26 at 12 NOON
Cindy opening; Jim closing

Classis Meetings:

- February 24, 2022 at Bauer CRC
- May 19, 2022