

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of February 8, 2024

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

2-1 Rev. Marc Nelesen opens our meeting with prayer.

2-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Cindy Holtrop, Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Nate Meldrim,
Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Jeffery Scripps, Rev. Cody Zuiderveen

MEMBER (Absent with notice): Rev. Sam Krikke

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

GUESTS: Mr. Dan Winiarski and Rev. Matt Palsrok

2-3 Review of meeting agenda

2-4 Review of Overture from Cottonwood Church

- A. Mr. Dan Winiarski and Rev. Matt Palsrok join us from Cottonwood Church.
- B. Time is spent understanding and learning about the overture that Cottonwood will present to Classis on February 29: *To provide a rotation of membership for the Classis Georgetown Vision Team*
- C. The chair, Rev. Nate Meldrim, offers a prayer of thanks for our time together.

2-5 Review of Minutes of the January 18 minutes

- A. Motion is MSC to approve January 18 minutes.

2-6 Financial Report

- A. The financial report is received and reviewed.
- B. Quarterly expenses paid (grants, honorariums, etc.)
- C. Money for Strong Tower comes from the Church Planting Fund
- D. Mel is thanked for his work.

2-7 Stated Clerk's Report

- A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.
- B. Motion is MSC to accept the credentials of Rev. Chris Bouma from Ideal Park CRC (Classis Grand Rapids South).
- C. A letter has been received from Mr. Brian Boucek who is no longer serving as Commissioned Pastor at Bauer CRC. We will address this at our February 29 Classis meeting.
- D. Motion is MSC to approve the Stated Clerk's report.

2-8 Looking ahead to the February 29 Classis Meeting

- A. Value: Healthy Leaders, Rev. Jeffery Scripps, value steward of Healthy Leaders will lead the devotions. We will incorporate a time of prayer, led by Rev. Jake Porter
- B. Chair: Rev. Sam Krikke; Vice-chair: Rev. Jeffery Scripps

- C. Guests: Rev. Zach King (General Secretary CRCNA) and Rev. Chris Schoon (Director of *Thrive*)
- D. Business:
- i. Approve Jim Roskam as our World Renew representative
 - ii. Address Brian Boucek's resignation as Commissioned Pastor.
 - iii. Synodical delegates will be selected
 - iv. Overture from Cottonwood Church
 - v. Overture from Zutphen CRC
 - vi. A mutually agreed upon Article 17a between Rev. Jason Vermeulen and Evergreen Ministries. Synodical deputies have been secured.

2-9 Upcoming Classis Meetings

- A. May 9 meeting:
- i. Value: Empowering Worship (Rev. Nate Meldrim is the value steward)
 - ii. Messiah CRC will host. Service at 7 PM.
 - iii. A business meeting will be followed by dinner for delegates.
 - iv. A Classis-wide Ascension Day service will begin at 7 PM.
- B. October 10 meeting; The Refuge may serve as our host

2-10 Regional Pastors Report

- A. Rev. Marc Nelesen and Rev. Dave Jolman continue their work and ministry with the pastors in our Classis.
- B. March 20 is a tentative date for a pastor's lunch (welcome for Chris Bouma).

2-11 Connect about ourselves and our churches

Time is spent sharing thanksgivings and concerns in our lives and our churches

2-12 Rev. Cindy Holtrop will serve as chair at our March 14 Vision Team meeting.

2-13 Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting.

2-14 Rev. Jeffery Scripps 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, March 14
Cindy chair; Sam opening; Kathy closing
- Thursday, April 18
Cody chair; Gerry opening; Mel closing

Classis Meetings 2024:

- Thursday, February 29; First Hudsonville CRC
- Thursday, May 9 (Ascension Day); Messiah CRC
- Thursday, October 10 – The Refuge is considering hosting