

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of April 24, 2025

Transforming Lives and Communities

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

Meeting Chair: Rev. Sam Krikke

4-1 Curt Walters opens with a reflection on difficult times that we endure and the hope of Easter and Christ's return, giving thanks for the knowledge and assurance that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Curt opens with prayer.

4-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Sam Krikke, Rev. Marc Nelesen, Rev. Jeffery Scripps, Rev. Jeremy Rhodes, Rev. Curt Walters, Rev. Cody Zuiderveen

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

STAFF ABSENT (with notice): Mr. Mel Vander Bie (Treasurer)

4-3 Review of meeting agenda

A. One additional item will be discussed after the Regional Pastor report.

4-4 Review of Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Vision Team meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve March 13 minutes

4-5 Financial Report

A. The financial report, dated April 20, 2025, is received and reviewed. Kathy reports that funds are healthy, and Mel is happy. Money is coming in faithfully from our churches.

B. Strong Tower Ministries is outgrowing their facility. There is a possibility that they may use The Refuge. Gerry is encouraged to submit a proposal for Classis to continue paying rent (\$24,000).

C. Motion is MSC to approve the Financial report.

4-6 Stated Clerk's Report

A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.

B. Rev. Cody Zuiderveen will be leaving the Vision Team after May classis meeting to begin ministry at Westview CRC. Glenda will reach out to Rev. Noelle Jacobs to ask if she would consider joining the Vision Team.

C. Meeting dates – June 26 (noon at Hillcrest), July 31 (10 AM – 1 PM)

D. Motion is MSC to approve the Stated Clerk report.

4-7 May 15, 2025 Classis Meeting

A. Value: Risky Compassion

B. Chair: Rev. Jeffery Scripps; Vice-Chair: Rev. Cody Zuiderveen

C. Venue: Hillcrest CRC; meeting begins at 5 PM

D. Guest: Jodi Joseph, Executive Director of Hand2Hand (Jeremy will introduce)

- E. Members of Hillcrest will lead in a time of worship.
- F. We will receive ministry representative and staff reports.
- G. Classis Work:
 - Rev. Gerry's Koning's retirement (Article 18a)
 - Mutual Article 17 between Immanuel CRC and Rev. Jake Porter
 - Article 14b request(s) from Rev. Marc Nelesen and Rev. Caitlin Visser.
 - Commissioned Pastor job description pastor (Fairway) – Article 23aSynodical Deputies: Rev. Al Gelder, Rev. Terry Slachter, Rev. Jeff VanderHooft

4-8 Regional Pastors Report

- A. Motion is MSC that we recommend Rev. Gerry Koning to fill the role of regional pastor that will be vacated by Rev. Marc Nelesen. This must be approved by the denomination. Gerry and Marc will work together during the transition.

4-9 New business:

- A. Hanley CRC (Classis Grandville) is evaluating their future. They will probably close, and would like to help another CRC ministry. We wonder if any churches in our classis are thinking of a church plant that could use this facility. This will be brought to the classis as part of the Vision Team report.

4-10 Connect about ourselves and our churches

- A. Time is spent sharing thanksgivings and concerns in our lives and our churches.
- B. We thank Cody for sharing his gifts with us as a member of the Vision Team and encourage him as he begins at Westview CRC in July.

4-11 Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting.

4-12 Rev. Sam Krikke leads in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES

Vision Team (meetings at Hillcrest CRC):

- Thursday, June 26 – noon
Jeremy chair; Jeff opening; Gerry closing
- Thursday, July 31 – 10 AM – 1 PM (Retreat)

Classis Meetings 2025: Thursday, October 16