

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of September 25, 2025

Transforming Lives and Communities

Hillcrest CRC, 3619 Hillcrest Rd, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Meeting Chair: Rev. Jeffery Scripps

9-1 Rev. Jeremy Rhodes opened the meeting with words of encouragement from 1 Peter 5:6. If we humble ourselves before our God, we will find what we need in him. Jeremy opened with prayer.

9-2 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

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

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

9-3 Review of meeting agenda

9-4 Review of Minutes of the July 31, 2025 Vision Team meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve July 31 minutes

9-5 Financial Report

- A. As of September 25, 2025, Kathy and Mel VanderBie are authorized signers are the Huntington Bank account.
- B. Mel met with bank to discuss Money Market/CD accounts.
- C. Mel suggests that it would be a good idea to have an Assistant State Clerk; it would also be wise to have a third person available to be a signer on accounts.
- D. Mel reviewed expenses. The annual review will happen this month. Quarterly payments will be made in early October. We have a healthy cash balance.
- E. Motion is MSC to approve the Financial report.

9-6 2026 Budget

- A. Mel noted a few increases in administration fees.
- B. Motion is MSC to approve the 2026 Budget to present to Classis on October 16.

9-6 Stated Clerk's Report

- A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.
- B. The Colloquium Docta are postponed until our February 2026 Classis meeting to ensure all is in order. Question is raised about funding for the Psych evaluation that the pastors have to complete.

Motion is made that Classis cover the cost of Article 8 psychological evaluation requirement for pastors. This will help reduce the financial burden for pastors.

C. Church Updates:

- Alive Ministries: Rev. Noelle Jacobs was installed as Pastor of Discipleship on Sunday, September 21.
- Baldwin Street CRC: Rev. Dave Jolman is serving as church counselor.
- Georgetown CRC: Rev. Doug Kamstra, STM; also serving as church counselor.
- Immanuel CRC: Rev. Neil Jasperse began serving as a parttime STM on September 21.

D. Resonate Global Mission is hosting a Church Planting Vision Conference November 9-11 in Port St. Lucie, FL. Three pastors would like to attend (Rev. Derek Noorman, Rev. Terry Scholten, Rev. Michael TenHaken). **Motion is MSC to approve the use of funds from the New Church Development line item.**

E. Rev. Michael TenHaken would like to attend the Pastors Gathering (Oct. 27-29) in Niagara Falls. We will recommend Michael use the Clergy Health and Flourishing Initiative Funding Application.

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

9-7 Regional Pastors

A. Marc presents a proposed process for the Clergy Health and Flourishing Initiative Funding. Motion is MSC to approve the document. This will be included in the Vision Team report to classis.

B. Marc plans to complete his work as Regional Pastor on December 31, 2025.

9-8 CMLT Report

A. The CMLT has been busy working with a seminary student, Samuel Kuipers, and two ordained ministers, Rev. Derek Noorman and Rev. Shawn Gerbers as they complete the Article 8 process.

9-9 Looking ahead to October 16, 2025 Classis Meeting

A. Curt Walters will serve as chair/Sam Krikke will be the vice-chair.

B. We will meet at Forest Grove CRC.

C. Rev. Sam Krikke will present the Vision Team report.

9-10 Connect about ourselves and our churches

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

9-11 Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6 (Curt chair; Marc opening; Kathy closing)

9-12 Rev. Marc Nelesen leads in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Tebben

Stated Clerk, Classis Georgetown

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES and TIMES

Vision Team (meetings at Hillcrest CRC):

- Thursday, November 6 (noon)
Curt chair; Marc opening; Kathy closing
- Thursday, December 4 (noon)
Sam chair; Curt opening; Glenda closing

Classis Meetings 2025:

Thursday, October 16 at Forest Grove CRC.

Classis Meetings 2026:

Thursday, February 19

Thursday, May 14

Thursday, October 15