

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM

Minutes of December 4, 2025

Transforming Lives and Communities

Hillcrest CRC, 3619 Hillcrest Rd, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Meeting Chair: Rev. Sam Krikke

12-1 Rev. Curt Walters opens the meeting with a reflection on the Advent season, reminding us of the completely dependent human that Jesus became. He came as our Immanuel and he is with us still!

12-2 Vision Team (VT):

Roll Call:

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Rev. Gerry Koning

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

GUESTS: Rev. Cory Nederveld, Rev. Matthew Wright

12-3 Review of meeting agenda

12-4 Review of Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Vision Team meeting

A. Motion is MSC to approve November 6 minutes

12-5 Financial Report

A. Mel reviews the Financial report. We will end the fiscal year at about 80% of budget.

B. Seven churches need to report on member count and send in denominational pledge forms. A reminder email will be sent.

C. Motion is MSC to approve the Financial report.

12-6 Stated Clerk's Report

A. The Stated Clerk's report is reviewed.

B. Synodical Deputies update: another email will be sent in early December asking for pastors to serve.

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

12-7 Regional Pastors

A. Gerry, Marc, Stan will be meeting next week to talk about handing the baton.

B. The RP pastor report to Classis will be the framework indicating that everything in the domain of RPs is covered.

C. As this is Marc's final meeting, we take time to share our appreciation for the time and thoughtfulness he gave to his role as RP and in his work on the Vision Team. We ask the Lord's blessings on his next steps in ministry.

12-8 CMLT Report

A. Sam Kuipers reached out to check how things were going.

- B. Rev. Derek Noorman's and Rev. Shawn Gerber's documentation is coming in. The committee continues working them; re: Article 8. We hope to hold their Colloquia Docta in February.
- C. Jeff is thanked for his diligent work on the CMLT.

12-9 Church Visitors

- A. This is a new addition to the VT agenda; checking in to make sure things are going okay.

12-10 Looking ahead to the February 26 Classis Meeting

- Chair/Vice-Chair: Curt Walters/Jeremy Rhodes
- Theme: Healthy Leaders
- Agenda deadline: January 19
- Host: Bauer CRC
- Colloquia Docta for Shawn Gerbers and Derek Noorman
- Consider Overtures and/or Communications to Synod
- Choose Synodical delegates
- Synodical deputy appointments

12-11 Clergy Health Initiative funding application

- A. Rev. Curt Walters presents a sabbatical proposal that has met the requirements for the Classis Georgetown Clergy Health and Flourishing Initiative Funding.
- B. Motion is MSC to cover expenditures for Curt Walter's sabbatical covering The Museum of the Bible and the Quiet Waters. Classis will reimburse up to \$2500 of expenses for Curt based on receipts in accord with the policy.
- C. Curt will write a letter to the Classis that includes what he is doing. He'll report back to Classis in the fall of 2027.

12-12 Connect about ourselves and our churches

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

12-13 Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22 (Jeremy chair; Gerry opening; Jeff closing).

12-14 We thank Cory Nederveld and Matthew Wright for attending the meeting. Both indicate they would be willing to serve on the Vision Team; Cory as Youth Advisor and Matthew as Steward. Classis approval is needed and will be included (as a motion) in the Vision Team report at our February Classis meeting.

12-15 Ms. Glenda Tebben 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, January 22 (noon)
Jeremy chair; Gerry opening; Jeff closing

Classis Meetings 2026:

Thursday, February 26, at Bauer CRC

Thursday, May 14 (Ascension Day)

Thursday, October 16