

Agenda for Meeting of Classis Georgetown

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Registration begins at 3:45 PM; Meeting begins at 4:00 PM
Location: Bauer CRC, 6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Rev. Curt Walters, Chair
Rev. Jeremy Rhodes, Vice-Chair

Theme: *Healthy Leaders*
We equip leaders to transform lives and communities.

Please note: The order of items may change at the discretion of the Chair.

1) We Gather Together

- a. Welcome
- b. Devotions: Rev. David TenClay
- c. Roll Call: All delegates are asked to sign the Covenant for Officebearers as they register.
- d. Classis Credentials Committee: *Searchlight Ministries and Cottonwood*

2) We Hear About the Work and Ministry of Our Classis Representatives

- a. Council of Delegates: Mrs. Jeanne Kallemeyn
- b. Classical Ministry Leadership Team: Rev. Jeffery Scripps
- c. Regional Pastors: Rev. Stan Drenth & Rev. Gerry Koning
- d. Church Visitors: Rev. Curt Walters and Rev. Jeffery Scripps
- e. Youth Champion: Mr. Fig VanderMolen
- f. Resonate Global Mission: Rev. Steve VanZanen
- g. Prayer for the work and ministry of our representatives

3) We Hear About the Work and Ministry of Our Classis Leaders

- a. Vision Team Report: Rev. Jeffery Scripps
- b. Stated Clerk Report: Mrs. Glenda Tebben
- c. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Mel VanderBie
- d. Prayer for the work and ministry of our Classis Leaders

4) We Work Together

- a. Nomination of Synodical Deputies
Church Order Article 48: *Upon the nomination of the classes, synod shall appoint ministers, one from each classis, to serve as synodical deputies for a term designated by synod. —Cf. Supplement, Article 48-a*
MOTION: That Classis Georgetown nominate Rev. Doug Kamstra and Rev. Jeremy Rhodes to serve as synodical deputies.

b. Overtures to Synod 2026:

NOTE: *Before an overture or communication can come to synod, it first needs to be discussed at the classis meeting and, if adopted, sent to the Office of Synodical Services (synod@crcna.org) by March 15 for review by the Director of Synodical Services and the General Secretary. If it is not adopted by classis, the individual or council may still send it on their own behalf.*

i. Overture from Bauer CRC:

Financial Transparency and Clarity for Ministry Share Funding Priorities

ii. Overture from Forest Grove CRC:

That Synod not accede to recommendation 1 of COD Task Force report

iii. Overture from Hillcrest CRC:

Remove the Contemporary Testimony - Our World Belongs to God - from the Covenant for Officebearers

iv. Overture from Zutphen CRC:

Proactively articulate qualities desired in our next seminary president

c. Classis Voting: Synod 2026

i. Prayer for the election of delegates/alternates to Synod 2026.

ii. Election of Classis Georgetown delegates/alternates to Synod 2026

(meeting June 12-18, 2026, at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI)

Church Order Article 45: *Synod is the assembly representing the churches of all the classes. Each classis shall ordinarily delegate one minister, one elder, one deacon, and one other officebearer to synod. A classis may send no more than two delegates bearing the same office.*

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5) We Work Together (continued)

d. Extension of Ministerial Credentials (Executive Session)

i. At Classis Georgetown's January 17, 2024 meeting, Classis approved the mutual Article 17 agreement between Rev. Rob Guessing and Bauer CRC.

Rev. Guessing has requested Classis Georgetown to extend his ministerial credentials for another year according to Article 17c of the Church Order.

6) Colloquia Docta – Rev. Shawn Gerbers and Rev. Derek Noorman

Church Order Supplement to Article 8, E4:

E. Calling Ministers Ordained Outside of the Christian Reformed Church in North America; 4. At the completion of the affiliation process the classis, with authorization from the Candidacy Committee, shall conduct a colloquium doctum inquiring into the applicant's soundness of doctrine, sanctity of life, and knowledge and appreciation of Christian Reformed practice and usage. Synodical deputies must be present, and a successful examination will require the approval of classis and the concurrence of the synodical deputies.

- a) Introduction of Rev. Shawn Gerbers
- b) Introduction of Rev. Derek Noorman
- c) Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- d) A testimony of faithful reformed preaching
- e) We hear from Rev. Shawn Gerbers and Rev. Derek Noorman
 - i. Convenor/Questioner: Rev. David Jolman
 - ii. Questions from Classis delegates and Synodical Deputies:
Rev. Gary Bekker (GR South), Rev. Terry Slachter (Zeeland),
Rev Steve VanZanen (Thornapple Valley)
- f) Classis moves to admit Rev. Shawn Gerbers into the Ministry of the Word in the CRCNA, following the procedure described in Supplement to Article 10 3 c
- g) Classis moves to admit Rev. Derek Noorman into the Ministry of the Word in the CRCNA, following the procedure described in Supplement to Article 10 3 c

Supplement to Article 10 3 c:

- c. Procedure for admitting to the ministry:
 - 1) A motion to admit shall be received and given preliminary consideration in executive session.
 - 2) Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit shall be offered.
 - 3) The synodical deputies shall leave the floor to prepare their recommendation.
 - 4) The classis shall vote by ballot.
 - 5) The synodical deputies shall offer their written statement, from which it will become evident whether or not they can concur with the decision of classis.
 - 6) In the event they do not concur, the classis and the synodical deputies may try to reach a unified decision.
 - 7) In the event that agreement cannot be reached between them, the matter is automatically referred to the synod for final adjudication.

7) We Are Sent Together

Closing Prayer and Benediction: Rev. Curt Walters

Classis Georgetown is a community of Christian Reformed Churches in Eastern Ottawa County who live and minister together, in Christ, to transform lives and communities.

Future meeting dates of Classis Georgetown:

- **Thursday, May 14, 2025**
- **Thursday, October 16, 2025**