

CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM MEETING
Minutes of October 1, 2026

Transforming Lives and Communities

Hillcrest CRC, 3617 Hillcrest Rd, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Vision Team: Rev. Gerry Koning, Rev. Sam Krikke, Rev. Cory Nederveld,
Rev. Jeremy Rhodes, Rev. Jeffery Scripps, Rev. Curt Walters,
Rev. Matthew Wright

Staff present: Mrs. Kathy Jelsema, Mrs. Glenda Tebben

Meeting Chairperson: Rev. Matthew Wright

- I. Rev. Jeffery Scripps shares words from Psalm 122, inviting us to pray for the peace of the church, the security of those in the church, and to rejoice that we are able to participate in life of church. Jeffery opens the meeting with prayer.
- II. The meeting agenda is reviewed.
- III. The minutes of the September 3 Vision Team meeting were reviewed.
 - Motion is MSC to approve as written
- IV. Financial Report
 - A. Kathy reviewed the report dated September 30, 2026. She notes there is nothing of any significance or change this month. Finances are on track.
 - B. Motion is MSC to accept the financial report.
- V. Proposed Budget for 2027
 - A. Kathy shares the proposed 2027 budget, which shows changes to the line items the Vision Team had discussed at the previous meeting
 - B. Kathy noted that if there is a deficit, church rent for Strong Tower will come from church planting funds.
 - C. Motion is MSC to accept the Proposed Budget for 2027 to be presented to Classis on October 29.
- VI. Stated Clerk Report
 - A. Rev. Sam Krikke will complete his term on the Vision Team in December. He is the steward of Collaborative Relationships. Glenda has received interest from two pastors to join the team. She will communicate with them to determine their thoughts going forward and invite them to a future meeting.
 - B. Vision Team report to Classis: The Team is invited to review the report and offer additions/deletions. Rev. Jeremy Rhodes will present the report at the Classis meeting.
 - C. The Council of Messiah CRC asks for a written explanation as to the reason(s) Rev. Gale Tien's grant request was not approved. Jeff Scripps and Glenda will collaborate on a letter to send to Messiah (on behalf of the Vision Team).

- D. Jeanne Kallemeyn, the COD representative from Classis Georgetown, will conclude her service on the Council of Delegates in June 2027. Our classis must nominate a single representative to the COD to be recommended to Synod 2027. An email will be sent to the pastors asking for names of those who would like to be considered. Classis will choose a single nominee at our meeting on October 29.
 - E. Clergy Health Initiative Grant: The team will continue to look for possible revisions in order to make things equitable for all churches in our classes. Glenda will gather church budget totals. We hope to have to present revisions to Classis at our February meeting.
 - F. Motion is MSC to accept the Stated Clerk report.
- VII. Regional Pastors Report
 - A. Rev. Gerry Koning and Rev. Stan Drenth continue to meet with pastors. They are thankful for the turn-out at the hotdog roast on September 30.
 - B. Rev. Gerry Koning will present the RP report at the Classis meeting.
- VIII. CMLT Report
 - A. Three students are receiving aid: Mr. Samuel Kuipers, Mr. Samuel Bruzen, and Mr. Sawyer Winstead. All are in the MDiv program at Calvin Seminary.
 - B. Jeffery is looking into the steps needed for an individual to receive a license to exhort and the support that could be given to these individuals.
- IX. Church Visitors
 - A. Rev. Jeffery Scripps and Rev. Ron Bouwkamp have visits lined up with Bauer, Zutphen, and Evergreen. They are setting up additional visits.
 - B. Rev. Curt Walters and Rev. Jeremy Rhodes will meet with Searchlight on November 18.
 - C. Meeting summaries will be included in the information packet for Classis delegates.
- X. October 29 Classis Meeting details:
 - A. Chair: Rev. Jeremy Rhodes; Vice-Chair: Rev. Cory Nederveld
 - B. The motion from Evergreen will be part of the agenda. They will have delegates present to speak to the motion.
 - C. Rev. Mark Elffers will present the Ten-Year Strategic Plan for Church Planting/Renewal in the CRCNA: As part of his presentation, Mark will ask churches to consider who serve as our Classis Prayer Coordinator?
 - D. Classis Restructuring introduction (led by Rev. Cory Nederveld). Following up to his presentation, Cory will invite members of our Classis to a meeting where participants will discuss Classis Restructuring and how Classis Georgetown “fits” into all of this. This will be at Hillcrest CRC on January 21.
- XI. We connect about ourselves and our churches
- XII. Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting.

XIII. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 (noon at Hillcrest CRC)
Chair: Jeffery Scripps; Opening: Jeremy Rhodes; Closing: Kathy Jelsema

XIV. Rev. Cory Nederveld closed our meeting in 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 12 (noon)
Jeffery chair; Jeremy opening; Kathy closing

Classis Meetings 2026:

Thursday, October 29 – Cottonwood Church

Classis Meetings 2027:

Thursday, February 25

Thursday, May 6 (National Day of Prayer/Ascension Day) – Zutphen CRC

Thursday, October 28