CLASSIS GEORGETOWN VISION TEAM MEETING
Minutes of November 12, 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
Guest: Rev. Michael TenHaken
Staff present: Mrs. Kathy Jelsema, Mrs. Glenda Tebben

Meeting Chairperson: Rev. Jeffery Scripps

11-1 Rev. Jeremy Rhodes shares words from 2 Corinthians 5:20 where Paul implores his readers to be reconciled to Christ. As ambassadors for Christ, we have the great responsibility and pleasure of sharing this each week. Jeremy opens the meeting with prayer.

11-2 Welcome to Rev. Michael TenHaken; his term as the steward of Collaborative Relationships will begin in December. We offer our thanks to Rev. Sam Krikke for his service. Sam shares his appreciation for what the Vision Team does for Classis; he's glad to have been part of it for six years.

11-3 The meeting agenda is reviewed.

11-4 The minutes of the October 1 Vision Team meeting were reviewed.
A. Motion is MSC to approve as written

11-5 Financial Report
A. Kathy reports that it's been a good month for general use funds. Ministry share money came in and there were not a lot of bills.
B. Kathy spoke with Connie DenHaan about the clergy spouse budget line item. More is being spent here and Kathy suggested that the group, to cut down on expenses, alternates months for meals and coffee.
C. Motion is MSC to accept the financial report.

11-6 Stated Clerk Report
A. Glenda reviewed the written report
B. Meeting dates for the next few months are set: December 10, January 14, February 4
C. Rev. Shawn Gerbers has applied for the position of Assistant Treasurer. Kathy Jelsema will connect with him and answers any questions he may have. If the meeting goes well, we will confirm this appointment at our next meeting.
D. Motion is MSC to accept the Stated Clerk report.

11-7 Regional Pastors Report

A. Gerry received clarification regarding the EAP program with Pine Rest. Contract states that all parttime and fulltime staff and their families are eligible for three visits.
B. Gerry continues to meet with Jake Porter (his ministerial credentials will need to be extended at the May classis meeting).
C. Gerry is thanked his report and for the work he and Stan are doing.

11-8 CMLT Report

A. No updates in committee work since the report shared at the Classis meeting.

11-9 Church Visitors

A. Rev. Jeffery Scripps and Rev. Ron Bouwkamp met with Bauer CRC.
B. Rev. Curt Walters and Rev. Jeremy Rhodes will meet with Searchlight on November 18.

11-10 Action Items related to the October 29 Classis meeting minutes:

A. Pastor Ron Bouwkamp has been in contact with the council chair at Evergreen. Pastor Ron and Jeffery Scripps will meet and talk with a small group of council members in relation to their pastor and a few council members not signing the Covenant for Officebearers.
B. **MOTION:** In response to Evergreen's motion, we have been tasked with creating a committee that will come with a joint statement that both egalitarians and complementarians can say 'yes' to. This statement will be read at our Classis Meetings (in place of the protest previously reported). Rev. Matthew Wright will chair this committee. The Vision Team recommends that Rev. Mark Elffers join the committee along with a representative from Alive Ministries and Evergreen Ministries. The committee will report back to the Vision Team by January 11.
Motion seconded. Motion carried.
C. We will host a meeting/gathering on Thursday, January 21, 2027 at 7:00 PM at Hillcrest CRC to discuss realigning our classis and/or merging with another classis. Cory is putting together a document/invitation that will be sent out prior to Thanksgiving.

11-11 Looking ahead to the February 25, 2027 Classis Meeting

A. Agenda items are due on January 11.
B. Glenda will reach out to Classis GR South accepting the invitation to participate in a joint classis meeting. A February 25 date is suggested (to keep with what we have already share with our churches).

11-12 We connect about ourselves and our churches

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

11-13 Motion is MSC to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10 (noon at Hillcrest CRC)
Chair: Curt Walters; Opening: Cory Nederveld; Closing: Matthew Wright

11-14 Ms. Kathy Jelsema 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, December 10 (noon at Hillcrest CRC)
Chair: Curt Walters; Opening: Cory Nederveld; Closing: Matthew Wright

Thursday, January 14 (noon at Hillcrest CRC)
Chair: Cory Nederveld; Opening: Gerry Koning; Closing: Jeff Scripps

Thursday, February 4 (noon at Hillcrest CRC)
Chair: Michael TenHaken; Opening: Matthew Wright; Closing: Glenda Tebben

Classis Meetings 2027:
Thursday, February 25
Thursday, May 6 (National Day of Prayer/Ascension Day) – Zutphen CRC
Thursday, October 28