



Agenda
CLASSIS HAMILTON
of the CRCNA

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9:00 AM to no later than 4:30 PM

Hosted by Faith CRC, Burlington
(2265 Mountainside Drive, Burlington, ON L7P 1B6)
(905-336-5353)

Officers of Classis: Chair: William Koopmans Vice Chair: Everett Vander Horst Stated Clerk: Ed W. Visser	Synodical Deputies: None Required
Reporter: (see RoP Section 7.1) Immanuel CRC, Simcoe	Ballot Advisory Team: Host Church - Faith CRC, Burlington
Credentials Advisory Team: Hope CRC, Brantford (chair) Immanuel CRC, Hamilton (reporter)	Overture Advisory Team: First CRC, Hamilton Hagersville Community CRC Advice for Overture Advisory Teams

CREDENTIALS (and nominations for Synod):

1. **Attention Clerks:** Please fill in your [credentials here](#) before February 6, 2024.
The credential form has **three sections**:
 - a. The **1st section** is for entering the **names** of those your council **delegated to Classis**.
 - b. The **2nd section** is for your answers and observations to the *“Questions Under Church Order Article 41”*.
 - c. The **3rd section** is for entering the info of your **Elder and Deacon Nominees** for possible delegation to Synod 2024.
(Ministers and Cmsd Pastors were emailed directly)
2. The **Stated Clerk will forward** the Article 41 questions and observations from the second section to the **Credentials Advisory Team** so that they will be able to advise Classis as needed.
3. The **Advisory Team will email** their report **to the Stated Clerk** by February 13, 2023. Their report will be emailed by the Stated Clerk to all the delegates as early as with the Addendum (*deadline February 13, 2024*).

ORIENTATION:

- [FOR NEW DELEGATES TO CLASSIS HAMILTON](#) (Includes link to the Rules of Procedure)
- **FOR THOSE DELEGATED TO SYNOD** - [What to Expect as a Delegate to Synod](#)

OVERTURE: From Calvin CRC, Dundas an [Overture to Remind, Request, and Encourage](#) Classis Hamilton.
(This will be taken up [here](#).)

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Devotions & Sharing of Ministry
3. Prayer for the Host Church

Vice Chair of Classis: Everett Vander Horst
 Faith CRC
 Everett Vander Horst

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

10:00 a.m.

4. **Call to Order & Instructions for the Day**
 - a. Attendance
 - b. [Covenant of Office Bearers](#)
 - c. Classis Declared Constituted
5. **Approval of the Consent Agenda and the Agenda with Addendum for the Day**
 - a. Suggested Motion, *That Classis Approve the **Consent Agenda***
 - b. Suggested Motion, *That Classis Approve the **Agenda with Addendum for the Day***

Chair: William Koopmans
 Stated Clerk

A consent agenda allows Classis to approve the items below together without discussion or individual motions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of the delegates. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

- a. Classis Meeting Minutes [Oct 24, 2023](#)
- b. Classis Interim Committee and Stated Clerk's Report (attached to addendum)
- c. **Election of a member of the CIC/BOD. Recommendation:** *that Gina Lunshof-Taylor be approved as member of the CIC/BOD* (to replace Marcia Hosmar)
- d. Classis Ministries
 - i. [Campus Ministry Winter Report](#) (Action items below)
 - ii. [Classis Home Missions Report](#)
 - iii. Act 5 (actfive.ca) Jon Berends Exec. Dir. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dm90SrrPi04>
- e. Correspondence Received for Information
 - i. [Zach - General Secretary, AI - Transitional Canada Director, Dan US Director](#)
 - ii. [Council of Delegates October Highlights](#)
 - iii. [2024 Redeemer University](#)
 - iv. [2024 Diaconal Ministries Canada \(DMC\)](#)
 - v. [2024 Calvin University Trustee Report](#)

2. **CIC and Stated Clerk Reports** (on the addendum)
 - a. **Classis Interim Committee Report (CIC)**
 - b. Suggested Motion, *That Classis Approve the work of the CIC*
 - c. **Stated Clerk's Report**
 - d. Suggested Motion, *That Classis Approve the work of the Stated Clerk*

CIC Chair: Ken Benjamins

Ed W. Visser

3. **Credentials Advisory Team** (On the Addendum)

Reporting:

4. **Adjourn for a Special General Membership Meeting** (the regular, annual meeting will be in May)

SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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President: Ken Benjamins

- a. **Establish Quorum** (By-Law 5.2)
- b. **Proof of Notice** for the Meeting (By-law 5.4)
- c. **Approve** Minutes of [AGM May 30, 2023](#)
- d. **Coming into compliance with the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)**
Included here are links to two files. Each file has two documents - the first page is the Articles of Incorporation as Amended, and the following pages is the General Operating By-Law 1A.
One file shows all the [changes and edits](#), the second is the [cleaned up version](#).
 1. **Articles of Incorporation as Amended.** This replaces our **Letters patent**. Once approved, it will be filed with the Government of Ontario. The deadline for this is Oct. 2024
 2. **General Operating by-Law Number 1A.** This replaces our [General Operating by-law number 1](#). Once approved, it will be kept on file and posted on our website.
 3. **Recommendation:** that the Articles of Incorporation as Amended be Approved
 4. **Recommendation:** that By-Law 1A be approved
- d. **Election of a member of the CIC/BOD. Recommendation:** *that Gina Lunshof-Taylor be approved as a director* (to replace Marcia Hosmar)
- f. **Adjournment** of the Special General Membership Meeting

5. **Resume Meeting of Classis**

6. **Overture Advisory Team** regarding the [Overture from Calvin CRC, Dundas](#)

7. **Nominations for Synod delegates**

- a. [What to Expect as a Delegate to Synod](#)
- b. Elder and Deacon Nominations received from the Credentials form (listed on the Addendum)
- c. Minister Nominations (listed on the Addendum)
- d. Ballots (voting may continue throughout the day over several ballots) **Counted by Host church**

8. **Classical Counselor Reports:** (if available)

- a. Bethel CRC – Anthony Ellenbaas
- b. First CRC, Hamilton - Anthony Ellenbaas
- c. Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis - Jack Kerkof
- d. Immanuel CRC, Simcoe - counselor needed
- e. Maranatha CRC, York - counselor needed

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45 a.m.

- 9. **Classis Ministries Reports** (only as needed)
 - a. Candidacy Committee **Cara De Haan**
 - b. Campus Ministry Committee (10 Minutes) (report in Consent Agenda) **Anthony Elenbaas**
 - i. **recommendation** that **Davis Ward** be approved as a **member** of the **Campus Ministry committee**
 - c. Classical Home Missions Committee (report received in Consent Agenda) **Michael Bootsma**

- 10. **Act Five** (10 Minutes) **Jon Berends** (exe dir)

LUNCH BREAK**12:15 p.m.**

DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS SESSION**1:00 p.m.**

- 11. **Calvin University Trustee** (10 minutes)
- 12. **Announcement regarding Results of Voting** for Delegates to Synod
- 13. **Adjournment:**
 - a. **Upcoming Classis Meetings** (all on the [Classis' Website Calendar](#))
 - i. **Agenda** Submissions Due, April 16, 2024
 - ii. **Credentials** Due, May 7, 2024
 - iii. **Addendum** Submissions... Due, May 14, 2023
 - iv. **Classis** **Meets May 28, 2024, Hosted by First CRC, Hamilton**
 - b. Final remarks and acknowledgments
 - c. Closing Prayer **Chair**
 - d. Adjournment Declared **Chair**

Just Around the Corner (in 2024)

Agenda Submissions Due ... September 10, 2024
Credentials Due ... October 1, 2024
Addendum Submissions Due ... October 8, 2024
Classis **Meets October 22,2024** Hosted by **Hagersville Community CRC, Hagersville**

Further Down the Road (in 2025)

Agenda Submissions Due ... January 14, 2025
Credentials Due ... February 4, 2025
Addendum Submissions Due ... February 11, 2025
Classis **Meets Saturday March 1, 2025** Hosted by **Hope CRC, Brantford**
(2nd of 3 times scheduled on a Saturday)