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**Minutes of a Meeting of
CLASSIS HAMILTON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

Date: March 22, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Venue: Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Road East, Ancaster, Ontario

Chair: Everett Vander Horst
Stated Clerk: Dick Kranendonk

Vice-Chair: Jeff Vandermeer
Reporter: Daryl DeKlerk

Synodical Deputies:

William Koopmans
Ray Vander Kooij
Herman Praamsma

Classis Chatham
Classis Huron
Classis Toronto

Delegates:

Church	First Name	Last Name	Title
Ancaster CRC	Rita	Klein-Geltink	Pastor Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Rob	Fluit	Elder Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Dan	Hagen	Deacon Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Everett	Vander Horst	Pastor Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Hilda	Roukema	Elder Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Ed	Van Beilen	Deacon Delegate
Hope	Andrew	Zomerman	Pastor Delegate
Hope	Willem	Vos	Elder Delegate
Hope	Tim	Vaandering	Elder Alternate
New Street	Joel	Bootsma	Pastor Delegate
New Street	Ted	Groenewegen	Elder Delegate
New Street	John	Dekker	Deacon Delegate
Faith	Homer	Lensink	Elder Delegate
Faith	Dave	Hook	Elder Delegate
Faith	Marge	Kloet	Deacon Delegate
Calvin	Rob	Koning	Elder Delegate
Calvin	Fred	Dykman	Elder Delegate
Calvin	Don	Koning	Deacon Delegate
Calvary	Jim	Vanderzwaag	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Joel	Wessink	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Rob	Schreuders	Deacon Delegate
Hagersville Community	Jeff	Klingenberg	Pastor Delegate
Hagersville Community	Henry	Hogeveen	Elder Delegate
Harersville Community	Jane	Lise	Deacon Delegate
First	Chris	Schoon	Pastor Delegate
First	Mark	Devos	Elder Delegate
First	Nella	Sandroek	Deacon Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Henry	Kranenburg	Pastor Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Bob	Brown	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Steve	McKnight	Deacon Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	John	Flokstra	Elder Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	Doug	Dekker	Deacon Delegate
Mt. Hamilton	Mark	Demik	Elder Alternate
Ebenezer	Daryl	DeKlerk	Pastor Delegate
Ebenezer	Andy	DeJong	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Jeff	Vandermeer	Pastor Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Mark	Vandervliet	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	John	Oosterveld	Deacon Delegate
Bethel	Bruce	Adema	Pastor Delegate
Bethel	Paul	Groen	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Henry	Vos	Deacon Delegate
Maranatha	Kevin	Vanderspec	Elder Delegate
Maranatha	Jeremy	Brouwer	Elder Delegate

Meeting Details

1. OPENING

Chair Everett Vander Horst welcomed everyone present, especially the candidate, Adam Veenstra and the synodical deputies as well as a significant number of guests from the Ancaster congregation.

2. DEVOTIONS

Rita Klein-Geltink, pastor of Ancaster CRC, led in opening devotions with the reading of, and reflection on, Luke 4:14-16 and prayer

3. CALL TO ORDER

The chair gave some introductory information for the evening as a whole.

3.1. Attendance

The list of attendees was as shown above. All first time delegates signed the *Covenant of Officebearers* of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

The Chair **RULED THAT:** the officially registered delegates as noted on the previous page were seated and that the meeting was properly constituted.

3.2. Approval of Agenda

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the agenda as slightly amended was approved for discussion and action.

4. Examination of Candidate Adam Veenstra

4.1. Bruce Adema introduced candidate Adam Veenstra and proceeded to examine him in the area of **Practica**, an inquiry into the candidate's relationship to God and commitment to ministry. Opportunity for discussion was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** Classis proceed to the next area of inquiry.

4.2. **Sermon Evaluation:** On behalf of the sermon evaluators, Ken Benjamins presented a verbal report on the evaluation of Adam Veenstra's preached sermon and the manner in which he conducted a worship service at Maranatha CRC, York, on Sunday March 13, 2016. The reporter also provided a critique of the written Old Testament and Catechism sermons submitted by Adam Veenstra.

A motion was duly made and seconded **THAT:** Classis proceed to the next area of inquiry.

4.3. **Executive Session:** The Chair declared executive session. Those who were not officebearers or members of the CIC were asked to excuse themselves.

4.3.1. The following motion was passed in Executive Session and Candidate Adam Veenstra was informed privately of the decision.

4.3.2. On motion duly made, seconded and carried by ballot vote **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the next area of exam be tabled until a later date and that the CIC was instructed to arrange for mentoring and coaching of the candidate in consultation with Ancaster CRC.

4.3.3. On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the ballots be destroyed.

4.4. **End of Executive Session:** The Chair declared the end of the executive session and invited Adam Veenstra and the guests to return to the meeting. They were informed of Classis' decision.

5. CLOSING PRAYER

At 9:25pm, Chair Everett Vander Horst closed the meeting in prayer.