



**Christian
Reformed
Church**

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

Date: August 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: First Hamilton CRC, 181 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON

Chair: Anthony Elenbaas
Stated Clerk: Dick Kranendonk

Vice-Chair: Willem de Vries
Reporter: Ken Benjamins

Synodical Deputies:

James Dekker
Ray Vander Kooij
Herman Praamsma

Classis Niagara
Classis Huron
Classis Toronto

Delegates:

Church	First Name	Last Name	Title
Ancaster CRC	Adam	Veenstra	Pastor Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Jason	Taekema	Elder Delegate
Ancaster CRC	Josh	Boonstra	Deacon Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Ken	Tigchelaar	Elder Delegate
Meadowlands Fellowship	Debbie	Tigchelaar	Elder Delegate
Hope	William	Koopmans	Pastor Delegate
Hope	Fred	Reitsma	Elder Delegate
Hope	David	Guichelaar	Elder Delegate
New Street	Joel	Bootsma	Pastor Delegate
New Street	Robert	Luyk	Elder Delegate
Faith	Rob	Schaafsma	Elder Delegate
Faith	Wendy	Chey	Deacon Delegate
Calvin	Ken	Benjamins	Pastor Delegate
Calvin	Jerry	Noordam	Elder Delegate
Calvin	Peter	Vos	Deacon Delegate
Calvary	Benj	VanderMeulen	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Adam	VanBerkel	Elder Delegate
Calvary	Jason	Welmers	Deacon Delegate
Hagersville Community	Jeff	Klingenberg	Pastor Delegate
Hagersville Community	Brian	Paterson	Deacon Delegate
Hagersville Community	Jake	Elgersma	Elder Alternate
First Hamilton	Chris	Schoon	Pastor Delegate
First Hamilton	Len	Moelker	Elder Delegate
First Hamilton	Marty	Speelman	Deacon Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Anthony	Elenbaas	Pastor Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	Martin	Joldersma	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Hmltn	John	Geerts	Deacon Delegate
Mt. Hope Community	Roelof	Peereboom	Pastor Delegate
Mt. Hope Community	Mark	Demik	Elder Delegate
Mt. Hope Community	Greg	Schuurman	Elder Delegate
New Hope	Greg	Sinclair	Emerging Church
Ebenezer	Willem	deVries	Pastor Delegate
Ebenezer	Nicholas	VanderHeide	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Patric	deRuiter	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Mark	Vandervliet	Elder Delegate
Immanuel, Smc	Ernie	Rauwerda	Elder Delegate
Bethel	Wally	Boonstra	Deacon Delegate
Maranatha	Frank	Riewald	Elder Delegate
Maranatha	Garth	Hatton	Elder Delegate
Maranatha	Chris	Zandberg	Elder Delegate

Meeting Details

1. WELCOME

Chair of Classis, Anthony Elenbaas, welcomed everyone present, especially the candidate, Hayden Regeling and the synodical deputies as well as guests, including those from the First Hamilton congregation.

2. DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

Chris Schoon led in opening devotions with the reading of, and reflection on, Philippians 4:4-7, after which Willem de Vries led in prayer for the host church as well as the candidate and the deliberations.

3. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of Classis gave some information regarding the process for the evening as a whole.

3.1. Attendance

The list of attendees was as shown above. Since this had been called as a classis contracta meeting, the minimum of two delegates per church was not required.

3.2. Affirmation of Covenant for Office-Bearers

The Chair of Classis asked the delegates to affirm their agreement with the Covenant for Office-bearers by standing. The Chair of Classis then **RULED THAT**: the meeting was properly constituted.

3.3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Examination of Candidate Hayden Regeling

4.1. Roelof Peereboom introduced the candidate 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**: The report of the candidate's preached sermon and the manner in which he conducted a worship service at First Hamilton CRC, Hamilton, on Sunday August 12, 2018 was presented by Joel Bootsma. The reporter also provided a critique of the written Old Testament and Catechism sermons submitted by the candidate. Opportunity for discussion was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

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

The synodical deputies concurred.

4.3. **Biblical and Theological Position**: William Koopmans examined the candidate on his biblical and theological judgment, competence, and soundness. Opportunity for additional questions was given to the delegates and synodical deputies.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair declares an executive session and asked all those present who were not delegates, members of the CIC, or office bearers in their local churches to leave the meeting

- 5.1. **Motion to Admit:** A motion was duly made and seconded to admit Hayden Regeling to the ministry of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church.
- 5.2. The Chair of Classis offered a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the consideration of the decision at hand.
- 5.3. The synodical deputies were excused to prepare their recommendation.
 - 5.3.1. The Chair of Classis appointed the delegates from Ancaster CRC to serve as the balloting committee.
 - 5.3.2. Delegates engaged in a discussion concerning the candidate's abilities as demonstrated in the examination.
 - 5.3.3. delegates voted by ballot.
 - 5.3.4. The motion to admit Hayden Regeling to the ministry of the Word was approved
 - 5.3.5. The synodical deputies returned and stated that they concurred with the decision of classis. They provided a written statement to that effect. The Chair of Classis thanked the synodical deputies.
- 5.4. **Motion to Destroy Ballots:** On motion duly made, seconded and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** the ballots be destroyed.

6. END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 6.1. The Chair of Classis declared executive session ended and invites Hayden Regeling and guests back into the meeting.
- 6.2. The Chair of Classis congratulated Hayden Regeling on behalf of classis and presented him with the Classical Diploma. He also gave him words of encouragement as he begins his ordained ministry at First Hamilton CRC in Hamilton, Ontario.

7. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1. The Vice Chair offered a word of prayer for Hayden Regeling and offered thanks for the outcome of the deliberations.
- 7.2. Chris Schoon, Lead Pastor at First Hamilton CRC, announced that the ordination of Hayden Regeling will take place on Saturday, September 8, at 7PM.
- 7.3. The Chair of Classis offered a closing prayer at 9:10PM and declared the meeting adjourned.

The next classis meeting will take place on October 16, 2018 at Calvary CRC, Flamborough. Agenda materials for that meeting will be due on September 4, 2018.