



CLASSIS BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH–WEST

Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes for Session 75

Held October 2 & 3, 2018

1st CRC Vancouver, 2670 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Officers: President: Rev. Chelsey Harmon; Vice President: Rev. Joe Ellis; Stated Clerk: Mr. Andy de Ruyter; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Smith

Delegates, as per classical credentials:

	Church	Delegate	Delegate
1	Burnaby - NACC	Rev. Johannes Schouten	Elder Lori Fieber
2	Duncan CRC	Elder Gerald Wikkerink	Elder John Duifuis
3	Houston CRC	Rev. Charles Van Hoffen	Deacon Jon Mayer
4	Maple Ridge CRC	Rev. Tim Sheridan	Deacon Richard Simonson
5	Nanaimo - CCC	Rev. Chelsey Harmon	Elder Ben Briese
6	New Westminster CRC	Rev. Andrew Beunk	Pastor Hyung Jun Kim
7	Port Alberni – Alberni Valley CRC	Rev. Curtis Korver	Deacon Patty Taekema
8	Prince George CRC	Deacon Shelley Hempstead	Elder Harry Groot
9	Richmond – Immanuel CRC	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
10	Richmond – The Tapestry	Rev. Jesse Pals (Tues)	Rev. Samuel Lee (Tues)
		Rev. Albert Chu (Wed)	Rev. Kathy Kiesser (Wed)
11	Smithers CRC	Rev. Ken Vander Horst	Elder John Vis
12	Telkwa Community Church	Rev. Joe Ellis	Deacon Val Ellis
13	Terrace CRC	Rev. Joel Ringma	Elder Sharon Bandstra
14	Vancouver – downtown friends	Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma	<i>n/a</i>
15	Vancouver – First CRC	Rev. Trevor Vanderveen	Deacon Melissa Van Dyk
16	Victoria - CCC	Rev. William Delleman	Elder Jacqueline van Huizen
17	Victoria CRC	Rev. David Salverda	Elder Meghan Kort

I. PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE ON GOD

A. Opening Worship: Rev. Joe Ellis & Rev. David Salverda led us in a time of opening worship. Joe read from Acts 15:1-21. He encouraged us to hold in tension the need for vigorous debate (with a diversity of perspectives) and the trust that we are all trying to submit to Scripture. These two should then lead us to a willingness to submit to the decisions of the body. We were encouraged to think through our default way of interacting in a group like this and how we might listen and speak differently to contribute to a healthy classis meeting.

B. Constitution of Classis

1. Welcome: The President welcomed all delegates and visitors.
2. Delegates recited in unison the “Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life”.
3. Roll Call as per credentials by the stated clerk.
4. The president drew attention to pre-advice committee assignments.
5. First time delegates signed the “Covenant for Office Bearers in the CRC”.

II. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- A. **The Chair welcomed and thanked the Synodical Deputies:** Rev. Tom Oosterhuis (Alberta North), Rev. Rich DeRuiter (Pacific NW), and Rev. Rudy Ouwehand (BCSE).
- B. **Examination of Candidate Kelli Sexton** (Calling church: Christ Community Church, Nanaimo)
 - 1. Practica Exam by Rev. Ken Vander Horst
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 Motion to proceed.....Moved, Seconded, Carried (hereafter MSC)
 - 2. Sermon Evaluation report by Rev. William Delleman and two elders from Victoria CCC
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 Motion to proceed..... MSC
 Synodical deputies concur
 - 3. Biblical and Theological Exam by Rev. Trevor Vanderveen
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 - 4. Motion to admit Kelli Sexton as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.....Moved, Seconded

CLASSIS ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Classis prayed for the Holy Spirit’s guidance

Motion to admit Kelli Sexton as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.....Carried

CLASSIS RECONVENED

- 5. Classis, with the concurrence of the synodical deputies, welcomed Kelli Sexton into ordained ministry in the CRC. Classis spent time praying for Kelli.

Refreshment Break

- C. **Examination of Candidate Michael Yang** (Calling church: The Tapestry, Richmond)
 - 1. Practica Exam by Rev. Joel Ringma
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 Motion to proceed..... MSC
 - 2. Sermon Evaluation report by Rev. Johannes Schouten and elders from NACC
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 Motion to proceed..... MSC
 Synodical deputies concur
 - 3. Biblical and Theological Exam by Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma
 Questions from delegates and deputies
 - 4. Motion to admit Michael Yang as a Minister of the Word in the CRCMoved, Seconded

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Motion to admit Michael Yang as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.....Carried

CLASSIS RECONVENED

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Dinner Break

D. Commissioned pastor job descriptions

- 1. Nelson Avenue Community Church: Pastor of Faith Formation

- a. Rev. Jo Schouten presented the job description for the Pastor of Faith Formation in Nelson Avenue Community Church.
- b. During the time provided for comments and discussion the concern was raised by a number of delegates that the scope of the job seems large for a part-time position. Jo replied that they didn't want the scope to be too narrow, but also assured the delegates that the church council would monitor the job to ensure the commissioned pastor is not overwhelmed.

Motion: that classis approve the job description of Faith Formation in NACC as a commissioned pastor position..... MSC
 Synodical deputies concur.

- c. Classis prayed for the person who will be moving into this position and will be examined at the next classis meeting.

2. The Tapestry Richmond: Spiritual Health Practitioner – Acute Care

- a. Rev. Al Chu presented the job description for the chaplain position of Spiritual Health Practitioner – Acute Care.

Motion: that classis approve the job description of Spiritual Health Practitioner – Acute Care, as a commissioned pastor position.....MSC
 Synodical deputies concur.

- b. Rev. Al Chu interviewed Pastor Sandy Reynolds, providing an opportunity for her to share her family & educational background, her time as a commissioned pastor and chaplain in Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan, and her chaplaincy work with Fraser Health.
- c. Classis had the opportunity to review the support documents that pertained to the request to not re-examine Sandy: “Spiritual Health Practitioner – Acute Care” job description from Delta Hospital and Langley Memorial Hospital; Endorsement letter from Rev. Sarah Roelofs, Director, Chaplaincy and Care Ministry; Letter in Good Standing from Classis Alberta South & Saskatchewan; Transfer of Membership from Lantern CRC in Calgary, AB to The Tapestry.

Motion: that Pastor Sandy Reynolds, who has accepted a call from The Tapestry to serve in the commissioned pastor position, not be re-examined as a commissioned pastor as she has served recently in this same type of position as a commissioned pastor in Alberta.....MSC

- d. Time was provided for delegates to ask questions of Sandy and get to know her.
- e. Classis spent time praying for Sandy.

III. COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS

Update from the Classical Ministry Funding Review Team

- a. Andy reviewed the Memo and the “Ad Hoc Committee on Funding Classically Supported Ministries” report that had been sent to churches and ministries in April asking for feedback. As only seven responses were received, delegates are requested to take the letter back to their church councils for feedback. The goal is to come up with better criteria for supporting ministries, criteria that honours the desire of many churches that money remain as much as possible with the local churches.
- b. Due to time constraints at this meeting, the Tuesday evening of the March 2019 classis

meeting will be set aside to discuss this letter and begin to determine steps forward.

IV. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

Immanuel CRC

- a. Rev. David Cheung of Immanuel CRC in Richmond was given time to address classis on what he called the “308 issue”: a concern regarding procedure during a discussion on a proposed overture regarding the Confession of Belhar, that happened at the March 8, 2017 classis meeting (when classis last met at Immanuel CRC). Classis was invited to listen to what Rev. Cheung had to say but, on the recommendation of a small group of people (see point d.) who had been tasked with guiding this time, no time for discussion was allotted at this meeting. Both Rev. Chelsey Harmon and Rev. David Cheung prayed before the presentation, and Chelsey also prayed after Rev. Cheung was finished. A brief time of discussion was allotted after Rev. Cheung left the room.
- b. Rev. Darren Roorda told classis that there are denominational people who would be able to, and would love to, help us through this.
- c. Rev. Jo Schouten closed this time in prayer.
- d. Rev. Ken van der Horst, Elder Lori Fieber, Rev. Andrew Beunk, and Rev. Jo Schouten were tasked with continuing to follow-up with Rev. Cheung in the coming months to pursue reconciliation with Immanuel CRC.

*Classis adjourned for the evening at 8:15 p.m.
Classis reconvened at 8:30 a.m.*

V. PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE ON GOD

- A. Opening Worship:** Rev. Darren Roorda and Rev. David Salverda led us in opening worship. Darren read from 1 John and spoke about our identity as God’s children and the call to love each other. He asked us to consider, “What does that look like at classis?” We closed by singing Carolina Sandell Berg’s great hymn, “Children of the Heavenly Father”.
- B. Roll Call:** The stated clerk acknowledged the two new delegates from The Tapestry.

VI. COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Rev. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director,** addressed classis on a number of issues. He conducted a discernment exercise and reminded delegates of the need to choose, by mid-November, a representative from their congregation to attend the 2019 Canadian National Gathering (the CMIC will make the final selection of eleven delegates from Classis BCNW from the list of submitted names).
- B. The Minutes of the Classis Meeting held March 6 & 7, 2018** were received for information. There were no questions from the delegates regarding the minutes.
- C. The Stated Clerk / CMIC Report**
Mr. Andy de Ruyter highlighted a number of items from this report:
 - 1. The two year church visiting schedule (2018-2020) can be found near the end of these minutes and on the classis website.
 - 2. The CMIC approved the following expenses since the last classis meeting:
 - o \$475 to improve the website and make it mobile friendly.
 - o \$300 for the stated clerk/ministry leaders gathering
 - o \$350 for the annual youth ministry retreat
 - o \$500 from the Safe Church fund for a conference
 - o \$500 to the CMLT to host student luncheons

Motion to approve the financial decisions of the CMIC.....MSC

3. The 2nd installment of The Bridge App payment is due to be paid and will come out of the BC Ministry Fund as approved at a previous classis meeting. This is the final payment pre-approved by classis, so we will have to discuss further payments at a future classis meeting.
4. Ministry shares: The CMIC is proposing that the only increase to the classical ministry shares be a \$1 increase to the Classical Expense Fund to bring it to \$15. This will probably need to be increased to \$18 next year as the costs to host classis are increasing, especially with the need to hire a caterer for our meals.
5. The pulpit supply schedule for Duncan CRC can be found near the end of these minutes and on the classis website. It looks like Duncan CRC will need pulpit supply from January – May 2019. If so, the next schedule will involve pastors of Lower Mainland churches.
6. As per the Memo dated June 26, 2018, the CMIC is proposing that the classis Rules of Procedure be changed so that the chair of the CMIC and the stated clerk of the CMIC are two separate positions as per the duties outlined in the memo.

Motion: Accept the ROP changes as presented in the June 26, 2018 Memorandum from the CMIC to have the chair and stated clerk of the CMIC be two distinct positions..... MSC

7. As Andy is stepping down as stated clerk effective the day after the March 2019 classis meeting, the CMIC nominated Mrs. Kathy Smith as the next stated clerk.

Motion: that Mrs. Kathy Smith be appointed as the stated clerk of Classis BCNW, effective March 7, 2019 (following the March 2019 classis meeting).....Moved, Seconded, Carried

8. Andy pointed out that three CMIC members will be leaving the committee in March 2019. If the delegates have any suggestions for new members, please let the CMIC know.
9. The Auditors Report for 2017 has been received and everything looks good.

Motion: to approve the work of the CMIC and the Stated Clerk.....MSC

Refreshment Break

D. Treasurer report

The classis treasurer, Mr. David Pel, reviewed the schedules in the Financial Reports for the Period Ended June 30, 2018. Everything is doing well; contribution levels are consistent.

Motion: to approve the work of the Classis Treasurer.....MSC

VII. Reports to Classis, as part of the Classical Values of Authentic Community, Disciples Making New Disciples, Leadership Development, and Covenantal Relationships

A. Safe Church Team:

1. Mrs. Faye Martin used the example of what happened with Bill Hybels and Willow Creek Church to encourage the delegates to take seriously the matter of leadership misconduct and abuse of power. The delegates were asked if they could say “yes” to the following:
 - Do I know what all constitutes Leadership Misconduct?
 - Do I know what all the red flags are when Leadership Misconduct may be happening?
 - Do I know what is all included in grooming and who the grooming may be directed to?
 - Do I know what’s all included in the role of the council in terms of PREVENTION &

RESPONSE to Leadership Misconduct

- Do I know what to do if someone confides in me that they or someone they know has been abused by a church leader?
- Do I know what accountability looks like and includes?
- Do I fully understand the expanse of the damage caused by abuse committed by a leader in ministry?
- Do I know how to respond appropriately to & provide support to a person who has been abused by a church leader?
- Do I know and understand all the boundaries in church leadership roles?
- Do I know the CRC process for responding to allegations of abuse or misconduct charged against a church leader
- Do I know and understand how to facilitate/provide informed support to a person who has offended?

Delegates are encouraged to learn and work together in facing this issue and to use Safe Church Ministry as a resource.

2. In response to a comment by Rev. Alan van der Woerd regarding churches' need to understand the legal implications of this issue, Faye reminded delegates to include a lawyer while writing their safe church policies.

B. Dig (Calvin Seminary)

Rev. Jo Schouten showed a video about a program at Calvin Seminary called Dig. He encouraged churches to consider sending their high school students to help them uncover their future (<https://dig.calvinseminary.edu/>).

C. B.C. Leadership Development Network

Pastor Wilma Van der Leek gave some highlights of the current year at LDN, including the addition of a new board member and a new administrator. She also gave out, and discussed, a handout showing the Current 2018 Equipping Offerings for Classis BC NW & SE. (That handout has been posted to the documents/resources page of the Classis BCNW website.)

D. Ministry to Seafarers

1. Rev. Gary Roosma showed some slides to update classis on the Ministry to Seafarers in the Lower Mainland area. They were blessed with an intern this past summer, and also have a new website: www.ministrytoseafarers.com. Delegates were reminded that Christmas at Sea is coming up.
2. Rev. Curtis Korver updated classis on the Ministry to Seafarers in Port Alberni. Things are going well, with time spent this past summer providing hospitality to seafarers.

E. Church Counselor, Duncan CRC

Rev. Curtis Korver gave an update on Duncan CRC's process of searching for a new pastor. He commended them for their hard work in getting ready to extend a call.

F. Church Visit Reports

1. Rev. Andrew Beunk reported on New Westminster CRC's visit with Maple Ridge CRC and gave a positive report. Rev. Tim Sheridan then shared his journey with concussion recovery and now a significant lung infection. Rev. Joel Ellis prayed for Tim.
2. Rev. Chelsey Harmon reported on Christ Community Church in Nanaimo's visit with Victoria CRC. She shared that there seemed to be a lack of clarity in some areas but was pleased to report that some work has been done on this. Christ Community Church is willing to visit again to follow-up.
3. Rev. David Salverda reported on Victoria CRC's visit with Alberni Valley CRC in Port Alberni. He shared that Alberni Valley had a general concern about membership issues, and they spent some time together wondering how this might work. Alberni Valley is currently in a season of health. Rev. Curtis Korver shared that they could use a part-time worship leader.

4. Churches were reminded that they need to submit their church visit reports to the stated clerk.

G. Review Of Reports Submitted With No Verbal Presentation

Classis delegates were reminded to review the reports submitted by the following agencies and share them with their church council. These reports can be found in the zip file forwarded to delegates by the stated clerk.

- World Renew
- Disability Regional Advocate
- The Kings University
- Redeemer University College
- Classis Youth Champion
- Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer: Dena Nicolai
- Kwantlen Ministries: The Tapestry, Richmond

H. Rev. Curtis Korver prayed for those who had been reporting, and for lunch.

Lunch

I. Northern BC Campus Ministry

Rev. Alan Vander Woerd shared highlights of his work on the campus of UNBC. God continues to use Alan and this ministry to reach students with the good news of Jesus Christ.

J. Diaconal Ministries Canada

1. Mrs. Rachel Vroege informed classis of a new grant initiative for youth, called “Youth Justice Initiative”. This grant has been inspired by WE day and will provide money to youth working in an area of injustice. More information will be coming in January. She also reminded delegates of the various DMC resources: Community Opportunity Scan, asset-based community development training, Operation Manna, etc.
2. Rachel also introduced the new DMC board member and Classis BCNW representative, Mrs. Cindy Verbeek, who spoke briefly about her passion for creation care.

K. Student Fund Committee

Mr. Vic Chen reported that the Student Fund Committee has committed to support Jin Sung Kim (4th year MDIV student at Regent) and Hyung Jun Kim (EPMC at Calvin Seminary) for a combined total of \$10,000.

Motion to approve the SFC report, including approval of the financial support decision.....MSC

L. Calvin Theological Seminary

Mr. Vic Chen gave a brief update on Calvin Seminary, and informed us that he has agreed to serve another term.

M. downtown friends

1. Rev. Mary-Lee Bouma gave thanks to God for the eleven year ministry of downtown friends in Yaletown. She read from Psalm 125, a Psalm of Ascent, and shared memories provided by those who had been impacted by the ministry of downtown friends throughout the years.
2. Pastor Update:
 - a. Rev. Janina Mobach is currently on loan from 1st CRC & downtown friends to Mosaic Church. She is also a local ministry leader for Resonate. She will be exploring with whom else she could serve.
 - b. Rev. Mary Lee Bouma will be resigning from REED next month, and will be taking six months to explore what is next.
3. Rev. Trevor Vanderveen prayed that the seeds that have been planted would continue to take

root. He also informed classis that 1st CRC continues to hold Mary-Lee and Janina’s credentials. According to church order, there is provision for both of them to take up to two years to discern the next steps. 1st CRC will set up a team to come alongside them as they go through this process. The team will be composed of a few members from 1st CRC and Rev. Andrew Beunk (regional pastor).

N. Synod 2018 delegate report

Mrs. Lori Fieber shared a number of highlights from Synod 2018, including:

- Classis BCNW is the first classis to send a full roster of women.
- The tone of synod could be summarized as pastoral.
- Synod considered how to contend with the abuse of power in CRCNA congregations, and was adamant that strong measures be taken to safeguard against the abuse of power.
- Synod wrestled with how to stay in unity in the midst of conflict.

VIII. Covenantal Relationships

A. Standing Nominations Committee

Mrs. Kathy Smith led the delegates through the voting process. The following people were elected:

- BC LDN Board Member (rep from BCNW): Mr. Rick Garrison (1st term)
- CMLT/SFC: Rev. David Cheung (2nd term)
- Classical Treasurer – alternate: Mrs. Verney Kho (2nd term)
- Classical Auditor: Mr. Fred Bosma (9th term)
- Delegates to Synod 2019
 - Minister Delegate: Rev Joe Ellis (appointed) Alternate: Rev. Ken Vander Horst
 - Elder Delegate: Mrs. Lori Fieber Alternate: Mr. Asher DeGroot
 - Deacon Delegate: Ms. Melissa Van Dyk Alternate: *tbd*
 - Fourth Delegate: Rev. Chelsey Harmon Alternate: Rev. William Delleman

B. Ministry Shares

Mr. Andy de Ruyter presented the following ministry share proposal on behalf of the CMIC.

	2018	2017
Ministry to Seafarers	9.45	9.45
Leadership Development Network	8.00	8.00
Student Fund	12.00	12.00
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C.	15.00	15.00
Classis Expense Fund	15.00	14.00
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain	1.00	1.00
Safe Church Team	3.00	3.00
Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer	4.00	4.00
	\$ 67.45	\$66.45

Motion to approve classical ministry shares of \$67.45 for the year 2019.....MSC

C. Reports and Actions from Pre-advice Committees

1. The Credentials Committee reported that the credentials were all in order. They reported that Port Alberni requested time at a Tuesday evening session to talk about ways of preaching good news to our city in word and deed.

Motion to approve the work of the Credentials Committee.....MSC

- 2. The Expenses Committee reported expenses of \$10,980.66 for this classis meeting. Expenses are significantly higher for this meeting because of the need to hire a caterer. Delegates are encouraged to book flights as early as possible as the costs will be cheaper.

Motion: to approve expenses of \$10,980.66.....MSC

IX. Closing Session

A. Closing Remarks

- 1. The President thanked Rev. Trevor Vanderveen for his AV work, and Rev. Joe Ellis for his role as Vice Chair.
- 2. It was noted that this is an historic occasion as the first ever meeting of a classis in BC took place at 1st CRC in Vancouver 60 years ago in October 1958.

B. Closing Devotions

Rev. Joe Ellis led in closing devotions. He read from Acts 15:36-41, 1 Corinthians 12:12-18, and 2 Timothy 4:11. He showed us that in Paul’s up and down relationship with John Mark we can see how Jesus taught Paul the importance of vision, mission, *and* relationships. We were encouraged to leave classis and practice the type of love that Paul talked about and that Jesus taught.

- C. The President declared classis adjourned precisely at 3:00 p.m.

2019 Meetings of Classis
 March 5 & 6, 2019 at New Westminster CRC
 October 1 & 2, 2019 at The Tapestry, Richmond Campus

Next Officers of Classis:
 Rev. Joe Ellis: President
 Rev. Trevor Vanderveen: Vice All

Church Visitors Assignments for 2018 to 2020, beginning March 1, 2018

Visits to be completed by March 1, 2020

The following church visiting assignments have been assigned for the next cycle.

Church being visited:	Church doing the visit:	Date Visited:
<u>Northern Churches:</u>		
Terrace CRC	- Houston CRC	
Smithers CRC	- Terrace CRC	
Telkwa CRC	- Prince George CRC	
Houston CRC	- Smithers CRC	
Prince George CRC	- Telkwa CRC	
<u>Island Churches:</u>		
Victoria CRC	- Duncan CRC	
Victoria CCC	- Nanaimo CCC	
Duncan CRC	- Alberni Valley CRC	
Nanaimo CCC	- Victoria CRC	
Alberni Valley CRC	- Victoria CCC	
<u>Lower Mainland Churches</u>		
Maple Ridge CRC	- The Tapestry	
New Westminster CRC	- Maple Ridge CRC	
Nelson Ave CC	- 1 st Vancouver CRC	
1 st Vancouver CRC	- New Westminster CRC	
Immanuel CRC	- Nelson Ave CCC	
The Tapestry	- Immanuel CRC	

Classical and Denominational Ministry Shares for 2019

Classis BCNW Ministry Share per member (2018 - \$66.45)		Denominational Ministry Share per member (Approved by Synod 2018)	
Ministry to Seafarers	9.45	BTGMI	44.41
Leadership Development Network	8.00	Calvin College	1.80
Student Fund	12.00	Area colleges (Kings)	71.47
Chr. Ref. Campus Ministry in B.C.	15.00	Calvin Seminary	36.27
Classis Expense Fund	15.00	Congregational Services	82.44
The Tapestry-Kwantlen Chaplain	1.00	Resonate Global Missions	108.52
Safe Church Team	3.00	Syn. Admin. Services	39.19
Chaplain and Refugee Sup. Mob.	4.00	Special Assistance Fund	3.73
	\$67.45		\$387.83

- *Classical expense fund includes funding for classis meetings, ongoing administrative expenses, stipends, \$500 for CMLT, \$300 for Stated Clerk Gathering, and \$400 for Youth Champions Gathering.*
- *Please note that 50% of classis ministry shares are due by June 30 each year.*

Classical Pulpit Supply

The following assignments have been made for Duncan CRC.

September 9	Rev. Ken Vander Horst
September 23	Rev. Gary Roosma
October 14	Rev. Andrew Turkstra
October 28	Pastor Dena Nicolai
November 4	Rev. Henry Jonker
November 16	Candidate Kelli Sexton
December 2	Rev. David Salverda
December 16	Rev. Gary Roosma

If Duncan CRC remains vacant into 2019, another list of assignments will be made and sent out by late October 2018. Do note that if assignments are needed for January to May 2019, Lower Mainland pastors will each be assigned a turn.

CLASSIS BCNW MISSION AND VALUES

Approved March 2018

Our Mission

Classis BCNW exists to encourage, equip, and empower congregations and ministries to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and seek first God's Kingdom.

The Values that Shape our Work, Witness, and Life Together

- Prayerful Dependence on God: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we trust God to lead and provide for us as we engage in ministry together.
- Authentic Community: Intentionally sharing life and story, we build each other up and encourage one another to live lives worthy of the calling we've received.
- Disciples Making New Disciples: Recognizing that the church's main calling is to make disciples of Jesus, we encourage one another, our congregations, and the ministries we represent to be faithful to God's mission and creative in living it out.
- Leadership Development: Through funding, training and support, we develop, commission, and equip new and existing leaders.
- Covenantal Relationships: Committing ourselves to each other as God has committed himself to us, we support the work of classis and the ministry of the CRCNA.

APPOINTEES & COMMITTEES OF CLASSIS BCNW

STATED CLERK (S/C)

Mr. Andy de Ruyter	2019(3)	classisbcnw@shaw.ca
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CMC - CLASSICAL MINISTRIES (INTERIM) COMMITTEE
& NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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Mr. Victor Chen – CMLT/SFC chair	2020(3)	
Mr. David Pel – Classis Treasurer	2020(8)	
Rev. Henry Numan - Lower Mainland rep	2019(2)	
Rev. David Salverda – Island rep	2019(2)	
Rev. Ken Vander Horst – Northern rep	2020(1)	
Ms. Faye Martin – SCT Coordinator	EX OFFICIO	

CLASSICAL TREASURER

Mr. David Pel	2020(8)	david@dpelcga.com
Mrs. Verney Kho - alternate	2021(2)	

CLASSIS AUDITOR

Mr. Fred Bosma	2021(9)	
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SCT - SAFE CHURCH TEAM COORDINATOR

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SCT – SAFE CHURCH TEAM CLASSIS REPRESENTATIVE

CLASSICAL LICENSURE

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REGIONAL PASTORS

Rev. Joel Ringma	Northern Churches
Rev. Henry Jonker	Island Churches
Rev. Andrew Beunk	Lower-Mainland Churches

LDN - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (bi-classis team)

Rev. Andrew Aukema (BCNW)	chair / classis rep
Mr. John Messelink (BCNW)	
Mrs. Wilma van der Leek	Fraser Valley LDN Facilitator

CMLT/SFC - CLASSIS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM / STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE (BI-CLASSIS
COMMITTEE WITH CLASSIS BCSE)

BCNW Members

Mr. Victor Chen – Chair (SFC)	2020(3)
Rev. David Cheung (SFC)	2021(2)
Rev. Al Wu (SFC)	2020(1)

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS

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BCNW Members:

Mr. David Pel – Treasurer BCNW	2020(9)
Mr. Rens Slot	2019(2)
Mr. Steve Berkenpas	2018(1)

CRCM – ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS MINISTRY IN B.C.

Rev. Dr. Alan VanderWoerd – Chaplain @ UNBC alan@alabanza.ca

CHAPLAIN AND REFUGEE MOBILIZER

Pastor Dena Nicolai

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADIAN BOARD MEMBER FOR B.C.

Mrs. Cindy Verbeek (pending)

DIACONAL MINISTRY DEVELOPERS

Mr. Gary Veenman for BCNW

Mr. Gord Pierkik for Vancouver Island

SIERRA LEONE BC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Dave Meyer – Chair BCNW

Rev. Joel Ringma – Secretary BCNW

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DENOMINATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

SYNODICAL DEPUTY

Rev. Henry Jonker 2021 (1)

Rev. Andrew Beunk - alternate 2021 (1)

COD – Council of Delegates: CRCNA

Mr. Andy DeRuyter 2021(2)

CCBOT - CALVIN COLLEGE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Richard Mast 2020(1)

CTS - CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Mr. Vic Chen 2022(2)

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

WORLD RENEW – Classis Rep

Dave Mayer 2020(1)

CRCPD - CHRISTIAN REFORMED CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE

Dena Nicolai 2020 (2)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE LIAISON

Mrs. Anne Kwantes 2019(4)

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Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)
& Classis British Columbia North-West (Classis BCNW)
Acronym List

ACRCMBC	Association for the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry in British Columbia <i>aka</i> Christian Reformed Campus Ministry at UNBC
BCSE	Classis British Columbia South-East
BOT	Board of Trustees
BTGMI	Back to God Ministries International (now part of the COD)
CC	Candidacy Committee (<i>formerly</i> Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee)
CDT	Church Development Team (classical)
CMIC	Classical Ministry Interim Committee
CMLT	Classis Ministry Leadership Team (<i>formerly</i> Classis Ministry Candidacy Committee)
COD	Council of Delegates
CO	Church Order (<i>also</i> CO Art. = Church Order Article)
CPJ	Citizens for Public Justice
CRCM	Christian Reformed Campus Ministry (<i>see also</i> ACRCMBC)
CRCPD	Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue
CRHM	Christian Reformed Home Missions (now Resonate Global Missions)
CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions (now Resonate Global Missions)
CTS	Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids MI
DMC	Diaconal Ministries Canada
DV	Deo Volente, Latin for “Lord Willing”
RGM	Resonate Global Missions
LDN	Leadership Development Network
M2/W2	Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman restorative ministry often within prisons
MSC	MSC (shorthand in classis minutes)
OSJHA	Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action (denominational)
PCR	Pastor-Church Resources (denominational) formally: Pastor Church Relations
RMT	Regional Ministry Team
ROP	Rules of Procedure (classical)
SC	Stated Clerk (classical)
SCE	Sustaining Congregational Excellence
SCT	Safe Church Team
SFC	Student Fund Committee (classical)
SL	Sierra Leone (<i>as in</i> CRC in BC & SL)
SPE	Sustaining Pastoral Excellence
TKU	The King’s University, Edmonton AB
UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George BC