

Agenda Materials for the 154th meeting of
Classis Lake Erie
of the Christian Reformed Church
to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 7, 2020

Supplement

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Candidate Nathan Groenewold seeks ordination via Church Order Article 12c:

c. A minister of the Word may also serve the church in other work which relates directly to the calling of a minister, but only after the calling church has demonstrated to the satisfaction of classis, with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies, that said work is consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word.

The following requirements are stated in the Supplement to Article 12c:

The calling church shall secure the prior approval of classis, with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies, for each new ministerial position, by providing classis with the following information:

- 1) The description of the official position (purposes, duties, qualifications, etc.) as determined by the calling church in consultation with cooperating agencies as applicable.
- 2) The evidence that the minister will be directly accountable to the calling church, including an outline of requirements for reporting to the calling church, and supervision by the calling church, in consultation with cooperating agencies as applicable.
- 3) The demonstration that the position will be consistent with the calling as a minister of the Word.

Immediately prior to Nathan Groenewold's examination, Classis must therefore vote to approve the position to which Ann Arbor CRC has called him. The description for his position is provided below.

Cohort Director Position Description

Vision — Oversight of both the vision and day-to-day implementation of the Cohort Detroit ministry, a justice-oriented ministry of immersive discipleship and Christian leadership development in Detroit. Cohort Detroit builds on existing Resonate Global Mission partnerships to meet a deep need for developing Christian young adult leaders in the Detroit context.

Position — The Cohort Detroit Director/Ann Arbor CRC Associate Pastor is responsible to:

- Create and implement discipleship and Christian leadership development curriculum for young adults serving in Cohort Detroit: weekly spiritual formation, mentoring, local partner site visits, weekly Cohort gatherings, and educational travel trips
- Mentor and guide Cohort Detroit participants and local young adults impacted by the Cohort Detroit program.
- Preach and/or lead adult education bi-monthly at area churches
- Serve as a mission network developer, building meaningful bridges between regional churches and mission partnerships in Detroit.
- Support events and training designed to deepen spiritual friendships between Ann Arbor CRC members and Detroit partners and individuals
- Raise mission support and recruiting participants for Cohort Detroit alongside the Cohort Detroit advisory council.
- In partnership with the Cohort Detroit advisory council, oversee the long-term growth, sustainability, and vision for the Cohort Detroit ministry.

Oversight — In accordance with the attached letter of call, the Ann Arbor CRC will hold the Associate Pastor/Cohort Director's ministerial credentials and take the responsibility of supervising and giving accountability for life, ministry, and doctrine. In this partnership our hope is that we might aid Nathan in flourishing in the ministry that Nathan has been so clearly gifted and called by God to do. The Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church confirms that supervision for day-to-day ministry, as well as financial support of the ministry, will be provided by the Council of Advisors of Cohort Detroit. AACRC will not be providing any health benefits, retirement benefits, payroll, or payroll taxes.

The Council at Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church

New Church Development March 2020 Update

CRC Classis Lake Erie

Mark Van Andel

Hesed Community Church – Rev. Mark Van Andel and Rev. Nate Bull continue to partner in this joint CRC /RCA venture in Detroit. This ministry has now completed five years of neighborhood evangelism and discipleship. Now convening bible studies in three neighborhoods, the work continues to expand. In 2020, the governance of Hesed will be shifted from its origination in Kalamazoo to a southeast Michigan leadership community. Nate and Mark are grateful for their relationships with CRC and RCA churches across the region and are open to visits and preaching that will continue to strengthen our connection within the churches of the Classis. You can contact Mark and Nate at: hesedcc@gmail.com.

New Opportunities - Mark Van Andel, in his role of Local Mission Leader for Resonate, continues to connect with new potential ministry leaders. Pastor Roland Rizallaraj who has been planting a church in Grand Rapids has also made connections with the Albanian community in Metro Detroit. He is looking for a CRC church in Southeast Michigan to partner with in order to begin more intentional ministry to Albanians in this region.

Mark has also been meeting with Steve Perry, who has previously served a newly developing church in Holland, Michigan. He has now launched Word Encounter Church on East Seven Mile Road in Detroit. He desires to have more connection with the CRC and is exploring a partnership with Resonate Global Mission as well as potentially commissioned pastor status in Classis Lake Erie.

Please continue to pray that we will develop a cooperative holistic mission network of ministries across our Classis that will mutually benefit each other for Kingdom expansion. If your church has an interest in church planting or desires to be involved in any of these opportunities, please contact Mark Van Andel at MVanAndel@crcna.org

Classis Lake Erie Ministers Eligible for Delegation to Synod 2020

Note: Synod will be held from Friday, June 12 to Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ackerman, Matt
Apol, Phil
Bae, Joseph Hun-Suk
Bieber, Ken
Boes, Ryan
Engle, Randall
Ettema, Kendra
Gritter, Nathan
Kim, Brandon
Kim, Daniel Hong Youn
Kim, John Y.
Kronemeijer-Heyink, Brenda
Lanham, Chris
Lee, Samuel
Oh, Christian
Park, John
Sarver, Bailey
Snider, Alex - Is willing and available to attend.
Stulpnagel, Julie
Sung, David K.
Van Andel, Mark
Van Arragon, Ben
Vang, Zongseng
Wassink, Brent – Is unavailable to attend.
Winters, Harry
Workman, Rhonda

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIS LAKE ERIE STUDENT FUNDING REQUESTS

(Feb. 2020 draft)

- Applications for funding will be submitted by August 1 for the following academic year.
- All applicants must be a member in good standing of a congregation in Classis Lake Erie.
- The criteria for evaluating applications will be (in this order) giftedness and calling, financial need, commitment to future ministry in the CRC, and connection to Classis Lake Erie.
- Funding recommendations will be capped at 50% of the student's expenses.
- Recommendations from the Leadership Development (Student Funding) Committee will be submitted to Classis at its fall meeting.
- Applications for funding that are received after the August 1 deadline will be considered *only if* there are additional funds remaining in the Classis budget, and will be viewed as "interim funding" until application has been received in the regular application cycle.
- Interim funding recommendations will be submitted to the Classis Executive Committee at the discretion of the Leadership Development (Student Funding) Committee.

Classis Leadership Development Committee

**CAMPUS CHAPEL AND CENTER FOR FAITH & SCHOLARSHIP**

Rev. Bailey Sarver
Campus Chapel Pastor

Rev. Matthew Ackerman
Campus Chapel Pastor
Director, Center for Faith and Scholarship

2019-20 Board Members (with board term expiration date)

Lauren Bylsma (June 2019, with term extended through January 2020): A graduate of the Master's Degree program at Michigan's School of Public Health, Lauren works for a public health consulting firm. She is also a graduate of Calvin University, and grew up in Brookfield, Wisconsin, attending Brookfield CRC. She is Vice-President of the Board.

Philip Christman (June 2020): Phil is a faculty member of the University of Michigan English Department, as well as a freelance writer. He is a graduate of Calvin University and did his graduate studies at Marquette University and the University of South Carolina. He is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

John Kloosterman (June 2020): John is a faculty member in Michigan's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He is a graduate of Calvin University, and grew up in Barrie, Ontario, where his family owns a dairy farm. He is the President of the Board.

Christina Postema (June 2021): A long-time member of the Campus Chapel community, Chrissy works as a Media Specialist for Ann Arbor Public Schools. Chrissy has previously served as the Campus Chapel treasurer and is now the Secretary of the Board.

Rebecca Timmermans (June 2021): Becca is a Campus Chapel member. She works at the University of Michigan in research administration. She is a graduate of Calvin University and the U of M School of Social Work.

Megan Harris (June 2022): A recent graduate of the Michigan School of Social Work, Megan works in foster care licensing for Hands Across the Water. She is a native of Pella, IA, and also graduated from Calvin University.

Allison Schepers (June 2022): Allison was a student participant in the Chapel community from 2012-16 during her studies at the U of M Pharmacy School. She has now returned to Ann Arbor to work as a pharmacist for the inpatient oncology service at UM Hospitals.

Ex-Officio Board Members: Matt Ackerman & Bailey Sarver

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