

Minutes of the 150th meeting of
Classis Lake Erie
of the Christian Reformed Church

In session October 6, 2018, at Han Bit CRC,
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Members of Han Bit CRC lead Classis in Opening Worship.

I. Constituting Classis

A. Roll call indicates the presence of the following delegations from the churches and ministries of Classis Lake Erie.

Church	Minister	Elder	Deacon
All Nations (Toledo)	Jung Un Park	David Lee	
Akron CRC	Harry Winters	Linda Barrett	Mike Kessel
Ann Arbor CRC		Bev Kraker	
Ann Arbor Chapel	Matt Ackerman		
Ann Arbor Hope CRC	Joseph Hunsuk Bae	Manhoe Kim	
Cascades Fellowship CRC (Jackson)	Chris Lanham		
Charlotte CRC			
Cleveland Zion	Daniel Hong Youn Kim		
Community CRC (Saginaw)	Nathan Gritter	Mary Smith	Juli Stuelpnagel
Dearborn Christian Fellowship CRC	Rolf Bouma	Richard Hoolsema	Ela McHugh
Detroit First CRC	Ben Van Arragon	Eric Nielsen	Alicia Nicholson
Eastside CRC		Vivian Louis	
Han-Bit CRC	Christian Oh	Joseph Jeoung	Sukchun Lee
Hesed Community Church	Mark Van Andel		
Hmong Christian Ministry	Zongseng Vang	Khuchia Yia Yang	Kou Khang
Imlay City CRC	Alex Snider	Mike Touchette	Mark VanDenBerg
North Hills CRC (Troy)	Randy Engle	Misa Mi	Helen Brien
Olentangy CRC (Columbus)		Larry Fischer	
River Terrace CRC (East Lansing)	Ken Bieber	Karen Bollman	MaryJo Banasik
Willard CRC	Terence Visser	Gary Knoll	Darren Wiers

- B. President Nathan Gritter welcomes delegates and guests.
- C. First-time delegates sign the *Covenant for Officebearers*.
- D. The president declares Classis to be constituted.

II. Ministry Priority: Leadership Development

A. Interview/Examination of Candidates for Commissioned Pastor via Article 23.

1. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink introduces Valjean VandeHaar (Chaplain, Commissioned Pastor; calling congregation: River Terrace Church).
2. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink interviews Valjean VandeHaar regarding her life of faith, ministry with Baruch Senior Ministries, and biblical-theological position.

Motion: to proceed to examination of Mike Bonser.

Motion is: *adopted.*

3. Brad Stolman introduces Mike Bonser (Commissioned Pastor; calling congregation: Dearborn Christian Fellowship).
4. Ken Bieber leads examination of Commissioned Pastor Mike Bonser regarding practica and biblical-theological position.

Motion: to proceed to sermon evaluation.

Motion is: *adopted.*

5. Mark Van Andel presents Sermon Evaluation.

Motion: to move to Executive Session for decisions.

Motion is: *adopted.*

6. Under Executive Session, Classis delegates make observations and ask questions regarding both candidates.

Motion: to approve Valjean VandeHaar as Commissioned Pastor.

Motion is: *adopted.*

Motion: to approve Mike Bonser as Commissioned Pastor.

Motion is: *adopted.*

7. Valjean VandeHaar and Mike Bonser, and Classis guests, are invited to return. Classis lays on hands, prays for the candidates, and welcomes them.

- B. Student Funding. Matt Ackerman presents seminary student support recommendations.

Motion: to accept the support recommendations of the Leadership Development Committee.

Motion is: *adopted.*

- C. Ben Van Arragon announces the upcoming ordination service for Rev. Hong Youn "Daniel" Kim. October 21, 2018, Cleveland Zion Church, 6:00 p.m.

III. Ministry Priority: Nurturing Communities

- A. All Nations Community Church change of status from “emerging” to “organized”. Ben Van Arragon explains change of status and Executive Committee’s recommendation.

Motion: to formalize All Nations Community Church’s change to “organized” status.

Motion is: *adopted.*

- B. Congregational Life Committee. Chris Lanham reports activities of ministries supported by Congregational Life, and explains
- C. Church counselor reports. Terence Visser reports on transitional activities of Olentangy CRC.

IV. Ministry Priority: Denominational Involvement

- A. Council of Delegates. Laurie Harkema reports on upcoming COD meeting, and invites Classis members to recommend candidates for “short list” of potential Lake Erie COD delegates.
- B. Youth Unlimited. New executive director Rick Zomer introduces himself and updates Classis on the ministry of Youth Unlimited.
- C. World Renew. Mary Rupke reports on current activities and future challenges of World Renew.
- D. Inspire Promotion. Ben Van Arragon invites delegates to consider attending Inspire 2019 (Aug. 1-3, Windsor, Ontario), and reports Classis commitment to pay registration fee for Lake Erie attendees.
- E. Resonate Global Mission. Mark Van Anandel reports on Hesed Community Church (Detroit), and other Lake Erie region initiatives from Resonate.
- F. Arab American Friendship Center. Executive Director Dwight Billingsley updates Classis on the ministry and strategic vision of AAFC.

V. Ministry Priority: Specialized Ministries

- A. Nathan Gritter reports briefly on Specialized Ministries, and directs delegates to the application process for new ministries.
- B. Campus Edge Fellowship. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink reports on joys and challenges of ministry to students, staff and faculty at MSU.
- C. Campus Chapel. Matt Ackerman reports on changes in Campus Chapel’s leadership (Rolf Bouma’s transition into interim pastoral work; hire of new staff member) as well as updated ministry vision.

VI. Ministry Priority: New Church Development

- A. Mark Van Anandel includes New Church Development in Resonate report.

VII. Administrative Matters

- A. Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Joe Creech presents the 2019 budget. Joe also reports on recent successful audit. One item noted is “cash on hand” surplus of approximately \$250,000.00.

Motion: to approve 2019 budget.

Motion is: *adopted.*

Motion: to authorize Treasurer to move 200,000.00 to guaranteed return investment (with the understanding that we will seek ways of investing the funds in Classis ministry).

Motion is: *adopted.*

Motion: that Classis Lake Erie approve of the work of the treasurer.

Motion is: *adopted.*

B. Stated Clerk. Ben Van Arragon directs Classis' attention to report on p. 3 of the *Agenda.*

Motion: that Classis approve the work of stated clerk.

Motion is: *adopted.*

C. Executive Committee. President Nathan Gritter reports work of the Executive Committee.

Motion: that Classis approve the work of the Executive Committee.

Motion is: *adopted.*

VIII. Concluding Matters

A. Next Classis meetings:

1. March 2, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Dearborn Christian Fellowship
2. October 5, 2019 at ???

B. President Nathan Gritter acknowledges hospitality of host church Han Bit CRC, work of volunteers, committee chairs, and Classis leadership.

C. Matt Ackerman offers closing prayer.

D. Classis is adjourned.