

Minutes of the 153rd meeting of
Classis Lake Erie
of the Christian Reformed Church
 In session October 5, 2019, at Dearborn Christian Fellowship,
 Dearborn, Michigan

A representative of Dearborn Christian Fellowship leads a time of opening prayer.

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 John Park		Sung Hoon Hah
Akron CRC	Harry Winters	Jeremy Garver-Hughes	Shana McFeaters
Ann Arbor CRC		Bev Kraker	Chris Adams
Ann Arbor Hope CRC	Samuel Lee		
Campus Edge Fellowship	Brenda Kronem		
Cascades Fellowship CRC (Jackson)	Chris Lanham	Gary Adams	Beka Manson
Cleveland Zion			
Community CRC (Saginaw)	Nathan Gritter	Stu Rupke	Dawn Wilson
Dearborn Christian Fellowship CRC	Rolf Bouma	Chris Hocking	John Hartshorn
Detroit First CRC	Ben Van Arragon	John Regnerus	Katie Crowley
Eastside CRC		Vivian Louis; David Kopea	
Han-Bit CRC	Christian Oh	Joseph Jeoung	Ohsung Kim
Hmong Christian Ministry	Zongseng Vang	Christan Va	Yee Vang
Imlay City CRC	Alex Snider	Al Hibbler	Mark VanDenBerg
North Hills CRC (Troy)	Randall Engle	Ron Ruit	Jim Zondag
Olentangy CRC (Columbus)			
River Terrace CRC (East Lansing)	Ken Bieber	Karen Bollman	Melissa Keeley
Willard CRC		Sheila Buurma	Tyler Wiers

- B. President Harry Winters 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. Examination, Candidates Bailey Sarver and Brad Stolman (Article 10)

Practica:

Alex Snider interviews candidates Sarver and Stolman on matters of faith, life and ministry practice. Classis delegates and synodical deputies present further questions.

Motion: That Classis proceed to the sermon evaluation portion of the examination.

Motion is

Adopted.

Preaching:

Bailey Sarver: Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink presents an evaluation based on her observation and that of fellow evaluator, Eric Wright. Rev. Kronemeijer-Heyink recommends a motion to accept their evaluation, approve candidate Sarver on the basis of preaching ability, and proceed with the examination.

Brad Stolman: Tyler Wiers presents an evaluation based on his observation and that of fellow evaluator, Paul Bouman. Mr. Wiers recommends a motion to accept their evaluation, approve candidate Stolman on the basis of preaching ability, and proceed with the examination.

Motion: To approve the candidates' preaching and proceed with the examination.

Motion is

Adopted.

Biblical-Theological Position:

Ken Bieber interviews candidates Sarver and Stolman regarding Bible knowledge and Reformed doctrine. Classis delegates and synodical deputies present further questions.

Motion: To admit Bailey Sarver to the office of Minister of the Word and Sacraments.

Motion: To admit Brad Stolman to the office of Minister of the Word and Sacraments.

Prayer is offered by Harry Winters.

Deliberation is made in executive session.

Motion is

Synodical deputies

Adopted.

Concur.

Bailey Sarver and Brad Stolman are congratulated and welcomed by Classis; delegates lay on hands and prayer is offered.

B. Colloquium Doctum, Rev. Sea Ho.

Jung Un John Park interviews Rev. Ho regarding personal faith, vocational ministry experience, Bible knowledge and Reformed doctrine and practice. Classis delegates and synodical deputies present further questions and encouraging comments.

Motion: To admit Rev. Ho as candidate for Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the CRCNA.

Deliberation is made in executive session.

Motion is

Adopted.

Synodical deputies

Concur.

Rev. Sea Ho is congratulated and welcomed by Classis; delegates lay on hands and prayer is offered.

- C. Article 13c Loan: Rev. John Kim, from Ann Arbor Hope CRC to Hebron Presbyterian Church, Prospect Heights, Illinois. It is reported that Rev. Kim continues to serve faithfully, as attested by the leadership of Hebron Church. It is also reported that the Interim Committee of Classis Northern Illinois approves this loan with the understanding that Rev. Kim will pursue a supervisory relationship with a CRC congregation in Northern Illinois before October 2021. The Council at Ann Arbor Hope reaffirms their commitment to supervise Rev. Kim's doctrine and life for an additional two-year period.

Motion: To renew Rev. John Kim's "on loan" status per Article 13c for a two-year period ending October 2021.

Motion is:

Synodical Deputies:

Adopted.

Concur.

III. Ministry Priority: Denominational Involvement

- A. Faith Formation Ministries. Representative Laura Keeley reports from Faith Formation and presents materials for faith nurture and discipleship for church members of all ages.
- B. Resonate Global Mission. Missionary Glenn Adams reports on mission to Bolivia.
- C. World Renew. The call for a new delegate to the World Renew Board was issued. North Hills CRC submits the name of Jerry Van Wyke to serve Classis Lake Erie.
- D. Report from Synod 2019. Alex Snider highlighted aspects of the Synodical Services report regarding Synod 2019.

IV. Ministry Priority: Nurturing Communities

- A. Classis Mission Fund. Committee members Carla Bieber, Alex Snider and Mark Van Andel report on the Classis Mission Fund and application process. The application form will be distributed with Classis meeting materials.

V. Ministry Priority: Specialized Ministries

- A. Nathan Gritter reports briefly on Specialized Ministries, and directs delegates to the application process for new ministries.
- B. Cohort Detroit. Mark Van Andel presented background and mission of this new, urban program designed to foster mentorship and discipleship in urban areas (specifically Detroit).
- C. Arab American Friendship Center. Director Dwight Billingsley updates delegates on ministry at and needs of AAFC; and thanks Classis for its support.
- D. Campus Edge Fellowship. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink reports on ongoing ministry at MSU, including observations regarding God's hand at work in students seeking community as well as board and collegial support.
- E. Campus Chapel. No report beyond the presentation and celebration of Pastor Bailey

Sarver's ministry at Campus Chapel.

VI. Ministry Priority: New Church Development

- A. Committee report. Mark Van Andel reports on several New Church Development activities, including: the expansion of Hesus Community Church in Detroit and the introduction of Pastor Steve Perry, Detroit church planter.

VII. Ministry Priority: Leadership Development

- A. Student Funding. Randall Engle presents student fund report; responds to questions from delegates; introduces student Seong Jun Kim.

VIII. Administrative Matters

- A. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Joe Creech presents 2020 budget, including updates regarding investment returns on budget surplus and new Classis ministry initiatives.

Motion: To approve the 2020 budget for Classis Lake Erie as presented.

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 Harry Winters reports work of the Executive Committee. Harry presents proposal to shift Classis meeting schedule as follows:

Motion: That Classis adopt new meeting schedule beginning in October 2020.

Motion to Table until March:

Motion is *Adopted.*

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

Motion is *Adopted.*

IX. Concluding Matters

- A. Next classis meetings:
 - 1. March 7, 2020, Ann Arbor CRC.
 - 2. October (date TBA), 2020, Ann Arbor Hope CRC.
- B. President Harry Win acknowledges and thanks delegates, guests, special presenters and members of Dearborn Christian Fellowship who helped host Classis.
- C. Alex Snider announces a pastors' lunch on Oct. 29, Brighton MI Panera, 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Snider closes meeting with prayer.

D. Motion: To adjourn the 153rd meeting of Classis Lake Erie.

Motion is

Adopted.