

Minutes of the 149th meeting of
Classis Lake Erie
of the Christian Reformed Church

In session March 3, 2018, at River Terrace Church,
 East Lansing, Michigan

Members of River Terrace Church 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		
Akron CRC	Harry Winters	Chuck King	Katie Arbogast
Ann Arbor CRC	John Groen	Larry Gruppen	Amber Diemer
Ann Arbor Chapel	Matt Ackerman		
Ann Arbor Hope CRC	Joseph Hunsuk Bae		
Cascades Fellowship CRC (Jackson)	Chris Lanham		
Charlotte CRC	Bret McAtee		
Cleveland Zion	Daniel Hong Youn Kim		
Community CRC (Saginaw)	Nathan Gritter	Sam Dykstra	Kristen Ringel
Dearborn Christian Fellowship CRC	Brad Stolman	Mark Maibaum	Glenn Bock
Detroit First CRC	Ben Van Arragon	Mimi McMillan	
Eastside Fellowship CRC		Vivian Lewis David Kopea	Alicia Durett
Han-Bit CRC	Christian Oh	Joseph Jeoung	Yong Zhi Wu
Hmong Community CRC	Zongseng Vang		
Imlay City CRC	Alex Snider	Randy Jager	Adam Van Dyk
North Hills CRC (Troy)	Randy Engle	David van Oyen	Lance Evert
Olentangy CRC (Columbus)			
River Terrace CRC (East Lansing)	Ken Bieber	Troy Sprague	David Harkema
Willard CRC	Terence Visser	Paul Bouman	Betty Kelly

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

II. Ministry Priority: Nurturing Communities

- A. Chris Lanham reports on the work of the Congregational Life Committee.
- B. The following church counselor reports are made:

Harry Winters for **East Side Cleveland**. A delegation from East Side reports that the church is adding new members, though not yet ready to call a new minister.

Ben Van Arragon for **Dearborn Christian Fellowship**. Ben reports that DCF has recruited an interim pastor. Ben notes that a new counselor is required for DCF. Alex Snider volunteers to serve in this role.

Chris Lanham for **River Terrace Church**. Ken Bieber reports that RTC extended a call, which was accepted, but then rescinded, after a medical emergency in the candidate's family.

Terrence Visser for **Olentangy (Columbus)**. Terrence reports that Olentangy has sold its building; is worshiping with another local congregation; and is seeking guidance for how to invest its resources in church revitalization or new church development.

C. Leadership Development. No report at this time.

III. 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 ongoing ministries at MSU, including the challenge of representing Christ on a campus undergoing significant crisis.

C. Campus Chapel. Matt Ackerman reports that, in the midst of a season of decline and challenge, Ann Arbor Chapel has experienced the Lord's faithfulness. Matt also presents this year's AAC board for Classis Approval.

Motion: that Classis approve the presented slate of board members for the oversight of Ann Arbor Chapel in the 2018 ministry year.

The motion is

Adopted.

Nathan Gritter prays for campus ministries.

IV. Ministry Priority: Leadership Development

A. Status of of Rev. Peter Choi. Rev. Choi, after pursuing doctoral work and accepting a faculty position at the Newbigin House of Studies (RCA), San Francisco, requests release from office under Article 14b so as to formally affiliate with the Reformed Church in America.

Motion: that Rev. Choi be honorably released from the office of minister of the Word under Church Order Article 14b.

Motion is

Adopted.

Synodical deputies

Concur.

B. Status of Cleveland Zion Church. Cleveland Zion is a new Korean congregation that has organized under the leadership of Rev. Daniel Hong Youn Kim. Cleveland Zion's council submitted a letter requesting membership in the CRCNA through Classis Lake Erie. Jung Un Park, Classis Mentor to Rev. Kim and Cleveland Zion Church, provides verbal endorsement of Cleveland Zion. Rev. Kim reiterates Cleveland Zion's request, and expresses joy at the prospect of becoming a CRC congregation.

Motion: That Classis Lake Erie welcome Cleveland Zion as a new, organized Christian Reformed congregation.

Motion is

Adopted.

Classis welcomes, with great celebration, Cleveland Zion Church and Rev. Kim to the CRCNA. Matt Ackerman prays for Rev. Kim and Cleveland Zion Church.

V. Ministry Priority: New Church Development

- A. Committee report. Due to a death in the family, Mark Van Anandel was unable to attend. On his behalf, Ben Van Arragon reports that new congregation Hesus Community Church (Detroit) is thriving. Ben also introduces prospective church planter Joshua Speyers to Classis.

VI. Ministry Priority: Denominational Involvement

- A. Council of Delegates. CLE representative Laurie Harkema (River Terrace) provides an update regarding the work of the COD, and invites questions and recommendations from CLE for the COD.
- B. World Renew. CRCNA staff member Renate Smits updates Classis on the work and global impact of World Renew.
- C. Faith Formation. Regional mobilizer Laura Keeley introduces an exercise, based on Judges 2:10, in which small groups discuss: "What are three words you associate with 'faith'?" and, "How do you see God at work today?"
- D. Resonate Global Mission. Regional mobilizer Carla Bieber reports on the ongoing work of Resonate in CLE.
- E. Denominational Ministries. Executive Director Steve Timmermans presents on the initiative *Our Journey 2020*. Specifically he highlights ways in which CRCNA ministries are bearing fruit in the "Desired Futures" of Church and Community, Discipleship, Leadership, Identity, and Collaboration.

VII. Administrative Matters

- A. Selection of Delegates to Synod. The following delegates are identified to represent CLE at Synod 2018
Minister: Rev. Matt Ackerman (Ann Arbor Chapel, Ann Arbor, MI)
Elder: Larry Gruppen (Ann Arbor CRC, Ann Arbor, MI)
Deacon: Mary Rupke (Community CRC, Saginaw MI)
Officebearer at Large: Rev. Chris Lanham (Cascades Fellowship, Jackson, MI)
- B. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Joe Creech gives a final report on the 2017 budget.
Motion: That Classis Lake Erie approve of the work of the treasurer.
Motion is *adopted.*
- C. 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.*
- D. Executive Committee. President Ken Bieber reports work of the Executive Committee, including a request for volunteers to serve as next president and vice president of Classis Lake Erie. Nathan Gritter volunteers to serve as Classis President for meetings of October, 2018 and March, 2019.
Motion: That Classis approve the work of the Executive Committee.

Motion is

adopted.

VIII. Concluding Matters

A. Next classis meetings:

1. October 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at Han Bit CRC.
2. March 2, 2019, location TBA.

B. President Ken Bieber acknowledges and thanks delegates, guests, special presenters and members of RTC who helped host Classis.

C. John Groen closes meeting with prayer.

D. Motion: To adjourn the 149th meeting of Classis Lake Erie.

Motion is

adopted.

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 2017

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2017

	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
CASH AND SECURITIES				
Checking Account	\$ 242,986.44	\$ 253,396.65	\$ 10,410.21	4%
TOTAL (See Fund Balances Below)	\$ 242,986.44	\$ 253,396.65	\$ 10,410.21	4%
LOANS RECEIVABLE				
Han- Bit Korean CRC	\$ 55,625.46	\$ 51,791.71	\$ (3,833.75)	-7%
TOTAL	\$ 55,625.46	\$ 51,791.71	\$ (3,833.75)	-7%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 298,611.90	\$ 305,188.36	\$ 6,576.46	2%

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - FUND BALANCES

December 31, 2017

	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Classical Committee	\$ 162,207.43	\$ 168,706.82	\$ 6,499.39	4%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 162,207.43	\$ 168,706.82	\$ 6,499.39	4%
ALL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND	34,992.96	40,992.96	6,000.00	17%
SMALL CHURCH GRANT FUND	45,786.05	43,696.87	(2,089.18)	-5%
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 242,986.44	\$ 253,396.65	\$ 10,410.21	4%

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - GENERAL FUND
December 31, 2017

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 162,207.43	\$ 162,207.43	\$ -	
RECEIPTS				
Shares - Classis	\$ 103,640.00	\$ 108,105.10	\$ (4,465.10)	-4%
Interest Earned Less Bank Charges		213.74	(213.74)	N/A
Total Receipts	\$ 103,640.00	\$ 108,318.84	\$ (4,678.84)	-5%
DISBURSEMENTS				
Classical Expense				
Church Visiting	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	100%
Clerk	4,250.00	4,256.26	(6.26)	0%
Meetings	5,000.00	7,145.95	(2,145.95)	-43%
Misc (Mentoring, Counselors, Pulpit Supply)	1,000.00	513.09	486.91	49%
Treasurer	4,250.00	4,317.34	(67.34)	-2%
Total Classical Expense	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,232.64	\$ (1,232.64)	-8%
Committee Expenses				
Executive	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 917.13	\$ 582.87	39%
Congregational Life	250.00	-	250.00	100%
New Church Development	750.00	-	750.00	100%
Leadership Development	250.00	211.73	38.27	15%
Specialized Ministries	250.00	101.08	148.92	60%
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,229.94	\$ 1,770.06	59%
Congregational Life				
Jackson - Congregational Life Director	5,200.00	5,200.00	-	0%
Total Congregational Life	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -	0%
Leadership Development				
Retreats	\$ -	\$ 134.37	\$ (134.37)	N/A
Student Assistance	15,015.00	14,622.50	392.50	3%
Safe Church Team	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100%
Sabbatical Fund	5,025.00	-	5,025.00	100%
Korean Reformation History - Grant		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
Total Leadership Development	\$ 21,040.00	\$ 19,756.87	\$ 1,283.13	6%
New Church Development				
Kingdom Enterprise Zone	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	0%
Total New Church Development	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0%
Specialized Ministries				
Ann Arbor Campus Chapel - Classical Support	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	0%
Saginaw - Caring Closet	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0%
Dearborn - Arab-American Friendship Center	17,400.00	17,400.00	-	0%
Detroit - Community Assistance Program	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	0%
East Lansing - Campus Edge Fellowship - MSU	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	0%
Total Specialized Ministries	\$ 55,400.00	\$ 55,400.00	\$ -	0%
Total Disbursements	\$ 103,640.00	\$ 101,819.45	\$ 1,820.55	2%
Balance as of Dec 31, 2017	\$ 162,207.43	\$ 168,706.82	\$ (6,499.39)	-4%

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - ALL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND
December 31, 2017

	<u>2017 Budget</u>		<u>2017 Actual</u>		<u>Remaining</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
Balance January 1, 2017	34,992.96	\$	34,992.96	\$	-	
RECEIPTS						
Interest Earned		\$	-	\$	-	N/A
Loan Repayment - Han Bit (principal)			3,754.20		(3,754.20)	N/A
Loan Repayment - Han Bit (interest)			2,245.80		(2,245.80)	N/A
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ (6,000.00)	N/A
Balance as of Dec 31, 2017	\$ 34,992.96	\$	\$ 40,992.96	\$	\$ (6,000.00)	

CLASSIS LAKE ERIE - SMALL CHURCH GRANT FUND
December 31, 2017

	<u>2017 Budget</u>		<u>2017 Actual</u>		<u>Remaining</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
Balance January 1, 2017	45,786.05	\$	45,786.05	\$	-	
RECEIPTS						
MI Group funds returned	\$ -	\$	168.66	\$	(168.66)	N/A
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$	\$ 168.66	\$	\$ (168.66)	N/A
DISBURSEMENTS						
CLE Michigan Ministers Peer Group	\$ 1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	100%
CLE Ohio Ministers Peer Group	2,000.00		2,257.84		(257.84)	-13%
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,500.00	\$	\$ 2,257.84	\$	1,242.16	35%
Balance as of Dec 31, 2017	\$ 42,286.05	\$	\$ 43,696.87	\$	\$ (1,410.82)	

**CLASSIS LAKE ERIE
FUNDS ACTIVITY
December 31, 2017**

DESCRIPTION	CLASSICAL COMMITTEE	DIACONAL MINISTRIES	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	SABBATICAL FUND	CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE	NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT	SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES	YOUTH MINISTRIES	TOTAL CLASSIS FUNDS	SMALL CHURCH GRANTS	ALL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT	TOTALS
Balance January 1, 2017	182,207.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182,207.43	45,786.05	34,992.96	242,986.44
Receipts:												
Ministry Shares	108,105.10								108,105.10			108,105.10
Transfer between Funds												
Interest Bank & MMF	213.74								213.74			213.74
Misc Receipts										158.66		158.66
Loans:												
Student Loans												
Han Bit - Principal												
Han Bit - Interest												
Total Receipts	108,318.84								108,318.84	158.66		108,477.50
Disbursements:												
Classis Meetings	7,145.95								7,145.95			7,145.95
Committee Meetings												
Deaconal Ministries												
Congregational Life												
Executive	917.13								917.13			917.13
Leadership Development	211.73								211.73			211.73
New Church Development												
Specialized Ministries	101.08								101.08			101.08
Retreats & Seminars	4,256.26							134.37	4,390.52			4,390.52
Clerk's Expense	4,317.34								4,317.34			4,317.34
Treasurer's Expense												
Church Visiting												
Loans												
Korean Integration												
Church Counselor												
CAM												
Education Help for New Pastors												
Pulpit Support Clerk												
Synod Expense - Attendees												
Sermon Evaluation	142.31								142.31			142.31
Mentoring												
Student Loans			14,622.50						14,622.50			14,622.50
Grants			5,000.00			5,200.00			5,200.00	4,000.00		9,200.00
State Church Team Training												
Michigan Factors Group												
Ohio Pastors Group												
Pulpit Supply (Synod & Clerk)	370.78								370.78	2,257.84		2,628.62
Home Mission Regional Team												
Miscellaneous												
Committee Expenses												
Total Disbursements	17,462.58		19,622.50		5,200.00	4,000.00		134.37	101,819.45	2,257.84		104,077.29
Balance as of Dec 31, 2017	253,053.69	-	(19,622.50)	-	(5,200.00)	(4,000.00)	(55,400.00)	(134.37)	168,706.82	43,696.87	40,992.96	253,396.65
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS												
Checking Account	253,053.69		(19,622.50)		(5,200.00)	(4,000.00)	(55,400.00)	(134.37)	168,706.82	43,696.87	40,992.96	253,396.65
Cash Management Fund												
Total Cash and Equivalents	253,053.69		(19,622.50)		(5,200.00)	(4,000.00)	(55,400.00)	(134.37)	168,706.82	43,696.87	40,992.96	253,396.65
LOANS RECEIVABLE												
STUDENT LOANS												
Han-Bit CRC												
Total Loans Receivable												
TOTAL ASSETS	253,053.69		(19,622.50)		(5,200.00)	(4,000.00)	(55,400.00)	(134.37)	168,706.82	43,696.87	40,992.96	305,188.96

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM CLASSIS LAKE ERIE CHURCHES

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CHURCHES ADDRESSES	TOTAL EXPECTED CLASSIS SHARES	YTD REMITTANCE	PERCENT OF EXPECTED
AKRON 2545 NEWTON ST., AKRON, OH 44305	6,900.00	4,545.48	66%
ANN ARBOR 1717 BROADWAY, ANN ARBOR, MI 48105	19,050.00	14,288.50	75%
CLEVELAND - EAST SIDE 23600 EMERY RD., WARRENSVILLE HTS., OH 44128	2,775.00	2,775.00	100%
COLUMBUS - OLENTANGY 3660 OLENTANGY RIVER RD., COLUMBUS, OH 43214	2,100.00	2,100.00	100%
DEARBORN 21360 DONALDSON, DEARBORN, MI 48124	15,075.00	15,075.00	100%
GROSSE POINTE PARK - FIRST DETROIT 1444 MARYLAND, GROSSE PTE.PARK, MI 48230	7,500.00	7,500.00	100%
EAST LANSING - RIVER TERRACE 1609 RIVER TERRACE DR., EAST LANSING, MI 48823	33,900.00	33,900.00	100%
IMLAY CITY 395 CEDAR ST., IMLAY CITY, MI 48444	15,150.00	5,589.87	37%
JACKSON - CASCADES FELLOWSHIP 2390 W. HIGH ST., JACKSON, MI 49203	2,700.00	600.00	22%
SAGINAW - COMMUNITY 6045 MACKINAW ROAD, SAGINAW, MI 48604-9751	2,250.00	2,250.00	100%
ROCHESTER HILLS - HAN-BIT KOREAN 1849 SOUTH LIVERNOIS, ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48307	1,875.00	0.00	0%
TROY - NORTH HILLS 3150 N. ADAMS RD., TROY, MI 48084	14,325.00	10,800.00	75%
WILLARD 4163 BROADWAY, WILLARD, OH 44890	10,650.00	5,681.25	53%
ANN ARBOR HOPE 2800 S. MAIN ST, ANN ARBOR, MI 48103	6,750.00	3,000.00	44%
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS MINISTRY 1236 WASHTANAW CT, ANN ARBR, MI 48104		0.00	0%
TOLEDO ALL NATIONS 5260 HILL AVE, TOLEDO, OH, 43612		0.00	0%
LANSING - HMONG CHRISTIAN MINISTRY 3400 WAINWRIGHT AVE, LANSING, MI, 48911-2237		0.00	0%
TOTALS	141,000.00	108,105.10	77%