

7. New Business /What's coming up in the next months?

- a) Candidate Examination Process is in the limelight at the May session (May 22, 2018). Pillar Church has agreed to host, but space is limited (4 rooms). Action> We think we can make it work.
- b) Great Lakes Synod Assembly (May 7, 2018) at Remembrance Church.
- c) General Synod (June 7-11) at Calvin College-GR

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday April 30, 2018 – 3:30pm

Church Multiplication Team

1. Local planter / planting updates and prayer for each newer ministry in our area.

- Eric Peterson at Ben's Hope reports:
 - Teaching through on the Books of the Bible curriculum
 - Good oversight team working
- Enrique Cuevas at Alas Allendale
 - Looking into future decision as to where would be best fit for their congregation in regard to Classis (Zeeland CRC, Holland RCA, Classis of Americas)
- Ben at Boulevard Church.
 - Decided on a name for this church plant [Boulevard Church].
 - Gathering a commitment of finances and people from parent and/or collaborative churches.
- Lisa at First RCA-Holland
 - Looking to propose a church-within-a-church model
- Ricardo at Bravo CRC – Pullman
 - 3 small groups have been formed and ministry is progressing
 - A sample budget was proposed to the CM2 and is being adjusted to reflect a long term missional engagement
- John and Camila – First RCA connection / Grace Church in Ann Arbor
 - First RCA looking to assist bringing John and Camila in from Columbia to engage with Grace Church Ann Arbor about planting effort near Detroit
- Nate at Community RCA – Zeeland
 - Looking to launch a new congregation in October 2018 in the north Holland (Riley & US31) target area

2. CM2 discussion. CM2 is a blending of the Holland RCA and CRC Classes and the Zeeland RCA and CRC Classes

- Conversation as to all the details we need to address to make this concept solid.
- Timeline proposed:
 - March draft of proposal
 - April finalize proposal
 - May-June Visit local Classis for approval
 - Fall 2018 Implement

3. March 10 Classis Workshop

- At this time, we declined to add a workshop for parent church engagement.

- We will look to offer some workshops in the future.

Next meeting will be APRIL 16th, at 2:00 PM. Toby will host at LIFEQUEST – 10875 Chicago Drive.

Commissioned Pastor Support & Supervision Committee

Committee has not met since our January session – No report.

Church Support & Supervision Committee

1. Workshop –March 10

- Committee will meet on March 8 for Setup/walk-through @ Hope Church.
- Opening: Jeanette and Judy will handle this. Workshop Leaders will be introduced.
- Room set up – what equipment is needed? Larry has been in contact with leaders about equipment.
- Host/Hosting workshop to introduce workshop leader. A committee member will be assisted each workshop room to assist the leader. Map of Workshop locations is needed.
- Refreshments: Mary Kay and Jeanette. Action> They will get supplies and bring to Hope Church.
- Registration and Evaluations: Sandra. Action> We need stick-on name tags. Maybe Packets.
Larry directed to invite the CRC Classis Holland and area RCA classes.
- Evaluation form: Action> We discussed and created an evaluation form.
- Packets: Agenda form; Name tag. Evaluation. Have time at wrap-up to complete evaluation.
- Photos? Action> Ask everyone to take pictures and submit them.
- Honorariums: We will provide an honorarium to workshop leaders.
- Closing: We will provide a means for people to share contact info with each other, e.g. 3 x 5 cards.
- The flyer will be sent out several times prior to event.

2. Church updates

- a) Fellowship: Transition, update. Action> The search team is active and meets regularly.
- b) Maple Ave. grant request: Action> Approved their grant request for 2018.
- c) Community /4th: We have been monitoring the pastoral leadership changes at the church. Jonathan continues on a ¾ time contract. They are intending to have monthly pulpit supply to fill the open Sundays. The contract with Ben Aguilera has ended. CSS encourages the church to consider Classis preachers from our preaching list.
- d) Pillar Churches. We receive word that Executive Director interim Rick Lyons (non-ordained) is onboard. Also, building construction expected to start in July/August.
- e) Christ Memorial. Jose Duran has come on staff. If Jose would like to be commissioned as a commissioned pastor in this role, he would need to meet with our classis committee.
- f) Central Park Ridder grant. Action> Approved grant for completion of the Ridder Module 2. CSS will assist with the initial payment and completed the last payment when the church has completed the process.

3. Reading Consistory minutes. Action> We received the minute books from Hope, First, Trinity, Rose Park, Christ Memorial, and Intersection. We read through the minute books and recorded comments. We notice the loss of a distinctive elder board (or didn't receive their minutes) in most of these churches. This observation is a concern.

4. Worship Symposium Grant Report. Action> Grants were made to Pillar, Third, Embody, Maple Avenue for attendance at the Calvin Worship Symposium. Total grant outlay of about \$1700.

Next Meeting date: March 15, 2018 Zeeland Classis Office, 3:00pm.

Minister Support & Supervision Committee

1. Update on Future members entering Classis.
We are planning for Leslie Bolt to join our classis. She has been preparing to become a minister in the Reformed Church prior to coming on staff at Christ Memorial. She is an ordained minister. We received her under care from the Great Lakes City Classis. Leslie has agreed to participate in our May exam session. Assuming she passes these exams, we will receive her by transfer into our classis.
2. Minister Excellence Fund Grant for Assistance with Pastor's debt. Ken Eriks informed the classis about a Lilly matching grant that is available to assist ministers with educational debt. The Classis would have to provide funds which the Lilly grant would match. A minister could apply for a grant with these conditions; 1) the minister must reveal his/her finances and financial need, 2) the minister would agree to take a financial management course.
The committee wants to learn more about this fund. We realize that classis money for a matching grant would likely have to come from the Bethel Fund. Tapping this source would definitely require Classis approval. More information and perhaps a proposal to the classis will come when the MSS is ready to report. In the meantime, the committee will be asking our ministers if they would like to participate in this effort. We need to learn about the need within our classis.
3. Ordination Applications. None submitted
4. Mentoring and Networks in our Classis. Action> New Associate pastor's network meets on March 9.
5. Discussion of next committee chair and David's continued presence on MSS.
Action 1> David will stay on while the leadership transition for classis happens – until Jan 2019 at the latest.
Action 2> We approve Celaine Bouma-Prediger joining our committee.
6. Minister Reports. How do we want to receive reports from spec ministers? Written report or a gathering of group? Action> We will be discussing this topic at our next meeting. We will reflect on what questions would we want to ask?

Next meeting of the committee is March 27, 4:30pm.

Nominations Committee

Committee has not met since our January session – No report.

Overtures & Judicial Business Committee

Committee has not met since our January session – No report.

Stewardship & Financial Committee

Committee has not met since our January session – No report.

Student Support & Supervision Committee

1. Report on Emmett Brown. We have received a recommendation from Maple Ave to receive Emmett under care. We acted to receive him under care and have invited him into deeper conversations about our past experiences together and future intentions as part of our care process.
2. Report on Leslie Bolt. She is completing her required studies set forth by agreement with the Minister Support & Supervision Committee. With her consent, she will be included in our exam process for exams in Polity, History, Standards, Missions and Senior exam. These exams have been stated in her

entry plan. Assuming her exams are sustained, we will receive her into the classis that night by transfer. Action> We approve this plan.

3. Report on Emily Bodkin. She is an AAR student with MFCA. She is reactivating her program following maternity leave. She has returned to active ministry at Beechwood Church. She is anticipating participating in exams this year.
4. Set date and place for Candidate Luncheon.
Action> Since we are unsure about the availability of Western Seminary as host site, Sally checked into the possibility of Christ Memorial Church hosting the luncheon and catering the lunch.
Action> Western Seminary is able to host our event. The Date is April 19 in the Cook Center. We thank Sally for her efforts to insure this good tradition of the luncheon continues.
5. Set forth the timeline for planning for exams and accepting tasks. Action> We will meet in March to look at this process in more depth and make assignments. Exam Day is Tuesday May 22, 2018.
6. Interview Charly Pena. We conducted a Practice of Ministry interview with Charly who intends to finish this May. Action> Charly would like to participate in evangelism events as part of his ministry as part of his training in music and sound. We will see where this vision leads him and his family.
7. Interview Derek Taylor. Derek is recommended by Maple Ave to come under care. Derek is an assistant professor of religion at Hope College with a M. Th (from Princeton Seminary) and Ph.D. in Religion (from Duke Divinity School). He leads the Emmaus Program at the College. We will work with MFCA that he may receive a Certificate of Fitness for Ministry. Action> We approved receiving him under care.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, March 21, Hope Church, 3:30pm.

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