

Minutes of Classis Columbia

In session February 24, 2024 at Crossway Church, Battle Ground, WA
Pastor Rob Toornstra - President; Pastor Virgil Michael - Vice President;
Pastor Roger Kramer - Stated Clerk; Pastor Brad Vos -Worship Leader.

I OPENING PROTOCOL

A. Opening Worship and Prayer Service:

1. Brad Vos opened with prayer, read from 1Corinthians 1-31 and reflect on verse 31 "Therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." The assembly sings, "10,000 Reasons" and "In Christ alone."
2. Virgil Michel divided the assembly into several groups to pray for items submitted by the churches.

B. Convening of Classis

1. Report of stated clerk that a quorum of delegates are present at this session. A list of delegates is located at the end of the minutes.
2. The president notes that Shawn Magoon is an elder at Sunrise but delegated as a minister by Christ Community where he serves as interim pulpit supply.
3. The president declared Classis constituted.
4. The president welcomed delegates, new members, and guests: synodical deputies: Paul Vander Klay (Classis Central California), Matt Borst (Classis Pacific Northwest), Don Recker (Classis North Cascades); Jeff Bolt (Director of Advancement for the CRCNA).

II APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- A. Credentials Committee: Parklane delegates
- B. Balloting Committee: Sunnyside delegates

III EXAMINATION, OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, STUDIES, PROTESTS,

A. *A motion made and adopted that Rev. Russell Kuiken's disability (SSDI) be continued per the requirement of the CRCNA.*

B. Ryan Poelman Minister of Word Ordination: He accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Faith Community Church of Zillah, WA.

1. Examination in Practica (Frank Meneses, examiner) Opportunity for questions was provided. ***A motion made and adopted for exam to proceed with the concurrence of the synodical deputies.***
2. Sermon evaluator Frank Meneses presented the sermon evaluations. Opportunity for questions was provided.
3. ***A motion made and adopted for exam proceed. The synodical deputies concurred.***
4. Vance Hays examines the candidate in the areas of biblical and theological positions. Opportunity is given for questions.
5. ***A motion made and adopted to proceed. The synodical deputies concurred.***
6. The president declares executive session,
 - a. Joel Sheeres prays for the guidance of the Holy Spirit prior to voting.

- A. Stated Clerk Report: A motion made and adopted to approve the work of the Stated Clerk.**
- B. CIC: A motion made and adopted to approve the work of the interim committee.**
- C. Credentials Committee: A motion made and adopted to approve the work of the Credentials committee**

1. One question was asked "What is the current going rate of pulpit supply?"
- D. Mission Initiative Team (MIT)
 1. Field Reports: Quincy, Sunnyside, Toppenish
 2. Classis Mission Leader report
 3. ***A motion made and adopted to approve the work of the MIT and CML.***
- E. Classical Ministerial Leadership Team (CMLT)
 1. ***A motion made and adopted to have Duane Friend and Brian DeHoog serve on the CMLT committee for 3 years.***
 2. ***A motion made and adopted to approve the work of the CMLT.***
- F. Youth Committee: Camp Calvin: June 24-27 update by Amy Toornstra.
 1. ***A motion made and adopted to transfer \$5000 from the classical expense fund to the Youth Fund to be used at the discretion of Camp Calvin leadership.***
- G. Regional Pastors would like to hold a prayer meeting later this year.
- H. Treasurer Report: ***A motion made and adopted to accept the Treasurer's Report.***

VI DENOMINATIONAL FUNCTIONARIES

- A. Calvin University Gary Bos reports things are going well at the university.
- B. Council of Delegates: Rob Toornstra reported about upcoming small group prayer gatherings.

VII SPECIAL GUESTS

- A. Mr. Jeffrey Bolt, Director of Advancement for the CRCNA gives a hopeful and positive report for the CRCNA

VIII CLOSING PROTOCOL

- A. ***A motion made and adopted to adjourn.***
- B. The president offers thanks to the host church.
- C. Announcement of time and location of the next session of Classis: 9AM, September 28, 2024 at Yakima
- D. Closing remarks by the president and prayer.
- E. The assembly rises to sing, "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow."

Church	Pastor/Elder	Elder	Deacon
Battle Ground, CrossWay	Brad Vos	Ralph Akin	Jeff Cutter
Beaverton, Oak Hills	Jason De Vries	Caleb Harris	Brad Bucholz
Beaverton, Zlon			
Grangeville	Mark Hand	John Burnson	Camrron
Hair			
McMinnville, Sunrise	Paul Yang*	Kory Knutz	Gail
Moldovan			
Portland, Parklane	Pete Armstrong	Don Baldino	Kinga Farks
Quincy	Bryan De Hoog	Grant te Velde	
Quincy, Iglesia	Sergio Castillo		
Salem, Sunnyslope	Rob Toornstra	Mich Nauta	Jason
Lavalleur			
Spokane, New Hope	Michael Brummel	Gene Vanden Berg	Dan Evans
Sunnyside	Joel Sheeres	Ron Newhouse	Jake Bosma
Sunnyside. El Camino A Christo	Gerry Muller		
Toppenish, Vida Abundante	Leonel Rodriguez		
Tualatin, Christ Community	Shawn Magoon	Bob Brown	Virgil Michael
Yakima Life West	Frank Meneses	Gary Bos	Laurel Vander Sluis
Zillah, Faith Community	Duane Friend	Larry Hiemstra	John Visser

* First Time Delegate