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# Classis Holland



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CHURCH  
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NORTH  
AMERICA

DATE: April 15, 2011  
TO: Classis Holland Councils  
FROM: Rev. Tony Louwse, Stated Clerk  
RE: Agenda for the May 19, 2011 session of Classis at  
Noordeloos CRC

1. Registration: 5:30 – 6:00 pm
2. Supper at 6:00 pm
3. Speakers at 6:30 pm
4. Devotions by Coaching Clusters at 7:00 pm
5. If you have not forwarded your Credentials as yet, please do so ASAP
6. May the observance of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday reflect our gratitude for the wonderful gift of salvation through Christ our Lord.

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## **CLASSIS HOLLAND MISSION STATEMENT**

Classis Holland of the Christian Reformed Church is a diverse community of Reformed congregations equipping and encouraging the local church and uniting resources to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors.

(Adopted May 2004)

## **CLASSIS HOLLAND VISION STATEMENT**

As the churches of Classis Holland grow into this mission they will embody the following:

- a fundamental commitment to **PRAYER** as the means of accessing all of God's blessings
- an aggressive strategy for **PLANTING NEW CHURCHES** and raising up new ministries
- a demonstrated pattern of **GROWTH THROUGH EVANGELISM** in established churches
- a "**BOUNDARY-LESS**" **ENVIRONMENT** with other churches within classis resulting in an increase of united, collaborative efforts
- a **RICH DIVERSITY** where people of all ages and ethnicity and worship styles are embraced
- **INTENTIONAL LEARNING** through mutual sharing and other growth experiences
- a **GROWING PARTNERSHIP** with the broader evangelical church and communities of which we are a part

(Adopted May 2004)

## AGENDA

**Agenda      Classis Holland**  
**May 19, 2011 – 5:30 PM**  
**Noordeloos CRC, 4055 – 112<sup>th</sup> Ave., Holland, MI 49424**  
**Phone: 269-772-9853**

1. Registration from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
2. Dinner at 6:00 pm – Classis session at 7:30 pm
3. Opening devotions by Coaching Clusters (7:00 – 7:20 pm)
4. Registration report; convening of the Classis
5. Officers
  - Convener: Rev. Jonathan DePoy
  - Chairman: Rev. Adam Barton
  - Vice-Chairman: Rev. Chad Steenwyk
  - Clerk: Rev. Tony Louwerse
6. Welcome to the delegates and guests.  
 Appointing of committees; describing schedule
7. **Classical Executive Team report:** Rev. Mark Vande Zande – no report
8. **Stated Clerk's report:** Rev. Tony Louwerse
9. Reports of standing committees and classical functionaries
  - a. Ministry Coordinator – M. Doornbos
  - b. Classical Ministry Team Leaders
    1. New Ministries Team – Art Van Wyhe
    2. Diversity Team – Jeff Meyer
    3. Prayer Team – Dave Van Der Wiele
    4. Leadership Team – Stan Koster
    5. Mission Focused Team – Keith Doornbos
    6. Stewardship Team – Stan Scripps
  - c. Treasurer – Cal Hoogstra
  - d. Ecumenical Relations Committee Update
  - e. Delegate to RCA Classis
  - f. Regional Pastors
  - g. Church Visitors
  - h. Church Counselors
  - i. Special Education Ministry
  - j. Ann Arbor Chapel Board (printed report)
  - k. Delegates to Synod
  - l. HDC Report
10. Discussion
11. Elections: nominees
  - a. Back to God Ministries International
  - b. Calvin Theological Seminary
  - c. Faith Alive Christian Resources

12. Reports of representatives to denominational ministries, Speakers
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| a. Back to God Ministries International | f. Calvin College Board  |
| b. Board of Home Missions               | g. Calvin Seminary Board |
| c. Board of World Missions              | h. Publications Board    |
| d. World Relief Committee-Tony Louwerse | i. Board of Trustees     |
| e. Youth Unlimited                      | j. Audio Scriptures      |
|   | k. Trinity Chr. College  |
|   | l. Disability Concerns   |
13. Thank host church
14. Motion to adjourn
15. Closing Prayer & Doxology

**AGENDA DEADLINE: April 7, 2011**

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**Next Classis:** September 15, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at Holland Heights CRC

Officers: Chairman: Rev. Chad Steenwyk  
 Vice-Chairman: Rev. Marv Hofman  
 Stated Clerk: Rev. Tony Louwerse

**CLASSIS HOLLAND  
STATED CLERK'S REPORT  
January, 2011**

1. January 20, 2011 Classis
  - a. Arrange Pulpit exchange for January 23
  - b. Contacted two more Councils for Elder nominee's to Synod
  - c. Confirmed a third speaker (Calvin College) for Classis
  - d. Classis meeting details with Rev. J. Byker
  - e. Classis meeting details with Chairman Rev. S. Scripps
  - f. Pre-Advice reports forwarded to Church Councils
  - g. CET regarding Elder delegate needed for Synod
  - h. Classis minutes to CET for approval
  - i. Synodical forms sent to Synod Delegates
  - j. Credentials to Synod
  - k. Classis Overture to Synod
  - l. Inform CRCNA and the Pension Office of the retirement of Rev. Larry Slings.
  - m. Instructions to Mr. Ed Fredricks regarding forwarding his Overture to Synod.
  
2. Special Classis March 10, 2011
  - a. Call to Classis and Credential emailed to Church Councils
  - b. Draft Agenda emailed to CET
  - c. Host letter to Central Ave. CRC
  
3. May 19, 2011 Classis
  - a. Call to Classis and Credential emailed to Church Councils
  - b. May 19 Classis meeting notice forwarded to The Banner
  
4. Correspondence, Leader Contacts, etc.
  - a. Forwarded January and March CRCNA Ministry Reports to the churches
  - b. Prepared and emailed 2010 CRWRC Report to the Diaconates
  - c. CET meeting and minutes
  - d. Leader contacts (58)
  - e. Thanked Hamilton CRC for hosting Classis
  
5. Other
  - a. Review Clerk details with the Alternate Stated Clerk in preparation for my absence
  - b. Conducted AM & PM worship services at Niekerk CRC January 23

**CLASSIS HOLLAND  
STATED CLERK'S REPORT  
February/March, 2011**

1. May 19, 2011 Classis Meeting
  - a. Draft Agenda to CET
  - b. Host letter to Noordeloos CRC
  
2. Correspondence, Leader Contacts
  - a. Defense of Marriage Act forwarded to the churches
  - b. Received Korean Ministry Update
  - c. Classical appointment details to Lao CRC
  - d. Advice to Niekerk CRC regarding pulpit supply by non-credentialed individual
  - e. Forward request regarding Church Visiting from Classis Grand Rapids North to Classis Leadership Team
  - f. April Barna event details
  - g. Leader contacts (12)
  
3. Frequent, regular contact with the Alternate Clerk, Calvin Hoogstra, while I was in Florida.

**MINISTRIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT  
HOLLAND CLASSIS OF THE CRCNA  
MAY 2011**

CLASSICAL GRANTS FOR 2012

Within the next few weeks you will receive application forms to apply for both Sustaining and Project Grants from Classis Holland. Sustaining grants are usually larger grants and may be renewed each year. They are given to churches that need funding to supplement their basic budgets. Project grants are available to churches who want to develop new mission or ministry projects that will enable the church to make a greater impact in their community. Each project grant requires a written proposal and must give evidence that the church is participating financially in the project. In the past the maximum amount of a project grant has been \$5,000. This year you will be receiving one application to cover grants from Mission Focus, New Ministry and Diversity Teams. Please note that because of your generous giving to Classis Holland Ministry Shares, we were able to provide full grant funding for 2010 and the first quarter of 2011.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

You recently received by email an update on the Korean Ministry Discernment process. The Discernment Team continues to work on fleshing out this ministry. Meanwhile, Dr. John and Sue Kim continue to make contact with the Koreans living in our community. The Sunday informal time of praise and fellowship at Bethany CRC is going well. If at all possible we hope to present a ministry plan to the May meeting of Classis.

PASTORAL CHANGES:

Pastor Somsay Inthisorn, who had served the Laotian Church for 3 years as well as serving at a Workplace Chaplain, has completed his work at the Laotian Church. He will be graduating from Calvin Seminary this coming May. He and his wife plan on returning to their homeland to establish a church there.

Pastor Ron Hassel of Kibbe Church in South Haven has accepted an appointment as a Counselor for the Barnabas Ministries in West Michigan. He will begin his work this summer.

Niekerk Church is beginning the search process for their next pastor.

CHURCH VISITORS AND COACHES:

Many of our Church Visitors and Coaches are completing their scheduled visits with the churches of Classis. Their reports give much cause for joy and thanksgiving. A few of our churches are facing turbulence and are struggling with how God would want them to do ministry in the years ahead. These are not easy times for these churches. Please be in prayer for all the churches of Classis Holland.

We are very grateful for the work of the church visitors and coaches who pour many hours in serving the Lord in this work.

In Christ,

Pastor Milton R. Doornbos  
Ministries Coordinator