

Classis Central Plains Agenda

Peoria CRC, Peoria, IA

Saturday, February 8, 2025 – 8 AM

Chair: Rev. Gary Brouwers

Vice Chair: Rev. Mark Jicinsky

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Rev. Jonathan Spronk, Stated Clerk – Classis Central Plains

New Business

Article 43: License to Exhort examination for Cory Van Gilst

Mr. Cory Van Gilst is seeking license to exhort in Classis Central Plains with the following Council endorsement:

The council of Crossroads Fellowship CRC in West Des Moines Iowa endorses Cory Van Gilst to pursue a License to Exhort in the Classis of Central Plains. Mr. Van Gilst has shown spiritual maturity, a knowledge of biblical content, and a love for Jesus and the church that encourages us, as his council, to support him. Cory has encouraged our church by helping in the leading of worship and initiating a small group that meets in their home. We look forward to walking with Cory and encouraging him on this road to licensure in the CRC.

The license examination will be as follows:

1. Cory has been asked to lead our Classis meeting with a Bible-based devotional.
2. Practica Examination led by Rev. Will Verhoef.
3. Biblical/Theological Examination by Rev. Darren Kornelis.

Article 14-c: Release from Ministry for Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus

Article 14-c

c. A minister of the Word, once lawfully called, may not forsake the office. A minister may, however, be released from office to enter upon a non-ministerial vocation for such weighty reasons as shall receive the approval of the classis with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies.

Supplement Article 14-b.c.

c. Synod encouraged the churches and classes

- 1) To recognize carefully the conditions and circumstances of a particular case that may come to their attention (e.g., whether it be a formal or a de facto resignation) and, having done so,*
- 2) To make a declaration reflecting the resigned minister's status that is appropriate to the way and spirit in which the minister acted during the time leading up to and including the minister's resignation from office. Such a declaration could reflect one of the following:*
 - a) The resigned minister is honorably released.*
 - b) The resigned minister is released.*
 - c) The resigned minister is dismissed.*
 - d) The resigned minister is in the status of one deposed.*

Newton Council and Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus have sent the following information to Classis.

To: Classis Central Plains

Date January 8, 2025

At Newton CRC's Council Meeting on October 1, 2024, Pastor Aaron Gunsaulus announced his desire to resign as our pastor. This was something he and his wife, Cami, had been talking about for a while, in large part to dramatic changes and responsibilities in their family, leading to Aaron's increasing sense of distraction and decreasing sense of the inner call to pastoral ministry.

After much discussion and affirmation, the Council reluctantly accepted his resignation. Upon mutual agreement between the Council and Aaron, he continued to serve as our pastor for the remainder of the year. His last day was December 31, 2024.

At the time of the writing of this letter, Aaron is uncertain as to what vocation he will be entering into, but it will be non-ministerial. He has expressed his desire to be released from his office according to Church Order Article 14c, and we concur. The only thing we would add is our request to Classis that Aaron be released honorably, according to Church Order Supplement, Article 14-c (see Supplement, Article 14-b.c.2.a)

Signatories

Doug Roorda, Council Pres.

Steve Holwerda, Council Clerk

Aaron Gunsaulus

Article 23/24: Approval of Commissioned Pastor Position for Mr. Dave Gritters

New Life Church has called Mr. Dave Gritters as a Commissioned Pastor to serve as solo pastor for their congregation.

Article 23 – Commissioned Pastor

a. The task of the commissioned pastor is to bear witness to Christ through the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, church education, pastoral care, evangelism, and other ministries in order that believers may be called to comprehensive discipleship and unbelievers may be called to faith.

—Cf. Supplement, Article 23-a

b. Commissioned pastors shall function under the direct supervision of the council, giving regular reports to it and being present at its meetings, particularly when their work is under consideration.

c. Commissioned pastors shall be acknowledged as such in their calling churches. Normally, their work on the church council shall be limited to the ministries in which they serve as commissioned pastors.

Article 24

a. Commissioned pastors may serve in a solo or senior leadership position in an organized church only with the permission of classis and the concurrence of synodical deputies, following the synodically approved rules for such an arrangement, which are explained in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook.

Supplement, Article 24-a

Commissioned pastors may serve in positions of solo leadership in an established church only in specified circumstances. These circumstances were specified before 2019 in Church Order Articles 23-b, 23-c, and 23-d and are now presented and explained in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook. A classis may decide to make such appointments contingent upon implementation of a learning plan leading toward meeting the qualifications for minister of the Word, as described in Church Order Article 24-b. In all cases in which a commissioned pastor serves in a solo leadership position in an emerging or organized church, it is mandatory that such a person, in cooperation with classis, shall develop and complete a contextualized learning plan for denominational orientation, adopted by classis and approved by the Candidacy Committee, as described in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook.

Attached to this Agenda is a combined document of all the materials Dave Gritters, New Life Council and the Stated Clerk have prepared for this approval.

Once again, the first action of Classis will be for the approval of the position for a Commissioned Pastor with the concurrence of Synodical Deputies.

Examination of Mr. Dave Gritters as Commissioned Pastor

After approval, a Commissioned Pastor Examination will take place. The following examiners have been appointed:

Practica: Rev. Jonathan Spronk

Sermon Evaluation: Rev. Ryan Landt and Rev. Brian Ochsner

Biblical/Theological: Rev. Michael Bentley

Classis Overtures and Communications

Overtures

Peace Cedar Rapids - HEALTHY PASTORAL SPOUSES

Peace CRC overtures Classis Central Plains to encourage each of the churches to support the spiritual health of pastoral spouses in their church.

Background:

Over the past decade, significant attention has been given to the spiritual health of pastors in our denomination. Resources from Thrive's Pastor and Church Support, including grants for learning and mentoring, are valuable assets that promote health and longevity in the service of our pastors.

Less attention has been given to the spiritual health of the spouses of pastors. While the current biennial conferences that are provided for spouses can be a time of encouragement and refreshment, very little is available for these spouses in the interim between the conferences. Spouses often find their own sources of care, sometimes creating independent groups for mutual encouragement. However, this can be difficult, especially for spouses who live in isolated locations. Sadly, these are the spouses who often need the most connection and care.

The Unique Role of Pastoral Spouses

Spouses of pastors live in a unique space in the congregation. They are not employees of the church, though they sometimes experience expectations as if they were. They are members of the church, but they occupy a more visible position than other members.

They are the one person in the church who does not have a pastor. While regional pastors may be available to support the pastors, spouses are often not included in that care. So the pastor has a pastor, the members have a pastor, but the spouse has no one.

Furthermore, they are personally affected by the decisions of the council in the same way the pastor is, but often have less opportunity to communicate and participate in the decision-making process.

Healthy Pastors, Spouses, and Churches

Churches, pastors, and their spouses live together in a system where each is affected by the other. When one entity in the system is unhealthy, the others are also affected. The correlation between the health of a pastor and the health of the church is well-documented, with the health of the spouse less-so. However, from observation, a pastor's health is affected by the health of the spouse, which affects the health of a church. There is a symbiosis between each part of the system.

Other than the calling of God on the pastor, the spouse's needs and opinions are usually the greatest influence on a pastor. Speaking generally, "If momma ain't happy, no one's happy." A church who

wishes to support the health and longevity of the pastor will be motivated to promote the health of the pastor's spouse as well.

Resources for soul care

Each pastoral spouse is unique, which means the best method of soul care is unique to each individual. There is no one plan that can cover the needs of all spouses. As indicated in the graphic below, there are many various opportunities and resources for the soul care of an individual.



No one is better able to determine the right type of soul care than the pastoral spouse. A one-size-fits-all approach will not meet the needs of the individual. The church will be benefited by supporting spouses to find the best type of support for their own situation. The classis can serve as a means of communication between the churches, creating a network that would allow people to connect and work together. Regional pastors can follow up through contact with pastors to make sure that spouses are aware and have access to resources. Church visitors/advocates can ask about the health of the spouse along with the health of the pastor.

OVERTURE

In conclusion, Peace CRC overtures Classis Central Plains to encourage each of the churches to support the spiritual health of pastoral spouses in their church through the following actions:

- A. Encourage each church to provide at least \$500 each year for resources for soul care for the pastoral spouses in their church. The best form of soul care would be determined by the pastoral spouse.

- B. Classis creates a fund to supplement those churches who cannot afford this addition to their budget.
- C. Regional pastors and church visitors/advocates are directed to ask after the health of the pastoral spouse in their contacts with pastors and churches
- D. Consider an overture to synod to encourage all the churches of our denomination to provide similar resources and support.

Grounds:

- 1. Healthy churches depend on healthy pastors and healthy spouses
- 2. There are minimal resources currently available that promote the health of the spouse

First Oskaloosa - Overture to Change Classis Central Plains Meeting Schedule

I. Background

In 2018, Classis Central Plains adjusted Classis meetings to 3 times per year with the following meeting schedule:

The second Saturday of February (8am-noon); the third Thursday of May (7-9pm); and the third Friday-Saturday of September. (Art. 7253 - Classis Central Plains Minutes Sept. 2018)

Since 2019, Classis has met in May a total of 3 times (2019, 2021, 2023), while the May session has been cancelled in 2020 (Covid) and then again in 2022 and 2024 as our Classis Leadership Team determined there was not enough material to warrant a meeting. The May meeting has historically been our least attended meeting for a number of reasons (difficult for our outlying Churches to attend for a short evening session, busy spring planting season, coming in the middle of school graduation times with at least one of our Christian Schools always having 8th grade graduation on that 3rd Thursday). Moreover, trying to have the May meeting be a Zoom/physical hybrid has often been a logistical challenge for the host church and the Stated Clerk and defeats one of the rationales for having a third meeting which was to have a meal together with Classis fellowship time. Finally, it is a stressor and time waste to the Stated Clerk, Classis Leadership Team, and host church to halfway plan a meeting and arrange items without knowing if the meeting will actually take place.

II. Overture

First CRC Council overtures Classis Central Plains to amend the Rules of Procedure to the following schedule:

Classis convenes on the last Saturday (8:00AM) of February and the third Friday (7:00PM) and Saturday (8:00AM) of September.

Note: Our Rules of Procedure also has the following as well: *The CIC may call a special or contracta session. At the request of two or more councils the CIC must call a session.*

a. Grounds

- a. The May meeting has not been as necessary and as well attended as discussed in the background above.
- b. Moving the Spring meeting back to the end of February will give more time to get items on the Agenda after the Christmas season while still allowing time for any overtures for Synod and Synod related deadlines.

Communication - Leighton

Leighton CRC Council is requesting an open discussion during our upcoming classis meeting about the need for training more people for being pastors and preachers in the churches of Central Plains as well as in neighboring communities. As part of this discussion, Classis delegates can converse and inform each other about what are the current opportunities for training potential pastors locally and regionally as well as what opportunities Classis Central Plains has to further assist in raising up new church leaders.

Classis Reports

Classis Leadership Team (Classis Interim Committee)

Meeting Dec. 12, 2024; 7PM via zoom

Members present Mark Jicinky (chair), Aaron Gunsaulus, Jon Spronk, Fran De Haan, Brad Van Kooten

1. Meeting was opened in Prayer
2. Approval was given to the Commissioned Pastor Position for Dave Gritters
 - a. Examiners will be appointed before Classis
3. Approval was given for a new CLT Committee Member – Mr. Ron Groenendyk of Cedar CRC.
4. CLT notes and thanks Aaron for his service on the CLT as his time in Classis comes to an end.
 - a. A new member will need to be sought to take Aaron's place on CLT and as Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) chair
5. Updates were given on vacant churches/classical supply
 - a. Newton has requested classical supply; Mark will arrange it
6. Meeting is adjourned with prayer.

Jon Spronk - Clerk

Classis Ministry Leadership Committee (Student Fund)

January 13, 2025

Report from Classis Ministry Leadership Committee

1. We have little to report since we have no students or candidates we are working with at this point. However, we do anticipate adding one student in 2025 who will be pursuing ordained ministry in the CRC.
2. The CMLT does request that \$11,000.00 be included in the classis budget for the next fiscal year, as we have requested in recent years.
3. Current members of the CMLT are: Aaron Gunsaulus, Royce Spoelstra, and Will Verhoef. Greg Westra has completed two terms and will need to be replaced. Additionally, Aaron is stepping down as of the February meeting of classis. He will also need to be replaced, but is helping with the transition of leadership.
4. The CMLT is available to receive requests for financial assistance from any member of the classis who wishes to pursue a theological education leading to ordination as a Minister of the Word or Commissioned Pastor in the CRCNA. You may contact Aaron until February 8 (pastor.newtoncrc@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Gunsaulus

Classical Functionaries

Stated Clerk – Jonathan Spronk

I attended the Stated Clerks Gathering January 15-17 in Miami, FL. It was a good meeting with good discussions of the state of the CRC right now and how recent Synodical decisions are impacting our churches both positively and negatively. One common theme from the Stated Clerks is for the need to continue to develop pastoral leadership on a local level. Many of our Classes are facing an uptick in vacancies along with vacancies that are lasting longer and longer, which is taxing to Classes and their leadership. I was encouraged to learn about how Calvin Seminary has recently developed a Commissioned Pastor training degree that could also be used as a start into a further M.Div degree. This Commissioned Pastor degree along with M.Div can be earned via in-person or online study.

Church Counselors
Will Verhoef – Connect Church

Classis Counselor Report re Connect CRC, Pella, IA

To Classis Central Plains

Meeting at Peoria CRC on February 8, 2025

Connect CRC (formerly First CRC of Pella) has been “vacant” since August 2022. It was led by its Worship and Formation Pastor Brandon Mick until he resigned to become one of the chaplains at Vermeer Manufacturing Corp. in March 2023—and become an ordained CRC pastor later that year.

Connect Church went through a Discernment Process in September and October 2023. On January 8, 2024 Council appointed a Task Force to develop a renewal process. That Renewal Team worked nine months. The congregation approved its proposal in September 2024. A team has since begun working on the recommendations of the Renewal Team. A small team is also in place to continue to evaluate progress and report to Council.

Connect Church has been served by several Interim Pastors:

Rev. Don Draayer served from September 2023 until the end of May 2024.

Rev. Will Verhoef served from June to September 15, 2024

Rev. Albert De Vries served from September 22 through December 1, 2024

Rev. Jack Vanden Heuvel began his interim on January 5, 2025 for three months.

Connect Church has also appreciated others who have been willing to lead in worship and preach (or exhort) as needed.

The church ended its year by electing a new elder and deacon and rejoicing that its 2024 budget was met. Continue to keep this church in your prayers as it seeks to “Connect People to Jesus” through its mission of “Disciples Made, Matured and Multiplied”.

Your Classis Counselor for Connect CRC,

Will Verhoef



December 17, 2024

Dear Classes of the Christian Reformed Church:

Greetings. At the beginning of 2025, my heart turns to the image of journeying. Psalm 126 is a “song of ascents,” or a pilgrimage song, associated with Judah’s exile. Even while Jerusalem and its temple were in a state of disruption and rebuilding, many Jews held fast to their ancient practices of pilgrimage and festivals (e.g., Ezra 3). Pilgrims “going up” to Jerusalem sang Psalm 126, giving voice to both heaviness of the exile and joyful gratitude for God’s continued faithfulness. While their “mouths were filled with laughter” and their “tongues with songs of joy,” many were also “sowing with tears” and “going out weeping, caring seeds to sow.” And yet, in this space of mixed emotions, the pilgrims’ shared a confession, “The Lord has done great things for us.”

As churches and classes, we too are on a journey together. We confess God’s sovereign and gracious rule over our lives and ministry. Though many of us journey with lament of some kind, we also look forward with expectation. The Lord has done great things for us, and we can support each other on this pilgrim journey. Sharing the journey as a community of churches is one way God meets us on the road. Wherever you are on the journey at the beginning of this new year, CRCNA staff members want to walk with you as we “go up” together to serve and worship our God in 2025.

With thankfulness we want to [announce](#) that the Council of Delegates (our CRCNA ecclesiastical board) approved the appointment of Rev. Joel Vande Werken as the CRC’s Director of Ecclesiastical Governance in October 2024. This role succeeds the Director of Synodical Services position, filled by Rev. Scott DeVries until his death in April 2024. Joel’s focus in this role has shifted from logistical support for synod to a greater emphasis on providing resourcing for all of our church assemblies, in order to promote spiritual discernment in the church’s mission and ministry. Joel comes into this role with eighteen years of pastoral ministry experience in New Jersey and Massachusetts, and brings with him a strong desire to promote collaborative ministry which utilizes the CRC’s polity to support good conversation about the work God has called us to do together. Please feel free to reach out to Joel and his team with your governance questions or concerns at synod@crcna.org.

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We would also like to remind the classes about the coming Gather events this winter and spring. Gather is an initiative to bring together congregations from all 49 CRCNA classes for a prayerful, worshipful discussion about how God is renewing the churches for mission and ministry. Classes Arizona, California South, Central Plains, Chicago South, Grand Rapids East, Grand Rapids South, Grandville, Hamilton, Hanmi, Hudson, Illiana, Minnkota, North Central Iowa, Northern Illinois, Northern Michigan, Ontario SW, Red Mesa, Rocky Mountain, Southeast US, Thornapple Valley, Toronto, Wisconsin, Yellowstone, and Zeeland are invited to Gather this winter and spring. More information, including an FAQ document, can be found at crcna.org/gather. A report on what we have learned from Gather will be shared with classes, the Council of Delegates, and synod in 2025 in response to synod's directions.

We would like to share a few other reminders and information with you as well:

Information regarding Synod 2025:

- January-March: Classes appoint four delegates and alternates to synod during their winter meetings. We remind classes to attend to the diversity of their delegate slates
- March 15: Synod credentials, delegate information forms, and all *Agenda for Synod* items due to the Synodical Services office
- May 28: Synod convenes virtually for its opening session at 7:00 p.m.
- June 13-19: Synod meets in person at Redeemer University (Ancaster, Ontario)

Other reminders:

- The Office of General Secretary is [soliciting feedback](#) from the classes about their connections to churches outside North America as part of the implementation of [the CRCNA's global vision](#) approved at Synod 2024.
- Important documents and resources for classis leaders have been available to Stated Clerks on the [Stated Clerks site](#).

May God bless you in 2025 as we journey together in the power of our faithful God.

Yours in Christ,



Zachary King
General Secretary

P.S. As you have the opportunity, please share [this video](#) during your classis meeting.



COD Highlights

A SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES MEETING

To: **CRC Councils and Stated Clerks of Classes**

From: Kristen deRoo VanderBerg, Director of Communications & Marketing

Date: October 22, 2024

Highlights from meeting of October 16-18, 2024

The Council of Delegates (COD) of the Christian Reformed Church in North America met at Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. on October 16-18, 2024. During this meeting, the COD spent time in prayer, received reports, held discussions, and made decisions as follows:

- Interviewed and appointed Rev. Joel Vande Werken as the director of ecclesiastical governance. He will begin this role in mid-November.
- Heard from Zachary King, general secretary, about his recent work including an evaluation and refresh of the Our Journey ministry plan, a review of CRCNA agency support for ethnic minority churches, work with the Global Vision implementation team, follow up on various synodical assignments, and that the office of general secretary is running at/over capacity with regards to taskforces and teams.
- Heard from Shirley DeVries, chief administrative officer, about her recent work including the hire of a new director of Information Technology, an ongoing evaluation of the metrics of the Our Journey ministry plan, a commitment to better communication about the pension plan, and a review of church giving.
- Heard that the sale of the Grand Rapids denominational office building at 1700 28th Street SE is complete and renovations are underway at 300 East Beltline NE in Grand Rapids to turn it into a new ministry support center by December. Net profit from the sale will be put in a fund for ongoing maintenance of the new building.
- Heard an update about *Gather* events in Minneapolis, Vancouver, Calgary, and Boston.
- Heard an update from Jamie McIntosh about the work of World Renew.
- Participated in a board development presentation by Thrive staff on diversity in our churches and the One Family Conversation.
- Received a presentation on the annual denominational survey, highlighting some key trends from the past 10 years. The next cohort will be invited to participate in the survey in January.
- Approved Second CRC of Grand Haven, Mich. as the convening church for synod 2026. Also approved a theme of "Journey with Jesus" for Synod 2025 and agreed to have a virtual convening sessions for synod in 2025 and the years following.
- Took note of the work of the Virtual Church team and the direction they are taking as they prepare to report to Synod 2025.
- Took note of an updated process to handle interim appointments of COD members between meetings.

- Voted to forego the creation of a separate legal entity to house the Office of General Secretary.
- Approved a charter for the Dignity Team and agreed to review this charter regularly starting in October 2026.
- Approved an updated version of the Policy for Reduction of Program and Staff.
- Considered updates to the mandate for the oversight of finances in the advisory committee of synod and sent these changes to Synod 2025.
- Received a report from the *Banner* editor and adopted a change to the advertising guidelines.
- Heard from the Bible Translations Committee and appointed Susan Medendorp to the committee as an English Language Stylist. A report on the Easy-to-Read version will be available for the February COD meeting.
- Heard from the directors of Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, and Thrive noting many good initiatives and requesting ongoing prayers and financial support from churches.
- Provisionally approved Joan DeVries for COD membership and recommended that Synod 2025 appoint her to the role.
- Appointed people to interim roles as synodical deputies, alternate synodical deputies, and as members of the judicial code committee.
- Spent time in executive session.

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Upcoming meeting dates:

- February 5-7, 2025, via videoconference
- May 7-9, 2025, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- October 8-10, 2025, location TBA
- February 4-6, 2026, via video conference
- May 6-8, 2026, location TBA
- October 7-9, 2026, location TBA



Ministry Board Meeting Highlights

To: **CRCNA Ministry Board Members and Staff**

From: Kristen deRoo VanderBerg, Director of Communications & Marketing

Date: October 22, 2024

Ministry Board Meetings – U.S. and Canada

In addition to the meeting of the COD, the boards of other CRC corporate entities met separately on October 17 and reported the following:

CRCNA Canada Board

- Welcomed three new members: Ron VanAuken, Philip Apoll, and Joan DeVries.
- Approved a revised mandate for the governance committee.
- Received an annual report from the joint management committee for information and approved the joint ministry approval documents.
- Heard an update from the executive director, Al Postma, as well as the Canadian ministry directors.
- Received the audit review committee minutes and approved audited financial statements.
- Received reports from finance and human resources.
- Discussed a proposal from Classis Quinte requesting an ecclesiastical gathering for Canadian CRCs.
- Approved scheduling a stories and strategies event for early 2025.
- Received correspondence from various CRC members and spent time discussing them.

ReFrame Ministries Canada Board

- Meeting scheduled for later date.

CRCNA U.S. Board

- Approved annual housing declarations for ordained staff.
- Approved the establishment of a building maintenance fund into which proceeds from the sale of the building at 1700 28th Street SE in Grand Rapids and any funds received from the employee retention credit will be deposited and used for ongoing maintenance of the new ministry support center at 300 East Beltline NE.
- Established a \$2 million line of credit in order to be prepared to sustain ministry should there be an unexpected drop in financial support.
- Appointed Dan DeKam to fill a vacant position on the joint management committee.

- Received a joint ministry agreement report and addendum for information.
- Spent time discussing the financial report and trends in U.S. giving.

ReFrame Ministries U.S. Board

- Received a report from ReFrame director Kurt Selles including an update on a new strategy.
- Received financial statements for information.
- Received a report from the joint management committee.
- Approved joint management approval documents.

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