

**MINUTES OF CLASSIS CENTRAL PLAINS**

Meeting at Faith CRC, Pella, IA  
Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 8AM

Art. 7540 – Rev. Mark Jicinsky opened with devotions and prayer

Art. 7541 – Constituting Classis

A. Roll call indicates the following delegates are present:

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>ELDER</b>	<b>DEACON</b>
<b>CEDAR</b>		Calvin Rozenboom William Hol	Grant Van Den Heuvel
<b>PEACE CR</b>	Gary Brouwers	Rich Dykema	*Michelle Van Rheenen
<b>GENEVA</b>	Tom Wolthuis	---	---
<b>LEIGHTON</b>	Al Bandstra	Daren Van Kooten	---
<b>TRINITY STL</b>	Mike Bentley	Tim Terlouw	*Kristen Hoekzema
<b>NEW LIFE</b>	Rick Admiraal	Dave Gritters	Tim Franje
<b>PRISON</b>			
<b>NEWTON</b>	Aaron Gunsaulus	David Nunnikhoven	---
<b>IC CHINESE</b>	Ed Jiang	*Dingwu Shao	---
<b>BETHEL OSKY</b>		Greg Westra Dave Van Donselaar	Joel Bruxvoort
<b>FIRST OSKY</b>	Jonathan Spronk	Doug Groenenboom	*Matt Collins
<b>CALVARY</b>	Brad Bierma	*Rob Bandstra	*Barb Van Gorp
<b>FAITH</b>	Brian Ochsner	Don DeWaard	Karen Spoelstra
<b>CONNECT</b>	---	Will Keuning	*Pat Callahan
<b>GRACE</b>	Chris Allen	*Marianne Steensma	Nate Blunck
<b>PEORIA</b>	George Den Oudsten	Dennis Van Wyk	*Andrew Vander Hart
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>		Jason Van Hal	*Will Vande Voort
<b>PRAIRIE CITY</b>	Matthew McClure	*Dennis Kadner	Brian Bouwkamp
<b>SULLY</b>		*Steve Van Sant *Verlan Van Wyk	Dan Dunsbergen
<b>TRACY</b>	---	Doug Veenstra	Ryan Greonendyk
<b>CROSSROADS</b>	Mark Jicinsky	Ron Bogaards	Harley Gorter

\*First time delegates who signed the Covenant for Officebearers

B. The chair declared Classis Central Plains constituted with the following officers:

Chair: Rev. Mark Jicinsky  
Vice-Chair: Rev. Matthew McClure  
Stated Clerk: Rev. Jonathan Spronk

C. The chair welcomed the following Synodical Deputies via Zoom:

Rev. Rus Boersma (Classis Northcentral Iowa)

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra (Classis Iakota)

Rev. Phil Westra (Classis Heartland)

Art. 7542– Church Order Art. 14b Release for Rev. Ed Jiang

A. Rev. Ed Jiang has accepted a call to the Chinese Bible Church of Maryland. His new church is independent and is not interested in “borrowing” him from the CRC. Therefore, Rev. Jiang and the Iowa City Chinese Church have requested that Classis grant him an Art. 14 release from ministry that will end his ministerial time in the CRC.

**B. Motion made and supported to declare via Art. 14b that Rev. Ed Jiang is honorably released from the office of minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church in North America effective Feb. 27, 2022.**

**Carried**

C. The synodical deputies concurred.

D. The chair thanks the synodical deputies for their work and releases them from the Zoom.

Art. 7543 – Church Art. 18 – Retirement request for Rev. Thomas Wolthuis – from Peace CRC

**A. Motion made and supported to approve an Art. 18 retirement due to age for Rev. Thomas Wolthuis, effective June 5, 2022**

**Carried**

B. Rev. Gary Brouwers leads the delegates in a time of prayer for Rev. Jiang and Rev. Wolthuis, thanking God for their service to the CRC and our Classis.

Art. 7544 – Classical Leadership Team (Interim Committee), Rev. Brian Ochsner, reporting

**A. Motion made and supported to approve the work of the Classical Leadership Team**

**Carried**

Art. 7545– Classis Finance Committee/Treasurer Report, Don De Waard, reporting

A. Financial report for March 2021-Feb. 2022 is presented (*report is listed at end of minutes – p. 5-6*).

**B. Motion made and supported to approve the financial report for March 2021-Feb. 2022**

**Carried**

**C. Motion made and supported to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to send \$25,000 out of existing funds to Dordt University**

**Carried**

D. **Motion made and supported to to raise the Pulpit Supply Reimbursement honorarium to \$150 per service.**

Carried

E. 2021-22 Budget is presented (*budget is listed at end of minutes – p. 7*)

F. **Motion made and supported to approve the 2022-23 Budget.**

Carried

Art. 7546 – Classis Nomination Committee

A. Ballot is presented to delegates for voting. The following Classis positions are elected:

- a. Classis Missions Committee – Ivan Mulder (lay member)
- b. Classis Regional Pastor – Rev. Brian Ochsner
- c. Synod 2022 Delegates
  - i. Minister: Rev. Rick Admiraal
  - ii. Elder: Steve Holwerda
  - iii. Other Officebearer: Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus
  - iv. Minister Alternate: Rev. Michael Bentley
  - v. Other Officebearer Alternate: Rev. Brad Bierma

B. **Motion made and supported to task Classis Leadership Committee to seek nominations and approve a Deacon delegate for Synod 2022**

- a. After the meeting, Classis Leadership Committee approves Migael Randall as a Deacon delegate for Synod 2022

Art. 7547 – Classis received the following written and verbal reports for information:

- A. Stated Clerk – Rev. Jonathan Spronk
- B. Classical Ministry Leadership Team – Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus
- C. Classis Missions Committee – Rev. George Den Oudsten reminds the delegates of church development funds that are available from Classis for churches to use for evangelistic and missional events.
- D. Ad Hoc Committee with Peoria CRC – Rev. Aaron Gunsaulus notes that following the Feb. 2021 overtures from Peoria, Classis requested that Peoria council be in contact with the CRC OSJ/ORR. As of now, that conversation has not occurred, though the council of Peoria CRC does still intend to pursue that.
- E. CRC Council of Delegates – Rev. Brian Ochsner
- F. World Renew Update for Classis

Art. 7548 – License to Exhort renewals

A. **Motion made and supported to approve two-year renewals for License to Exhort for the following individuals (through December 31, 2023):**

**Bryan Bandstra, Larry Hanthorn, Jon Neifert**

Carried

Art. 7549– Communications from Churches

- A. The chair notes the following announcement from Peace CRC: Peace CRC of Cedar Rapids, IA will be celebrating 50 years of God's providential care on Aug. 20-21. We invite all friends, former staff, and past members to join us. For more information visit [www.peacechurch-cr.org](http://www.peacechurch-cr.org).
- B. The chair notes the announcement of Rev. Paul Bradford taking a new call and that his time at Cornerstone Pella will end March 27, 2022. The Cornerstone council has requested that in the vacancy Elder David Stevenson be given approval from Classis to administer the Lord's Supper in 2022.
  - a. **Motion made and supported to approve via C.O. Art. 55 that Elder David Stevenson be allowed to administer the Lord's Supper for 2022 at Cornerstone Pella during their vacancy.**

**Carried**

Art. 7550 – The following speakers addressed Classis on behalf of their ministries:

- A. Rev. Tyler Helfers – Areopagus Campus Ministry at Iowa State University
- B. Rev. Rick Admiraal – New Life Prison Church
- C. Delegates Rob Bandstra and Dave Gritters address Classis about the opportunity for Afghan refugee resettlement in the Pella area through Samaritans Purse ministries. Churches that are interested in participating in this ministry are encouraged to contact Calvary CRC Pella for more information.

Art. 7551 – Delegates entered into small group prayer time.

Art. 7552 – Rev. Mark Jicinsky closed the Classis meeting in prayer.

Art. 7553 – Classis adjourned.

Next regular session of Classis will be held on Thursday, May 19th (location to be determined). Agenda materials are due to [statedclerk.centralplains@gmail.com](mailto:statedclerk.centralplains@gmail.com) by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Jonathan Spronk

Stated Clerk, Central Plains

**Classis Financial Report**

March 1 - February 28,  
2022

Balance March 1, 2021 \$132,579.58

Receipts:	Ministry shares	\$186,876.30
	Interest	<u>\$115.35</u>

Disbursements:

**Student Fund**

Rose Admiral - tuition	\$3,800.00
Will Brouwers - tuition	\$6,200.00

**Classis Expense Fund**

Classis meeting expense	\$1,766.31
Exavault	\$24.23
Classis travel	\$789.39
Treasurer bond insurance	\$100.00
Deposit slips	\$79.03
Clerk fee	\$3,000.00
Treasurer fee	\$3,000.00

**New Church Plant Fund**

**Classis Home Mission Fund**

Geneva	\$22,000.00
Areopagus	\$10,500.00
New Life	\$16,000.00

**Safe Church Team**

**Dordt College** \$80,150.00

**Classis Diaconal Committee**

Total disbursements \$147,408.96

Designated fund balance - Student fund \$5,000.00

- New Church Plant fund \$33,500.00

Undesignated Fund Balance August 31, 2022 \$133,662.27

**Classis Ministry Shares**

Individual Church Shares & Remittances

March 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022

	Classis Ministry <u>Shares</u>	Pledged Ministry <u>Shares</u>	Paid <u>To Date</u>	2021 <u>% Paid</u>
Cedar	2958.00	1450.00	1450.00	100.00%
Peace	11934.00	3929.00	3929.00	100.00%
Leighton	4284.00		1978.50	0.00%
Newton	10914.00	1600.00	1600.00	100.00%
North Liberty	5100.00	1500.00	1500.00	100.00%
Bethel	10404.00	4000.00	10000.00	250.00%
First - Osky	29784.00	27000.00	27000.00	100.00%
Calvary	35394.00	21452.00	21452.00	100.00%
Faith	25908.00	25908.00	25335.50	97.79%
Connect	10710.00	5000.00	5000.00	100.00%
Grace	3876.00	6750.00	6814.50	100.96%
Cornerstone	17544.00	8520.00	8520.00	100.00%
Peoria	14122.00	14122.00	14122.00	100.00%
Prairie City	9792.00	1500.00	2244.19	149.61%
Trinity - St. L	6732.00	1000.00	1000.00	100.00%
Sully	27336.00	24000.00	39762.45	165.68%
Tracy	4488.00	4000.00	4000.00	100.00%
Crossroads	15096.00	9736.00	11168.16	114.71%
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Total				
	246376.00	161467.00	186876.30	115.74%

**Classis Central Plains  
Budget  
2022-2023**

	Actual 21-22	Requested 22-23	Pledged 22-23
Student Fund			
Total	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Home Missions			
Committee Expense	\$200	\$200	\$200
Geneva Campus Ministries	\$22,000	\$23,500	\$23,500
Areopagus Ministries	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$12,000
New Life Prison	\$16,000	\$16,500	\$16,500
Total	\$48,700	\$52,200	\$52,200
Dordt University	\$80,150	\$165,380	\$80,150
Church Development Grant	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
New Church Plant	\$9,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
Classis Expense			
Travel Expense	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Classis Meals	\$750	\$750	\$750
Printing, Postage	\$50	\$50	\$50
Treasurer Bond	\$100	\$100	\$100
Conferences	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
Clerk	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Treasurer	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total	<u>\$11,150</u>	<u>\$11,150</u>	<u>\$11,150</u>
Total	<u>\$161,000</u>	<u>\$245,230</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>
Total active professing members		2445	
Ministry shares per member		\$100.30	