

Minutes

147TH SESSION OF CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 20-21, 2010

First Christian Reformed Church, Red Deer, Alberta

Vision/Mission Statement (adopted March 2, 2004)

The purpose of Classis Alberta North is:

- To encourage member congregations to faithful and creative ministry;
- To jointly undertake ministries of common interest;
- To participate in denominational ministries and governance;
- To hold member congregations mutually accountable for their work of ministry, and to provide appropriate resources for the same.

1. Welcome and Introductions: **Rev. Daniel Meinema**, Chair of Classis, welcomed the delegates and made a few announcements.
2. Opening devotions were led by **Rev. Gary Bomhof**, pastor of First CRC Red Deer. We sang two songs, and Rev. Bomhof brought a short message and opened in prayer.
3. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. The roll was called by the Stated Clerk.

Church	Pastor	Elder/Deacon
Barrhead	Rev. Daniel Meinema	Emily Vanderwekken
Edmonton Bethel Community	----	Ed Dubbeldam, Wendy Werkman
Edmonton Centrepointe	Rev. Ron Klok	----
Edmonton Covenant	Rev. John Pasma	Jan Souman
Edmonton Fellowship	----	Marian Williams, Vicky VanAndel
Edmonton First	----	Stu Bron, George Wybenga
Edmonton Inglewood	Rev. John Ooms	Elizabeth Kroon
Edmonton Maranatha	Rev. Art Verboon	----
Edmonton Ottewell	Rev. Martin Mobach	Andrew Geisterfer
Edmonton So Mang	Rev. David Joo	----
Edmonton The River	Rev. Bruce Gritter	Karen Wilk
Edmonton Trinity	Rev. Richard deLange	Frank VanBoom
Edmonton West End	Rev. Gordon Pols	Jack Vanden Born
Edson-Peers	Rev. Paul Van Stralen	Ron DeLeeuw
Fairview – Faith Fellowship	Bill Weenink	Gosse de Jong
Ft. McMurray-Evergreen	Rev. George Holthof	----
Lacombe – Bethel	Rev. Mike Vandyk	John deRegt
Lacombe - Wolf Creek	Harry Valstar	Martin Zuidhof

Lacombe - Woodynook	Rev. Neil DeKoning	Russ Buit
La Glace	Rev. Paul Birnbaum	Lyle Nyland
Leduc – Ebenezer	----	Dick De Klerk, Dennis Van Beek
Neerlandia	Dr. Randy Blacketer	Bruce Wierenga
Ponoka – Sunrise	Rev. Maurice Boonstra	Peter Doornenbal
Red Deer – First	Rev. Gary Bomhof	Dick Vandenbrink
Red Deer - New Life	Rev. Henry Steenbergen	John Asmundson
Rimbey	Rev. Bill Nieuwenhuis	Tom Buist
Rocky – Covenant	Rev. Nic Wolmarans	Bob Nicolay
Rocky – First	Rev. Len Batterink	Gord Van`t Bosch
St. Albert	Rev. John Luth	Aaron Hazelaar
Stony Plain – Hope	Rev. Fred Bultman	Nico Wyngaarden

4. Opening Procedures

- 4.1. The Form of Subscription was signed by a number of first time delegates.
- 4.2. Classis was declared constituted by the Chair, **Rev. Daniel Meinema**. **Rev. Ron Klok** will serve as Vice-Chair.
- 4.3. **Motion to seat deacon delegates.** Carried.
- 4.4. **Motion to seat the pastor of So Mang CRC, Rev. David Joo** (this was necessary since So Mang CRC did not bring their Classis Credentials). Carried.

5. Stated Clerk Report and Classical Interim Committee Report

- 5.1. The Stated Clerk read a letter of thanks from Rehoboth for the offering received (\$5338) at the recent *Celebrating a Century of Grace* service at the Winspear Centre. The funds will be used towards the costs of a new cabin at the Rehoboth Camp facility at Gull Lake.
- 5.2. The Stated Clerk made the following motions on behalf of CIC:
- 5.3. **that the revised Travel Policy be approved for implementation effective January 1, 2011.** Carried.
- 5.4. **that Classis approve the new Structure and Mandate for the Credentials Advisory Committee.** Carried.
- 5.5. **that Classis approve the new Restorative Justice Committee Mandate to become a Classis Ministries Committee of CAN.** Tabled until later in the meeting when there will be a report from this Committee.
- 5.6. **that Classis approve the revised mandate for the Nominations Committee.** Carried.
- 5.7. **that Classis approve the proposed 2011 CAN Budget.** Deferred.
- 5.8. **that Classis pay \$12,000 as a one-time expense towards the CRCNA pension shortfall from 2009 to 2011 for the pastor of So Mang CRC; this is to be paid out of surplus Classis funds.** Rev. John Pasma presented the Church Visitors report of the visit that he and Rev. John Luth made to So Mang CRC on June 8, 2010. There was some discussion. Carried.
- 5.9. **that the Assistant to the Stated Clerk's job be expanded to include preparation of a monthly or bi-monthly Classis wide newsletter, as well as maintain a Calendar for Classis events, for a trial period of one year at an estimated cost of \$1800, to be reassessed after 9 months.** (Communications Coordinator Proposal). Defeated.

- 5.10. **that Classis approve that \$5000 be added to the 2011 Budget for the Classis Leadership Team. Ongoing funding will be contingent upon the partnership relationship with King's being further clarified and approved at a future Classis meeting.** Rev. Neil DeKoning, chair of the Classis Leadership Team, was asked to come forward to lend further clarity to this request. Carried.
- 5.11. **that Classis authorize the CIC to nominate two people for the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the CRCNA, since Rick Struik has resigned from the BOT.** Carried.
- 5.12. **that Classis approve the work of the Classis Interim Committee from March 2010 to October 2010.** Carried.
6. Classis Ministries Committee: **Rev. Martin Mobach** briefly spoke about the work of this committee and made the following motion: **that Classis approve the proposed new mandate for the CMC.** It was brought to the attention of Classis that a 2006 version of the CMC mandate is in existence, which was not taken into consideration in this revision. Therefore the motion was withdrawn.
7. Restorative Justice Committee: **Joanne Munro** spoke about the work of this committee, giving practical and passionate examples. There were some questions:
- 7.1. Would this committee be able to do its work in an overtly Christian manner? Not in every instance.
- 7.2. Doesn't the Victim's Services department of Police Services already provide this service? Not fully.
- 7.3. Would the work of this committee be more proactive or reactive? Proactive.
- 7.4. How closely will this committee work with the Safe Church Team? They will work closely together, but some issues not covered under the Safe Church mandate would be covered under the RJ Committee mandate.
- 7.5. What would be the connection between the churches of Classis and this committee? The committee would be a resource to churches, educating and assisting.
- 7.6. How would we measure success? Relationships restored, churches aided and equipped.
- 7.7. Is it a possibility to approve this committee for a one or two year trial instead of creating another standing committee? The motion could be revised.
- 7.8. **Motion: to take the motion in minute 5.5 off the table.** Carried.
- 7.8.1. **Motion: That Classis approves the new Restorative Justice Committee Mandate to become a Classis Ministries Committee of CAN.**
- 7.8.2. **The Motion was amended to add: The committee will be given a three year life span after which it will automatically terminate, unless its mandate is renewed at the Classis meeting in October 2013.** Carried.
- 7.8.3. **After the above motion carried there was another motion: to change the name to Restorative Justice Task Force.** Carried.
8. Student Fund Committee: **Andrew Geisterfer** expressed thanks to retiring committee members, Herman Berkenbosch and Rev. Fred Bultman. He reviewed the financial assistance recommendations and made the following motions:
- 8.1. **That Classis Alberta North approve the levels of financial assistance proposed in the report.** Carried.

- 8.2. **That Classis Alberta North approve or allocate \$25,000 in its budget for the Student Fund Committee for the upcoming year.** Tabled to the time slot allocated for the budget presentation.
9. Overture: Deacon Delegates to Classis: **Rev. John Luth** presented the report on behalf of the Advisory Committee (delegates of West End CRC Edmonton and St. Albert CRC). The report was as follows:
- 9.1. It is our recommendation that Classis Alberta North accede to the overture initially submitted in March 2010 that reads as follows: **Overture: The Council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lacombe overtures Classis Alberta North to have churches send three delegates (pastor, elder, deacon) to the meetings of Classis.**
- 9.2. Grounds:
- 9.2.1. Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America has considered such an arrangement and gives direction about how it should be implemented. Supplement, Article 40-a states that ... the council of each church shall delegate a deacon in addition to a minister and an elder, provided the Classis approves of the delegation of deacons to its meetings. Deacons delegated to Classis shall be given credentials identical to those given to ministers and elders....
- 9.2.2. The presence of deacon delegates at the meetings of Classis would affirm the equality of the offices at the Classis level of the assemblies of the church.
- 9.3. **The Motion was Amended: The Council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lacombe overtures Classis Alberta North to have churches send up to three delegates (pastor, elder, deacon) to the meetings of Classis.** Defeated.
- 9.4. There was some discussion including the following comments and concerns.
- 9.4.1. Deacons are usually younger which might affect loss of salary or vacation to attend Classis meetings.
- 9.4.2. What would the seating of additional deacons bring to Classis that is *new*?
- 9.4.3. Concern about the availability of facilities able to accommodate 90 delegates.
- 9.4.4. It might become necessary to change meeting dates to Friday/Saturday in order to more suitably accommodate delegates who have regular day jobs.
- 9.4.5. Classis meetings will become unwieldy and take up more time with more delegates present.
- 9.4.6. NADC had a recent meeting with deacons representing 22 of the 30 churches, at which the overture was unanimously approved.
- 9.4.7. Suggestion to have a limited time span of 2-3 years to try it out.
- 9.4.8. Elders can bring forward the concerns of the deacons without having an extra delegate present.
- 9.5. **The original motion was called for: The Council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Lacombe overtures Classis Alberta North to have churches send three delegates (pastor, elder, deacon) to the meetings of Classis.** Defeated.
- 9.6. **Motion: That Classis approve that deacons delegated by their churches do not need to be seated by a separate motion.** Tabled.
10. Classis Financial Report and Budget: **Ellen Vlieg-Paquette**, Classis Treasurer, presented the 2011 budget.

- 10.1. There were three proposals in the budget requiring approval from Classis. However, only the proposal for the Leadership Team was approved, so the overall budget was revised.
 - 10.2. Total ministry shares were revised to \$303,600, which resulted in a ministry share of \$66.37 per professing member.
 - 10.3. Question about the use and sustainability of the surplus; the CIC will keep a close eye on how this will be used.
 - 10.4. Question about how our Classis' ministry shares compare to that of other Classes. The Clerk will look into it.
 - 10.5. **Motion: that Classis approve the proposed 2011 CAN Budget as amended.** Carried.
11. Advance notice for Spring 2011 Classis: **Rev. Martin Mobach** reported that the following two requests will be dealt with at the next meeting of Classis Alberta North:
- 11.1. **Kirk MacNeil** has requested to be declared eligible for call.
 - 11.2. **Motion: that Classis consider whether to extend or lapse the ministerial credentials of Andy Geleynse at the spring 2011 meeting, with synodical delegates present.** Carried.
12. Church Visitors
- 12.1. Rev. Fred Bultman reported on visits that he and Bert VanNiejehuis, Elder from Neerlandia CRC made to:
 - 12.1.1. West End CRC Edmonton on March 8, 2010.
 - 12.1.2. Covenant CRC Edmonton on May 26, 2010.
 - 12.1.3. Bethel CRC Edmonton on May 25, 2010.
 - 12.1.4. St. Albert CRC on March 2, 2010.
 - 12.2. Rev. John Luth reported on visits that he and Dr. Tom Oosterhuis made to:
 - 12.2.1. Inglewood CRC Edmonton on April 12, 2010.
 - 12.2.2. Ebenezer CRC Leduc on May 3, 2010.
 - 12.3. Rev. John Pasma has already reported on the visit that he and Rev. John Luth made to So Mang CRC Edmonton on June 8, 2010 (see minute 5.6).
 - 12.4. Rev. Len Batterink reported on a visit that he and Rev. Nic Wolmarans made to First CRC Red Deer on March 23, 2010.
 - 12.5. Rev. Gary Bomhof reported on a visit that he and Rev. Herman Salomons made to First CRC Rocky Mountain House on Sept. 13, 2010.
 - 12.6. Rev. Gary Bomhof reminded the delegates to request a visit through him if their church has not be visited recently.
 - 12.7. Dr. Tom Oosterhuis reported on a visit that he and Rev. John Luth made to Ottewell CRC Edmonton in April 2010.
13. Mosaic House: **Rev. Victor Ko** updated us on what's been happening at Mosaic House; it was two years ago that Mosaic House had its first service. Mosaic House sees itself as a multicultural community living out the great commandment and the great commission. There are 65-75 people regularly worshipping together with room for just over 100. They are running an Alpha group with 35 people attending. They like to think of their worshippers as two kinds of people: "Guests" come and go; "missionaries" are members who

commit to partner with Mosaic House in its mission. Victor thanked Classis for its partnership, prayers, and support. He asked the delegates to pray for Mosaic House once every quarter, in their churches. Victor is very thankful for being where he truly believes the Lord has called him to be in ministry.

14. Back to God Ministries

- 14.1. **Rev. Gary Bomhof** reported that Back to God Ministries International (BTGMI) is thankful for the level of ministry share support.
- 14.2. BTGMI is working in cooperation with “Words of Hope”, the media ministry of the Reformed Church of America and “Good Books Ministries” reaching Hindi –speaking people in northern India for the Lord.
- 14.3. The new International Ministry Centre in Brazil is now open and provides expanded opportunities for media outreach in Latin America and around the world. The Portuguese Ministry Leader is Rev. Hernandes Dias Lopes, an author of more than 75 books and a popular conference speaker in Brazil. The LPC website that features his programs and sermon notes receives an average of 35,000 hits per month.

15. Supper Break: Devotions were led by **Rev. Harry Kuperus**, Classis Chaplain, after which we enjoyed a delicious roast pork dinner.

16. Executive Session was held for ½ hour.

17. Home Missions Workshop: **Karen Wilk** gave a presentation for the evening called “Love your Neighbour”. She gave several examples how “Loving your Neighbour” has worked in her neighbourhood and encouraged the delegates to think about how they and their churches can get involved in this mission.

18. On Thursday we gathered at 9:00 a.m. and the chair welcomed the delegates.

19. The Chair asked if there are any new delegates to this Classis session that were not present on Wednesday. One delegate was at Classis for Thursday only: **Siebe Brouwer** from Sonrise CRC, Ponoka. It was noticed that several other delegates present on Wednesday were not in attendance on Thursday.

20. Opening devotions and a prayer exercise were led by **Rev. Walt Brouwer**. The delegates spent some time sharing and praying for the joys and concerns of their various churches.

21. Nominations Committee: **Bill Wildeboer**

- 21.1. Nomination for Calvin College Board of Trustees. One nomination has been received (Stuart Williams from Fellowship CRC Edmonton) and there is another potential nominee as well.
- 21.2. Nomination for CRCNA Board of Trustees. One nomination has been received (Mike Wevers of West End CRC Edmonton) and other nominations are welcome until Nov. 15, 2010.
- 21.3. **Motion: to nominate Don Prokuda for membership on the NADC.** Carried.

22. Diaconal Ministries

- 22.1. **Henry Bosch** distributed the Annual Report 2009-2010 for Diaconal Ministries Canada and highlighted some of the items about what DMC is doing to build community, equip deacons, and encourage justice.
 - 22.2. It is worthwhile to note that as of this year, NADC has served the deacons of Classis for 25 years.
 - 22.3. The Day of Encouragement is on November 6, 2010. Delegates are encouraged to attend, along with any other persons in leadership in their churches.
 - 22.4. Henry is available to make presentations in the churches.
 - 22.5. He also showed some slides of a completed Honduras Water Project.
 - 22.6. **Dr. Harry Cook** introduced **Abraham Namakoa**, Care (Diaconal) Coordinator of the Reformed Church of East Africa. Abraham outlined some aspects of his work in Kenya through the structure of the churches and parishes there. He works to aid the communities in the region with such things as:
 - 22.6.1. Community development (food security, income generating, local resource mobilization)
 - 22.6.2. Humanitarian intervention (relief work, rehabilitation programs such as water and goats)
 - 22.6.3. Peace building (trauma and healing, independent decision making, advocacy)
 - 22.6.4. Health intervention and support
23. Campus Ministry: **Rick VanManen**, Campus Chaplain, related the story of a conversation with a student who lamented her extreme busyness and experienced a lot of stress in her life. He was able to be a sounding board for her and realized that he can simply trust God for her spiritual life. He is thankful that he is able to serve the University and the students by simply being present. Rick's more extensive report was in the Agenda.
24. 100th Anniversary of Classis Alberta North: **Ron Knol** thanked everyone for their participation in the 100th Anniversary Service. The chair thanked Ron for all his work and the organizing committee's work in preparation for that day.
25. Classis Youth Consultant
- 25.1. **Ron DeVries** expressed thanks to the churches for supporting youth ministry in local churches and on the Classis level.
 - 25.2. Ron asked the pastors of two churches to share about the journey they took going through Compass 21, an analytical tool developed by Youth Unlimited for churches who want to look at their ministries and see where they could improve in programming, leadership and approach.
 - 25.3. **Rev. Gary Bomhof** shared that Ron DeVries helped First CRC Red Deer establish the focus and goals for their youth ministry staff person and volunteer team. He was very thankful for Ron's "masterful" help with this.
 - 25.4. **Rev. John Pasma** shared how Compass 21 came to work with Covenant CRC Edmonton. Their youth staff person and volunteer leaders all gathered to look at youth ministry holistically, reflect on their ministry, and provide mutual encouragement and idea development. Much enthusiasm was generated and it was a "very good process".
 - 25.5. Ron distributed a retreat brochure and encouraged the delegates to send their youth workers to this event being planned for February 11-13, 2011.

26. Pastor Church Relations – Classis Consultant: **Rev. Walt Brouwer** spoke about the model that he has developed for evaluations of pastors, and which has been in use since March 2010. He has found that the model is working very well, especially where pastor/church relations are tenuous, in enabling the various parties to openly discuss the issues that confront them. Rev. Brouwer intends to further refine the model by the next Classis meeting.
27. Synod 2010 Delegates Report: **Rev. Henry Steenbergen**
- 27.1. Synod dealt with a 700 page agenda including several lengthy reports.
 - 27.2. This was Rev. Henry DeMoor's last official Synod, due to retirement.
 - 27.3. Faith Formation Committee: Synod endorsed the idea of children at the Lord's Supper; this will come back next year for ratification.
 - 27.4. There was a good interview with the new seminary president, Rev. Julius Medenblik.
28. Board of Trustees: **Rick Struik**
- 28.1. The Board of Trustees encourages church councils to read BOT highlights when they are distributed.
 - 28.2. The BOT mandated the Diversity in Leadership Planning Group to take all necessary steps to create a statement of vision and specific strategies to increase diversity within the denominational offices, especially at the senior staff level.
 - 28.3. The BOT has been asked by the CRWRC to make changes to the way in which the agency connects with the denomination and instructed the Executive Committee of the BOT to appoint a small task force of BOT members to consider all related documents and bring back a recommendation to the Board.
 - 28.4. Financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2010 were better than expected in terms of denominational ministry shares, and the churches are thanked for their financial support.
29. Lunch devotions were led by **Rev. Harry Kuperus**, Classis Chaplain, and we enjoyed lunch together.
30. Overture re: Mandating Healing and Reconciliation – Art. 17: **Rev. Neil DeKoning** presented the advisory committee report on behalf of the delegates of Woodynook CRC and Covenant CRC Rocky Mountain House. The report was as follow:
- 30.1. Preamble: The concern raised by this overture is legitimate. Past hurt in pastor church relationships leaves lasting impact on congregations and pastor. The more understanding and healing we experience the better it is. In our reflections as an advisory committee, we agreed with this fundamental concern for reconciliation to be practiced.
 - 30.2. In order to assist Classis in dealing with this request we make the following two motions:
 - 30.2.1. **That the overture of Pastor/Church Relations committee is legally before Classis.** Carried.
 - 30.2.1.1. A delay of consideration is not in the interest of the Classis.
 - 30.2.1.2. It is a matter of common concern for the members of Classis.
 - 30.2.1.3. Such a declaration is in keeping with the rules of Classis.
 - 30.2.2. **That we refer this overture back to the Committee to address the following concerns and to return this matter to the March Classis meeting.** Carried.

- 30.2.2.1. The difference between the agreements of separation and the process of reconciliation. Our recent agreements of separation include the requirement that some process be engaged that deals with latent/ residual issues prior to extending a call. How is that process different from the process of reconciliation?
- 30.2.2.2. What is the goal of reconciliation? Is it justice? Acknowledgment of hurt? What is the outcome of “setting the situation to rights”?
- 30.2.2.3. Does a process of reconciliation need to take place prior to extending a call?
- 30.2.2.4. Who pays for a facilitator? If churches have already paid for ½ year to 1 year of salary, supported counselling for the pastor, and paid for pulpit supply/ interim pastor is it right for us to mandate an additional burden.
- 30.2.2.5. What is the time frame?
- 30.2.2.6. How ought the pastor-church relations committee of classis/ denomination be engaged in this process? Are we really asking for another ministry or a church order matter?
- 30.2.2.7. Is simply “adding weight” by placing this in the church order and “validating” the act of reconciliation adequate reason to add this to the church order? In other words is this what we want the church order to become? Or ought this document be limited to process and rules rather than suggestions and urgings? There are already many “ordinary encouragements” that are regularly ignored.

30.3. Grounds: it is important to answer such questions before we send this onto Synod.

30.4. **Motion from the floor: to amend the advisory Committee Report to add a second part to 30.2.2.3: Does a process of reconciliation need to take place prior to a pastor accepting a call?** Carried as amended.

31. Classis Credentials Committee: **Rev. Richard DeLange** presented the review of the credentials on behalf of the committee (delegates of The River CRC Edmonton and Trinity Edmonton).

31.1. Neerlandia CRC would like a church visit; Rev. Gary Bomhof took note of this.

31.2. West End CRC Edmonton indicated that they have a nominee for the Calvin College BOT.

31.3. Evergreen CRC Ft. McMurray gave a note of thanks that they are blessed by pulpit supply and look forward to it continuing.

31.4. Wolf Creek CRC Lacombe is looking forward to the arrival of their new pastor, **Rev. Leon Johnston**, on Dec. 1, 2010.

31.5. First CRC Edmonton just received news (not on the credentials form) that **Rev. Mike VanBoom** has accepted their call.

32. Faith Alive: **Rev. Bill Nieuwenhuis**, board member for Faith Alive, highlighted some items from the Board report by Mark Rice, Director:

32.1. Faith Alive supplies church education materials to churches in other denominations besides the CRC.

32.2. An Advent devotional by Rev. Scott Hoezee is available.

32.3. Curriculum typically has a shelf-life of 5 years or less.

32.4. Curriculum development in 2011 will include a children’s curriculum called ‘Dwell’, and an intergenerational group curriculum called ‘We’.

- 32.5. Faith Alive closed its fiscal 2010 year with a net loss of \$242,000, mainly due to a drop in sales of core curriculum.
- 32.6. Christian Reformed Churches often do not use Faith Alive Sunday School materials; in some Classes only 30-40% of churches use the material, whereas Classis Alberta North is at about 80%.
- 32.7. Rev. Nieuwenhuis distributed a goody bag of books and information for each church.
33. **Rev. Martin Mobach**, chair of CIC, alerted Classis that **Kirk MacNeil**, a former pastor in Classis Alberta North has requested to be readmitted back into the ministry. The proposed process was reviewed with Classis. In all likelihood this will come before Classis by way of possible re-examination at the March 2011 Classis meeting.
34. Mission Leadership Team of Western Canada: **Rev. Martin Contant** highlighted a number of points from the report which was distributed with the Agenda and forms part of the Agenda.
- 34.1. New campus ministries in Kelowna, BC, and Richmond, BC, will be closely connected with churches nearby, both of which happen to be church plants
- 34.2. River Park Korean is a new church which is lodged within River Park CRC Calgary.
- 34.3. Church planting finances are down compared to five years ago.
- 34.4. Clusters are gatherings of pastors and church leaders helping each other to find ways to spread the gospel and develop new ministry initiatives. Karen Wilk is the leader of the Edmonton cluster.
35. Classis Home Missions Committee: **Rev. Henry Steenbergen** talked about the Neighbour Life Proposal which was distributed via the Supplemental Agenda. The committee is asking Classis to endorse this idea, and to plan for funding for future years.
- 35.1. **Motion: that Classis adopt the 'Neighbourhood Life Proposal' as a new initiative for participating in God's mission in our region (with the \$25,000 funding request covered by \$10,000 within the 2011 budget and the other \$15,000 coming from reserve funds in the CHMC account).**
- 35.2. Discussion included comments such as: the report contains too much jargon; it needs to be more concise in order to be adequately considered by church councils; it is a working document; Home Missions is aware that the plan needs more work.
- 35.3. A suggestion was made to split the motion into two parts, which was acceptable to the Committee. **Motion: That Classis adopt the Neighbourhood Life Proposal as a new initiative for participating in God's mission in our region.** Carried.
- 35.4. **Motion: The funding request of \$25,000 for 2011 only will be covered by \$10,000 within the 2011 budget and the other \$15,000 coming from reserve funds in the CHMC account.** Carried.
- 35.5. Home Missions Committee will work with CIC to determine more precisely how the funds will be spent, and funds for future years will be considered in next year's budget.
36. The Vice Chair, **Rev. Ron Klok**, thanked the Chair for his good work in leading us through the time schedule. He thanked the cooks, the Stated Clerk and Assistant, the Chaplain, and all the delegates for working well together. He led us in a closing prayer.
37. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next Classis meeting is scheduled for March 9 - 10, 2011
at Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton.