

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
May 20, 2018



**May 20, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Greg Sinclair**

*Elder-in-Charge: Adom P*

Rev. Greg Sinclair is a pastor and missionary in the Christian Reformed Church of North America serving as the ministry leader of Salaam 2.0. His role is to educate and inform the CRCNA about Islam, to train trainers to help in this task in different regions, and to encourage increased ministry to Muslims in North America and abroad.

[\* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Uyai mose/O Come, All You People"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"Come, Holy Ghost"*

*"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: PsH #625 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Prayer"*

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Be Unto Your Name"*

Children ages **3 and 4 only** are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. There is also a drop-in room available in the back hallway for children who are unable to sit through the entire service.

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Song of Preparation: PsH #420 *"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon: **'The Generous Spirit'**

Prayer of Application

**Response to the Word**

\*Song of Response: PsH #601 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

Elder/Deacon Nominees Affirmation Vote

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Resonate Global Mission

Offertory Song: *"Abana Alathi Fi Ssama/Abana In Heaven"* (the Lord's Prayer in Arabic)

\*Song of Dedication: *"I Surrender All"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.  
Please exit when the music begins.**



**Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.**

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**During the morning worship service there will be an affirmation vote for those nominated for Elder and Deacon.**

The following people have been nominated for the office of Elder.

As **Pastoral Elders**:

Community 8 – Gary B, Sheryl D

Community 13 – yet to be determined

Community 14 – Bob P, Randy Z

As **Youth Elder** (1 to be selected):

Josh F and Greg S

As **Administrative Elder** (2 to be selected):

Marianne B, Steve F, Sharon M and Kim T

For the office of **Deacon**:

Community 2 – Jane V

Community 9 – Derrick G, Jeff F

Community 13 – Tina O

The Selection of Officebearers is scheduled for **next Sunday, May 27.**

**There is no evening service this Sunday due to the long weekend.**

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

**Margaret M** (13) remained as a patient at Grand River Hospital throughout this past week as tests are being done to determine why mobility has become such an issue. Pray for patience as test results are awaited and for God's continued grace and care.

**Our condolences and praying for God's comfort for the following families:**

**Jenny W** (6) whose sister-in-law, **Henny H**, passed away on Friday, May 11, 2018. A funeral was held this past Friday at Memory Gardens in Breslau.

**Phil and Annette S** (3) with the passing away of Phil's brother, **John S**. John passed away last Sunday evening, May 13, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 26 at the Huntington Mennonite Church in Newport News, Virginia. John was an uncle to **Zach and Stephanie S (Noah, Jordan)** (11) and **Seth and Jen S (Hailey, Jakob)** (1).

**Sandra and Clarence G** (9) with the passing away of Sandra's father, **Mr. Anthony (Tom) S** this past Tuesday, May 15, 2018. A memorial service was held at Westmount Christian Reformed Church in Strathroy this past Friday. Tom was a grandfather to **Mark G** (6), **Paul G** and **Bethany D (Nathan)** (8), and **Jeff and Christina G** (7).

**This weekend**, 38 of our youth are attending the All Ontario Youth Convention (AOYC) at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Joining them are **Matthias M**, **Pastor John**, **Joelle W**, and **Bethany N** as leaders, **Stephanie M** as nurse, and **John L** as sound tech. This faith building event attracts over 800 people every year. The theme this year is "Here" - taken from God's promise to his people in Isaiah 42. Please keep this group in your prayers and ask God to work in the hearts and lives of all who attend.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- **Olga S** (11) who still remains as a patient at St. Mary's until alternative housing can be arranged;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

*Congratulations* to the following



members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:

May 21 – **Magda J** (8)

May 22 – **Sorn N** (5)

May 23 – **John V** (11)

May 26 – **Dick G** (3)

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthday!

### STAFF NEWS

**Pastor Amanda and Brian** (8) are looking forward to the birth of their son at the end of June. Because of this addition to the family, Pastor Amanda will be on maternity

leave starting **June 13** and returning from leave on November 5. Your prayers are much appreciated for a safe birth and a healthy baby boy to join the B-B family!

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For May 13, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
May 13	\$10,164	\$12,758	(\$2,594)	
YTD	\$275,584	\$313,710	(38,126)	
Back to God Ministries Int'l			\$	1,441
Friendship Ministries			\$	80
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40

**Our offering today is for Resonate Global Mission.**

*Imagine the good news of Jesus resonating across the globe – this is the vision behind the name for our denomination's new mission agency:*

**Resonate Global Mission**  
**Engaging People, Embracing Christ**  
**A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church**

*What's more, the idea of a resonating sound isn't just a metaphor. For our work, it's a picture of the future we pursue. Our Reformed theology tells us that the gospel changes everything! People all over the world are hungry to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

*Together, with you, we will continue planting churches and supporting ministry in North America as well as sending missionaries around the globe to share the good news – to the ends for the earth.*

**Next week our offering is for Worship Ministries.**

A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church which began in 2015, Worship Ministries desires that every worshipping community in the CRCNA experience Spirit-filled gospel proclamation and worship that is directed to God, is biblically based and theologically Reformed, and is characterized by creativity, discernment, spiritual vitality, the faith formation of all worshipers, and a call to serve others. They do that by creating opportunities for worship planners, leaders, and pastors to form supporting networks, equipping them through the nurturing of those relationships, the creation of free webinars and resources, the formation of online communities, and the publication of the *Reformed Worship* journal.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS**

**This Coming Weekend - Pastors' Class - May 25-26:** Our weekend version of the Pastors' Class will take place at Community CRC this coming Friday evening, May 25, to Saturday evening, May 26. We will cover the same material from our 6 week Pastors' Class offered every October. If you're new to CCRC, want to deepen your faith, or are thinking about making profession of faith, this class is for you! **Please fill out a participants' form available at the Info Centre and place in the Church Office mailbox by Wednesday, May 23.**

**PS.** Hey, high school students! If you were hoping to attend the Pastors' Class because you're thinking of making profession of faith but also have a BIG dance on May 25, let a pastor know by Wednesday, May 23. We're discussing the possibility of a pre-profession of faith workshop held in June for those interested.

**Church-wide Fire Drill Practice:** As required under the Ontario Fire Code, the Fire Safety Committee is running a fire drill during the Sunday morning service on June 3rd. We are excited for everyone to participate in this event as it will be a beneficial learning experience as well as show areas where we can improve our safety practices in the future. Stay tuned for more details! Any questions or concerns can be directed to the team; Chris d, John O, Coby K, and Danae P.

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on **Tuesday, May 22** at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always



**UPCOMING SERVICES**

May 27	10 a.m.	Pastor John Selection of Officebearers Sunday School Graduation <b>Baptisms:</b> Oliver B (11) Liam C (6) Audrey D (7) Grace D (7) Michelle D (7) <b>Profession of Faith:</b> Chris D (7)
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
June 3	10 a.m.	Pastor John Ordination of Officebearers Fire Drill
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

welcome. The following **Monday, May 28**, we will be going to Fellowship Bible Church (11 Hamilton Rd. New Hamburg, ON) to meet with Faith from Faith's Orphans in Zambia. This will be our last meeting of this ministry year.

**Administrative Council** will meet this Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**Annual Church Grounds Clean-up:** Calling all able-bodied volunteers! It's time to spruce up our church grounds after the onslaught of winter. There's raking and weeding to do, plus trimming and sweeping, etc. Many hands make light work, so if you can help, bring a leaf rake, and gardening tools. We'll start Tuesday May 22 at 9:00 am and then again on Saturday, May 26 at 9:00 am till noon. Please contact Bernie if you will be coming. Coffee and donuts will be your treat!

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

**Climate Change: Why it matters and what we can do about it?** Friday, May 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Waterloo CRC: Do you know why many scientists are worried about the future of the world's climate? Why are so many governments still reluctant to act on this issue? What does the Bible have to say about our responsibility as Christians? What

does the future hold for our children and grandchildren? What more you can do about it? Climate change is a growing factor in many crises today – from hunger and poverty to wars and forced migration. Dr. Henry Brouwer, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science, Redeemer University College, will speak on climate change. Bring your questions and your curiosity. (Henry Brouwer serves as a member of the Climate Witness Project of the Christian Reformed Church. For more info, see [crcna.org/CWP](http://crcna.org/CWP).)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Woodland Christian High School invites you to participate in their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** to raise funds for tuition assistance. Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship regardless of your golfing ability! Create a team and play in this best ball tournament for the coveted Trophy and other prizes including Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin in both Men's and Women's categories. Not into golf? Join us for a delicious steak dinner. **June 16<sup>th</sup> at Beaverdale Golf Course in Cambridge.** Check out [www.woodland.on.ca/golf](http://www.woodland.on.ca/golf) for all the details and registration forms. Alumni, Grandparent, Mixed, and student teams welcome. Sponsorships are still available.

**Following along with the themes of The Belhar Confession** of Justice, Unity and Reconciliation the following event may be of interest:

**Discovery, a Comic Lament:** A play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that is used to justify theft of land and oppression of the Indigenous Peoples. It

finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice and land use, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settlers' oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love, and loss, and land, Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. For more information

about times and locations, check the poster in the hallway by the gym or go online to [www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discover-y-comic-lament](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discover-y-comic-lament).

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## Classis Huron Meeting Summary Report

**Classis Huron met on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Maranatha CRC, Cambridge.** Rev. Norman Sennema of Maranatha CRC welcomed Delegates and shared a number of announcements. The Credentials Committee reported it had no information from The Journey in Kitchener but that all other churches were represented. Classis is declared constituted, with Chair Rev. Carel Geleynse of Community CRC in Kitchener, and Vice-Chair Rev. Martin Dam of Stratford CRC.

The Chair reviewed the Agenda that had been circulated, and invited Rev Norman Sennema and Rev. Kevin te Brake to lead in opening devotions.

Rev. te Brake reminded Delegates that God gathers the Church so that it can be 'scattered' to be a light in the world; not only 'being' disciples but also 'growing' disciples. Delegates created small groups to discuss and share a 'snapshot' of the current blessings being experienced in Classis churches, and how these blessings can be used to help the churches grow towards God's desired future.

Rev. Darrell Bierman [Classis Huron representative to the Council of Delegates] reported on the meetings he had attended recently, sharing that:

- The renovations at the Burlington CRCNA offices were now complete
- Social Justice is large part of COD (Council of Delegates) activity, with 5 separate committees as part of the COD.
- Agencies are doing well and remaining within budget limits
- Giving to Ministry Shares has increased across the Denomination
- Council of Delegates is proposing a 1.5% increase in ministry shares

Classis declared Executive Session.

Executive Session Communication: We regretfully need to inform you that the council of New Life Church in Guelph, the board of directors of the Guelph Campus Ministry (GCM), and Classis Huron have ended Jamie VanderBerg's employment as Campus Minister with GCM and

removed his ordination status as a Commissioned Pastor in the CRC. This matter has been dealt with in a prayerful, caring, thoughtful and thorough manner, with appropriate regard to the wellbeing of all involved. Guelph Campus Ministry continues to be a community of belonging, served by Campus Minister Sara DeMoor and their board, following Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Classis Huron AdCom Chair, Pastor Stephen Tamming ([stamming@yahoo.ca](mailto:stamming@yahoo.ca)). Please pray for the students, board, and Campus Minister Sara DeMoor of GCM; the congregation and council of New Life CRC; and Jamie VanderBerg and his family.

In responding to a number of recommendations and reports, Classis:

- Declared Rev. Chris Pool to be honorably released from ministerial office. Synodical Deputies concurred.
- Approved the appointment of a Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator, with an annual honorarium of \$1,500, and also approved an annual honorarium of \$1,500 for the Classis Huron Youth Champion
- Approved the appointment of Dr. Hazel Lynn to a second term on the Redeemer College University Board of Governors.
- Approved the appointment of Mrs. Sharon Van Kampen of Listowel as the new Stated Clerk of Classis Huron [Rev. Vic Vandermolen retired due to health reasons].
- Approved the work of the Admin Committee, the Classis Ministry Committee, and the Stated Clerk.
- Heard from the Safe Church Committee that it is now mandatory to report suspected abuse involving anyone up to the age of 18.
- Approved the 2017 Classis Huron Financial Statements, with an amendment that replaces the name 'Resonate Committee' in the Statements, to read 'World Missions Committee'.
- Received Church Visitors reports for Vanastra Community CRC, Kitchener Community CRC, and Bethel CRC in Listowel, as well as brief report/overview re '*church visiting*' from Rev. Martin Dam.
- Heard a brief report from Rev. Brian Bork about the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team.

Rev. Darrell Bierman and Rev. Martin Dam gave a brief overview of the history of River City CRC in Cambridge, outlining also the process to be followed for it to receive 'organized' status within the CRCNA.

The day ended with words of appreciation for the work of the Chair in leading the meeting, Rev. Martin Dam led in closing prayer, after which Delegates rose to sing *The Doxology*.

**Next meeting of Classis Huron is set for September 19, 2018, at Collingwood CRC**