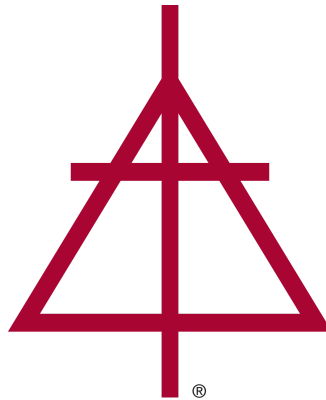


Agenda for Classis BC South-East



**Fleetwood Christian
Reformed Church**



*Classis British Columbia South East
is a community of Christian Reformed Churches
bound together by a shared confession, and by this common calling:
to pray and worship together
to plant new churches to share,
celebrate, and encourage each other in our ministries
to provide training for church ministry programs
to study and deliberate on matters of mutual concern
to support and supervise classis approved and denominational ministries
to fulfill the governance functions assigned by the Church Order.*

Information for Delegates

Date: October 21-22, 2025

Place: Fleetwood CRC

Registration: 12:00 pm

First-Time Delegate Orientation: 11:00 - 11:45 am

Welcome to Classis!

Classis ordinarily consists of three delegates from each member congregation—a pastor, an elder and a deacon. Delegate Credentials are completed by the church council and sent by the council clerk to the BCSE Stated Clerk by email prior to classis. Delegates to classis are seated at the first session after a roll call is held. Delegates affirm their agreement with CRC beliefs by rising at the beginning of the first session.

Duration of Classis Meetings

Classis BCSE meets twice per year, from late morning Tuesday until typically noon on Wednesday, a bit longer if necessary.

Classis Agenda

- The Classis Agenda will, ordinarily, be in the hands of church councils five weeks prior to the meeting date of classis. This is done to allow each church council to review the agenda prior to sending delegates.
- Delegates should familiarize themselves with the classis agenda. The assumption is that the agenda has been reviewed by member councils and delegates prior to meetings.

Executive of Classis

- Consists of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and the Stated Clerk.
- Appointed by the Classical Ministry Committee prior to the meeting of classis.

What May I Expect to Happen at Any One Classis Meeting?

Delegates may be requested to serve in the following capacities:

- **Prayer:** for the ministries of classis, concerns of classis and/or for individuals.
- **Committee work:** Delegates may be asked to serve on one of its advisory committees (Credentials, Expenses, Nominations, or Overtures & Appeals) and come with recommendations regarding the same to the floor of classis. From time to time an advisory committee will have to meet prior classis. For this reason it is beneficial for the CMC to know who will be delegates well ahead of time.

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Though there is a degree of flexibility, classis abides by its own Rules of Procedure together with the rules of the CRCNA Church Order in conducting its meetings.

What are Classis's Expectations of Me?

- Be on time and attend the sessions of classis. You are expected to remain at classis until the meeting is formally adjourned. If for some reason you must leave, you are to seek the permission of the chair.
- Dress code is casual.
- Be familiar with the agenda of classis.
- Listen carefully to the discussions and deliberations.
- Be prepared to make contributions to the discussions and deliberations with words of advice, encouragement and/or questions.
- Delegates are expected to share the thoughts of their council on any particular agenda item but are not obligated to vote according to their council's wishes. Classis is a deliberative body and the freedom needs to remain for delegates to vote on the basis of the best information or perspective presented at classis.
- Refrain from speaking until the chair acknowledges your turn to speak.
- Your privilege of the floor is at the discretion of the chairman.
- You may speak one to three times on any particular agenda item but no more than that.
- Do not repeat comments or observations that have already been shared.
- Be aware that classis is a deliberative body and may make decisions from time to time that you do not necessarily agree with.
- Strong objection to a decision of classis may be voiced by stating your objection. If you wish to have your objection recorded, you will have to submit a written statement (within 24 hours) indicating your objection and reason(s) why.

Lodging

If you are in need of overnight lodging, please contact the Stated Clerk.

First-Time Delegates Orientation

Orientation to Classis for first-time delegates (and others interested) will be available on Tuesday, October 21 from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Clerks, please indicate on the Classical Credential which of your delegate(s) will be attending for the first time.

Spring 2025 Meeting • 84th Session

Dates: October 21-22, 2025

Meeting at: Fleetwood CRC,
9165 160 St, Surrey, BC V4N 2X7

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Appointments

Officers:

- **Chairperson:** Chris deWinter (Langley Immanuel CRC)
- **Vice Chair:** Nathan Elgersma (New Life CRC)
- **Stated Clerk:** Kaitlyn Hofsink (East Hill CRC)

Committees:

- **Credentials Committee:** Heartland CRC & Hope Community CRC
- **Expense Committee:** Langley Immanuel CRC & New Life CRC
- **Overtures Committee:** to be assigned if needed

Synodical Deputies: (3 are required)

- Mary-Lee Bouma (BCNW)
- Bryan Lanting (North Cascades)
- Pacific Northwest Synodical deputy

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Supporting Documents and Ministry Reports

Most supporting documents relevant to this meeting will no longer be found in the pages of this agenda.

Supporting documents and all ministry reports—classical, denominational, parachurch—can be found in the [Classis Meeting Agendas and Files](#). Links to individual documents can also be found embedded in this agenda as they are referenced.

Agenda

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1. Gathering and Worship:

- New delegate orientation: 11:00-11:45 a.m.
- Registration: begins at 12:00 pm
- Lunch: available upon arrival
- Opening devotions: Led by Fleetwood CRC at 1pm.

2. Opening of Classis:

- 2.1. **Call to Order:** Classis Ministry Committee Chair: Chris deWinter
- 2.2. Territorial Acknowledgement: *"We would like to acknowledge that Classis is meeting in the shared traditional ancestral territory of the Sumas and Matsqui First Nation, members of the Sto:lo Nation."*
- 2.3. **Credentials/Roll Call:** Stated Clerk Kaitlyn Hofsink
- 2.4. Classis is constituted. Chris deWinter is now chair of Classis BCSE.
- 2.5. **Welcome:** Delegates, reporters, and guests
- 2.6. Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the CRCNA
 - 2.6.1. [Public Declaration of Agreement](#)
- 2.7. Approval of Appointments: pg. 4

Motion: that Classis approve the roster of Officers and Committees
- 2.8. Approval of Agenda

Motion: that Classis approve the Agenda for Classis BCSE for October 21-22, 2025

3. Classis Ministry Report & Stated Clerk:

- 3.1. **Current Assignments:** [Classis church Visitor Assignments 2025.pdf](#), [Classis Counselor Assignments 2025.pdf](#), [Classis Stated Pulpit Supply Assignments 2025.pdf](#)
- 3.2. **Items that require Classis action are:**
 - 3.2.1. Request for: Synodical deputy alternate, and Lay-person for the CMC.
 - 3.2.2. Article 14 request for Marcel deRegt (Gateway CRC)
 - 3.2.2.1. [Classis BCSE.pdf](#)
 - 3.2.3. Received request from Gateway for oversight committee for Art. 14 release of Marcel deRegt.
 - 3.2.4. The Bridge Community Church disaffiliation
 - 3.2.5. Credentials withdrawal of Peter Stellingwerff (Hillside CRC)
 - 3.2.6. Proposed changes to the Home Missions Fund
 - 3.2.7. License to Exhort Examination - Heather Postma (Gateway CRC)
 - 3.2.8. Minister of the Word Examination - Kevin Lobert (Langley Immanuel CRC)

4. **Classis BCSE Ministry Reports:**

- 4.1. Classis Ministry Leadership Team
- 4.2. Student Fund Committee
- 4.3. Restorative Practices Task Force
- 4.4. Children & Youth Task Force

5. **Classis BCNW/BCSE Ministry Reports:**

- 5.1. [Ministry to Seafarers Fall 2025.pdf](#)
- 5.2. [1Life 2025 Fall Classis Report.pdf](#)
- 5.3. [Thrive Fall 2025 Playlist - Canada West.pdf](#)
- 5.4. [Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer report- Fall 2025.pdf](#)
- 5.5. [Safe Church Classis report Sept 2025 .pdf](#)
- 5.6. [CRCMO - Classis Report OCTOBER 2025.pdf](#)

6. **Licence to Exhort Examination:**

Candidate: Heather Postma (Gateway CRC)

Sermon Critics: Shaun Jung (New Life CRC) & Elder (New Life CRC)

Examiner: Jason Truell (Ladner CRC)

7. **CRCNA Denominational Ministry Reports:**

- 7.1. [2025 Fall Letter to CRCNA Classes.pdf](#)
 - 7.1.1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf_EuX3FUmM – Zachary King
- 7.2. **World Renew:**
 - 7.2.1. [World Renew Classis Report - BC Southeast - Fall 2025.pdf](#)
 - 7.2.2. [2026 Key Info for Churches.pdf](#)
- 7.3. **Diaconal Ministry Reports:**
 - 7.3.1. David Hornor
 - 7.3.2. [Diaconal Ministries Canada Report.pdf](#)

8. **Report from AI Postma**

Supper Break (5-6:30)

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Tuesday Evening Session

9. **Minister of the Word Examination - *information coming***

Candidate: Kevin Lobert

Sermon evaluator:

Theological examiner:

Pastoral/practical examiner:

Wednesday Morning Session

Arrival & Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

10. **Opening Devotions:** 9:00 a.m - 1life Team

11. Financial Matters

11.1. Financial Statements – Russ Vroege, Classis BCSE Treasurer

11.2. [2025-08-15 - 2024 Auditor's Report - Classis BCSE.pdf.pdf](#)

11.3. [Classis BCSE - 2026 Budget.pdf](#)

12. Other Reports:

13. School Reports:

13.1. Calvin University - [Classis Letter Sept. 2025.docx.pdf](#)

13.2. King's University - [Report to Classis September 2025 BCSE.docx.pdf](#)

Refreshment Break (10:00am - 10:15am)

14. Report from Tim Sheridan (Resonate)

15. Classis Appointees

15.1. [Classis church Visitor Assignments 2025.pdf](#)

15.2. [Classis Counselor Assignments 2025.pdf](#)

15.3. [Classis Stated Pulpit Supply Assignments 2025.pdf](#)

15.4. Regional Pastors (Todd Statham & Andrew Vanderleek)

16. Classis Advisory Committees

16.1. Credentials Committee

16.2. [Expense Committee](#)

17. Closing Remarks. Adjournment

Public Declaration of Agreement with the Beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

We are assembled as delegates to Classis British Columbia South-East of the Christian Reformed Church in North America to deliberate and decide on the issues presented in the Agenda for Classis. We promise to do this work in obedience to the revealed will of our Lord Jesus Christ and in full agreement with what the congregations of the Christian Reformed Church in North America confess.

We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life. We affirm three creeds—the *Apostles' Creed*, the *Nicene Creed*, and the *Athanasian Creed*—as ecumenical expressions of the Christian faith. We also affirm three confessions—the *Belgic Confession*, the *Heidelberg Catechism*, and the *Canons of Dort*—as historic Reformed expressions of the Christian faith, whose doctrines fully agree with the Word of God.

Along with these historic creeds and confessions, we recognize the witness of *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony*, adopted by synod as a current Reformed expression of the Christian faith.

As we deliberate and make decisions consistent with these beliefs, to the best of our ability and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we promise to seek the unity and well-being of the church of Jesus Christ, who prayed that all his own may be one in him (John 17:20-23).

[After the reading of these words, delegates are asked to rise to indicate their agreement with the beliefs of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.]

Adopted by Classis BC South-East, October 2019