

Agenda for the Classis Contracta Meeting of



Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

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Vision Statement

Classis Alberta South and Saskatchewan is a regional group of Christian Reformed Churches dependent on the Holy Spirit, striving to function together as one body in Christ, share in worship, promote evangelism, diaconal ministries and nurture through mutual accountability.

Delegates please read the Covenant for Officebearers prior to the meeting and be ready to affirm it at the meeting. If you are a first time delegate we will ask for a signature as per Synod 2024

Chair: Rev. Kevin Vanderveen
Vice Chair: Rev. Brian Kuyper
Clerk: Judy Heim
Synodical Deputies: Rev. Wout Brouwer
Rev. Andrew Beunk
Pastor Bryan Lanting

1. **Opening Devotions:**
2. **Welcome to delegates:**
3. **Classis is called to order:**
 - 3.1 Credentials and Roll Call: credentials will be confirmed and roll call conducted
 - 3.2 Classis is declared to be constituted
 - 3.3 First time delegates will be asked to sign the Covenant of Office Bearers
 - 3.4 Chair will read the Covenant of Office Bearers
 - 3.5 Delegates will affirm their subscription to the Covenant of Office Bearers by standing
 - 3.6 Any representative that is not willing to affirm the Covenant of Office Bearers will have the right to speak but not the privilege to vote
 - 3.7 Seating of Advisors
 - One ordained Minister or Commissioned Pastor leading the work of Classis (currently Indigenous Christian Fellowship of Regina) will be designated as an advisor to Classis (October 2008, item 6). Treasurer Peter Vandendool, Stated Clerk Judy Heim, Regional Pastor Rev. Martin Boardman, Sermon Evaluator Rev. Ed Jager
4. **Motion** to approve the agenda
5. **Church Order Motions:**
 - 5.1 That Classis ABSS honorably release Rev. Layne Kilbreath (The Lantern CRC) as Minister of the Word of the CRCNA in accordance with Article 14b of the Church Order of the CRCNA*
 - 5.2 That Rev. Daniel Meyer be granted an extension of his eligibility for call for a period of one year as per Article 17c (reasons supplied by Daniel to be provided)*

* Requires Synodical Deputy concurrence
6. **Examination of Caleb Horjus, candidate called to Emmanuel CRC, Calgary:**
 - 6.1 **Introduction:** of the candidate
 - 6.2 **Prayer:**
 - 6.3 **Practica:** led by Rev. Kevin Vanderveen
 - 6.3.1 Questions from delegates and Synodical Deputies
 - 6.3.2 **Motion** to proceed
 - 6.4 **Biblical and Theological Position:** led by Rev. Henry Veldboom
 - 6.4.1 Questions from delegates and Synodical Deputies
 - 6.4.2 **Motion** to proceed
 - 6.5 **Sermon Evaluation:** led by Rev. Ed Jager
 - 6.5.1 Questions from delegates and Synodical Deputies
 - 6.5.2 **Motion** to proceed
 - 6.5.3 **Concurrence** from Synodical Deputies
 - 6.6 **Deliberation in executive session:**
 - 6.7 **Motion** to Admit Caleb Horjus to the Ministry of the Word

- 6.8 Synodical deputies released for discussion:**
- 6.9 Vote by delegates:**
- 6.10 Decision from Synodical Deputies:**
- 6.11 End Executive Session:**
- 6.12 Announcement from the Chair:**
- 6.13 Prayer**

7. Closing:

Churches of Classis Alberta South/Saskatchewan

Church	Pastor(s)
Bethel CRC (Saskatoon)	Vacant – (Elder Jimmy Jo)
Brooks CRC	Rev. Paul Droogers <i>Credentials: Rev. Martin Boardman, Rev Jake Corvers*</i>
Burdett CRC	Rev. Rick Roeda <i>Credentials: Rev. J. Cameron Fraser*</i>
Covenant CRC (Calgary)	Rev. Matt Vanden Heuvel
Emmanuel CRC (Calgary)	Vacant <i>Credentials: Rev. Case Vink*; Rev. Pieter L. Hendriks*, Rev. Martin Mobach*; Rev. Ed Jager*</i>
Granum CRC	Rev. Henry Veldboom <i>Credentials: Rev. Leon Johnston.</i>
High River CRC	Vacant <i>Credentials: Rev. Derek Van Dalen</i>
Iron Springs CRC	Vacant: (Elder Brian Cor)
Maranatha CRC (Calgary)	Vacant:
Maranatha CRC (Lethbridge)	Rev. Daniel Meinema <i>Credentials: Rev. James D. Zondervan*, Rev. Amdrew Joosse*</i>
Living Hope Church (Medicine Hat)	Rev. Kevin VanderVeen <i>Credentials: Rev George Koopmans</i>
Nobleford CRC	Rev. Gary Van Leeuwen <i>Credentials: Rev. Frank Lanting*, Rev. Thomas Albaugh*</i>
Sonlight CRC (Regina)	Rev. Gerhardt Venter <i>Credentials: Rev. Charles Krooger*</i>
Taber First CRC	Rev. Brian Kuyper

- Denotes Pastor Emeritus

Covenant for Officebearers in the CRCNA

We, [the undersigned], believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, which proclaims the good news of God's creation and redemption through Jesus Christ. Acknowledging the authority of God's Word, we submit to it in all matters of life and faith.

We affirm three creeds—the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed—as ecumenical expressions of the Christian faith. In doing so, we confess our faith in unity with followers of Jesus Christ throughout all ages and among all nations.

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. These confessions continue to define the way we understand Scripture, direct the way we live in response to the gospel, and locate us within the larger body of Christ.

Grateful for these expressions of faith, we promise to be formed and governed by them. We heartily believe and will promote and defend their doctrines faithfully, conforming our preaching, teaching, writing, serving, and living to them.

Along with these historic creeds and confessions, we also recognize the witness of *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony* as a current Reformed expression of the Christian faith that forms and guides us in our present context.

We also promise to present or receive confessional difficulties in a spirit of love and fellowship with our brothers and sisters as together we seek a fuller understanding of the gospel. Should we come to believe that a teaching in the confessional documents is not the teaching of God's Word, we will communicate our views to the church, according to the procedures prescribed by the Church Order and its supplements. If the church asks, we will give a full explanation of our views. Further, we promise to submit to the church's judgment and authority.

We honor this covenant for the well-being of the church to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2026 TRAVEL POLICY

When travel is required for Classis business, the onus is on the individual to make a cost effective and practical choice when considering transportation.

The following options are available;

1. Personal Vehicle: With shorter trips, using your own vehicle is generally the best option. Classis pays mileage as established annually by the CRA. 2025 rates are \$0.72/km for the first 5000 km and \$0.66/km thereafter. (Rates are reviewed annually)
2. Carpooling: When possible and as with your personal vehicle, carpooling is often a logical, convenient and cost effective option. CRA rate apply
3. Car Rental: On longer trips (over 300km return) a car rental is best. Some rental firms will drop the vehicle at your home or pick you up. Review your insurance for proper coverage.
4. Bus Charter: At times the Classis will arrange for a bus charter to accommodate a larger number of travellers. When a charter is made available, the Classis will only pay mileage to and from the point of bus origin or stopover. Again the carpooling guideline applies.
5. Air Travel: When distances are excessive, such as for our churches in Saskatchewan, air travel is both a time saver with an often reasonable costs when considering the distance.

If there are questions as to what may or may not be reimbursed, contact the Classis Treasurer for preapproval at:

treasurer@classisabss.ca

2026 ACCOMODATIONS POLICY

When accommodations are required for Classis business, the policy of the Classis is to rent single room accommodations. It is expected the individual will make a cost effective and practical choice.

The Classis Interim Committee will ordinarily make accommodation arrangements when multiple rooms are required for a Classis meeting. When this is the case, details will be made available in advance of the meeting.

The following options are available;

1. Hotels. Single hotel rooms are the preferred choice of Classis
2. Shared hotel room Both parties must agree to shared accommodations. This is an acceptable option.
3. You are free to arrange your own accommodations at your own expense.

Classis Alberta South And Saskatchewan

2026 EXPENSE VOUCHER

c/o Peter Vanden Dool
Box 576
Picture Butte, AB T0K1V0
treasurer@classisabss.c

Date:

Church & Person: _____
Cheque Made out to: _____
Address: _____
City / Town: _____
Postal Code: _____

Details of Expense: _____

Expenses:	Travel:	KM's @	0.73	\$	-
	Other:			\$	-
				\$	-
				\$	-
		GST		\$	-
	(* KM rate effective Jan 1 '26)	Total Expenses:		\$	-

Signed:

Please attach receipts when possible

Expense Approval:

Paid by Cheque #