

# **Agenda for the Meeting of Classis Grandville**

*Worshiping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in four languages*

## **A gathering of Christian Reformed Churches in Byron Center, Dorr, Grandville and Wyoming**

Albanian Christian Ministry (emerging), First Byron Center, Second Byron Center, Calvary, Dorr, Emanuel Hispanic, Faith Community, Fellowship, Friendship, Friendship, Hahn-In, Heritage, Ivanrest, Lee Street, Pathway, South Grandville

**Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m**

**Location: Second Byron Center Christian Reformed Church  
7588 Byron Center Avenue SW  
Byron Center, Michigan 49315**

Chairperson: Rev. Rick Vanderwal  
Stated Clerk: Rev. Dan Mouw

**Please note the following:**

**Classical credentials can be submitted to the stated clerk prior to the meeting by email ([danielbmouw@gmail.com](mailto:danielbmouw@gmail.com)). This agenda is being distributed to the churches electronically; paper copies will be available at this meeting.**

**All delegates will be asked to stand to indicate their agreement with the Covenant for Office-bearers. Councils are requested to send a minister delegate, an elder delegate and a deacon delegate.**

### **1. WELCOME**

- a. Opening worship and prayer – coordinated by the Healthy Church Team and Classical Prayer mobilizer.
- b. Review of classical credentials and assent to the Covenant for Office-bearers.
- c. Rev. Rick Vanderwal will serve as chairperson; Vice-chairperson will be Rev. Brandon Haan.
- d. Welcome to delegates and visitors.
- e. Explanation of the agenda and evening schedule.
- f. Appointment of Credentials Committee

### **2. MINISTRY LOCAL**

- a. Executive Team report – Rev. Dan Mouw (attached)
- b. Community Engagement Team report – Rev. Jean Gomes
  - Church Planting discussion led by Rev. Scott Stark
- c. Healthy Church Team report – Rev. Rick Vanderwal
- d. Stewardship Team report – Rev. Rog Groenboom
- e. Leadership Development Team report – Rev. Brandon Haan
- f. Classical Prayer Mobilizer – Ruth Frederick
- g. Classical Diaconal Ministry – Cori Scholten
- h. Safe Church Team – Annie Biggs
- i. Regional pastors – Rev. Bob Huisman and Rev. Dan Kinnas
- j. Church counselors
  - Fellowship CRC – Rev. Brandon Haan
  - Dorr CRC – Rev. Dan Kinnas
- k. Credentials Committee report
- l. Church visitor reports
  - South Grandville CRC – Rev. Steve De Vries and Rev. Doug Fauble
  - Calvary CRC – Rev. Bob Huisman and Rev. Rog Groenboom
- m. Oversight Team reports
  - Rev. Mark Van Drunen – Rev. Rog Groenboom
  - South Grandville CRC – Rev. Bob Huisman and Rev. Jean Gomes
  - Rev. Rod Galindo – Rev. Dan Kinnas and Rev. Doug Fauble
- n. The request from Hanley CRC to Classis Grandville to approve the disbanding of Hanley Christian Reformed Church (attached)
- o. Daffodil
  - Update from Art Opperwall, Board President

### 3. ADMINISTRATON

- a. Stated Clerk's report – Rev. Dan Mouw (attached)
- b. Classical Treasurer's report – Leon De Lange

### 4. MINISTRY GLOBAL

- a. CRCNA Council of Delegates – Rachel Bouwkamp
- b. World Renew – Bev Abma

**Next regular meeting of Classis Grandville:**

**Thursday, September 15, 2026**

**Executive Team report  
Classis Grandville  
May 21, 2026**

Below is a synopsis of Executive Team meetings since the January, 2025 meeting of Classis Grandville:

**February 3, 2026**

1. Rev. Dan Kinnas and Rev. Bob Huisman have begun to serve in the role of co-regional pastors as of January, 2026.
2. Church visitors reported that Calvary CRC members had their first of two required votes to separate from the CRCNA. This vote was 85 -7 in favor of leaving the denomination.
3. Rev. Josiah Huisman ended his term call at the First Reformed Church in Zeeland, and he is working for now as Spiritual Care Counselor for Rainbow Hospice Care, Inc. in Wisconsin. His long-term intention is to seek a call to a CRC congregation or possibly engage in chaplaincy. Heritage CRC will now call him to this new ministry.
4. Alex Holcomb will begin to serve Dorr CRC as a 'pastoral intern' in March. He is currently enrolled in the EPMC program. His intention in the short-term is to become a commissioned pastor in the CRCNA, with the longer term goal, once he has graduated from seminary and met EPMC requirements, of being ordained as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.
5. Rev. Brandon Haan was appointed to serve as counselor for Fellowship CRC.
6. The Executive Team agreed to plan a discussion on church planting at the May classis meeting. Rev. Scott Stark will be asked to facilitate that discussion.

**March 10, 2026**

The Executive Team met in special session to discuss the request of the South Grandville CRC council to release their pastor, Rev. Rod Galindo, according to Article 17 of the church order. The Executive Team decided not to accede to the request of Rev. Galindo and his advocates that a special classis meeting being planned for March 26 be delayed.

**March 31, 2026**

1. Pastor Roland Rozallaraj from the Albanian Ministry had planned to travel to Turkey in March to be part of an evangelistic outreach to Iranians temporarily in the country. The borders are presently closed, due to the ongoing conflict.
2. After reviewing the request of Hanley CRC for Classis Grandville to approve the disbanding of their congregation (attached), the Executive Team makes the following recommendation:

**That Classis Grandville approve the disbanding of Hanley Christian Reformed Church, with a final worship service on May 17, 2026.**

**Grounds:**

- 1) **Hanley CRC lacks sufficient members for leadership.**
- 2) **Hanley does not have enough children or leaders for a Sunday School or catechism.**
- 3) **Typical attendance on a Sunday morning is 45, with a majority of those present over 60 years of age.**
- 4) **There is no prospect of growth.**

**Note: Hanley will inform classis at this meeting its intentions as to the distribution of resources following the sale of their facility.**

3. First CRC of Byron Center was appointed to hold the memberships of the Hanley CRC members following the conclusion of its ministry.
4. In light of Classis Grandville's approval of the motion from South Grandville CRC to release Pastor Rod Galindo, the Executive Team began the process of appointing oversight teams for South Grandville CRC and Pastor Galindo, and it discussed the mandate for each team.
5. At this May meeting the Executive Team will bring a recommendation as to the ministerial credentials of Rev. Mark Van Drunen.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Mouw, stated clerk



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To: Classis Grandville

3/18/26

The council of Hanley CRC asks Classis Grandville to approve the disbanding of Hanley Christian Reformed Church, Grandville, Mi. Hanley CRC congregation held a congregation meeting on 3/15/26 to vote on the following motion from Hanley Council: "1) **Close (disband) Hanley CRC, sell/gift church facilities to Grace Fellowship OPC and Redeemer OPC church plant and bless approved Kingdom causes with the money** or 2) **Close (disband) Hanley CRC, sell church facilities to another Bible believing church, and bless approved Kingdom causes with the money**". Option 1 received 64 votes to option 2 received 3 votes. A final worship service scheduled will be scheduled around May 17, 2026.

The grounds for disbanding are:

- Hanley CRC lacks sufficient members for leadership. Currently, we have 2 elder (1 in 4<sup>th</sup> yr, one in 3<sup>rd</sup> yr) and 3 deacons (2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> yr, 1 in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr) and last year no one was willing to be nominated for elder or deacon.
- Hanley does not have enough children or leaders for a Sunday School, Catechism, Cadets, or Gems.
- Typical members on a Sunday morning is 45, majority over 60.
- There is no prospect of growth.

We ask Classis to assign a neighboring church who is willing to receive memberships and ministry credentials of Hanley members who do not express interest in joining another church.

Hanley CRC council

Jack Nyenhuis - President

Jim Van Wyk - clerk

Nate Kamps - Chairman of deacons

Ethan Hoekzema - treasure

Pete Haverkamp - deacon

# Classis Grandville and Volunteers In Service (VIS)

Report Date: January - March 2026

## 40 Years of Empowering the Church

*"Your faithfulness continues from generation to generation. You established the earth and it stands firm." Psalm 119:90*



Volunteers In Service is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2026! Join us in praising God for 40 years of His faithfulness as we look forward to all that is yet to come! For 40 years, because of faithful partnerships with churches like the Classis Grandville CRC congregations, VIS has been quietly connecting churches with opportunities to be living witnesses of Christ's love for our community...

*Volunteer Fred from South Grandville CRC has been a faithful friendly visitor to Brian\* (85 years old, widow, legally blind) almost every Monday since August of 2021. "What a joy this man is! I believe God sent this mission to me. We are a blessing to each other," Fred shared. "We will keep meeting as long as we are both alive!" Brian feels the same way. Brian described Fred as "a good man and very devout. Fred is a man of substance." Rarely a visit ends when they don't close their time in prayer, thanking God for their friendship and mutual support. (\*named changed)*

Thank you, Classis Grandville, for your partnership! Because of YOU, God's kingdom is growing as Christians join God's work in the community and serve in Jesus' name!

## Diaconal Ministry Support: Jan-March 2026

### Reimagining Benevolence Learning Cohort

VIS co-facilitated a 6-week learning cohort with Love INC, South Kent County in January-February 2026 using videos and material from "Helping Without Hurting in Benevolence Ministry" from the Chalmers Center. We explored together how to move our ministries and benevolence giving from transactional to transformational. All Classis Grandville deacon teams were invited to participate. One Classis Grandville church participated: Calvary CRC - Wyoming.

### Deacon Team & Sunday Worship Visits

Volunteers In Service loves the opportunity to meet with deacon teams to learn more about their ministry in the community and thank congregations in-person on a Sunday morning for their partnership in ministry. All deacon chairs received an email in March 2026 inviting them to schedule a date. If your church hasn't already, please email Executive Director Cori Scholtens ([cscholtens@visgr.org](mailto:cscholtens@visgr.org)) to schedule a visit to an upcoming deacon meeting or Sunday workshop:

- April 12, 2026: First Byron CRC (Sunday worship)
- April 20, 2026: Lee Street Church (Deacon meeting)
- June 14, 2026: Calvary CRC (Sunday worship)

### Diaconal Resources & Communication:

- The **40 Days of Serving in Lent** resource created by Volunteers In Service was emailed to all deacon chairs on February 10-11, 2026 for use by deacon teams and congregations.
- **"Thank you for partnering" letters** and our 2025 Annual Report were distributed in late February to all Classis Grandville churches that engaged with VIS in ministry in 2025 either as a financial partner, by participating in our equipping ministries (deacon and/or benevolence training), or connected with an opportunity to serve.
- In January, February, and March, the **VIS e-Newsletter** was emailed to Deacon Chairs providing encouraging stories related to diaconal ministry, information regarding upcoming training opportunities, and invitations to connect their congregation with opportunities to serve. Check out the most recent e-Newsletters at [www.visgr.org/pages/current-e-newsletters](http://www.visgr.org/pages/current-e-newsletters)
- The **VIS website** [www.visgr.org](http://www.visgr.org) is also a great place for diaconal ministry resources. Check out the Resources page at [www.visgr.org/pages/resources](http://www.visgr.org/pages/resources) for helpful articles and links related to Benevolence, Diaconal Ministry, Community Engagement, Justice & Mercy, and Stewardship.

### Connecting with Opportunities to Serve and Witness Christ's Love

VIS regularly invites the churches in Classis Grandville to witness Christ's love by connecting with opportunities to serve community members in the geographic area of their congregation.

#### Between January 1 - March 31, 2026 :

- **5** Classis Grandville churches connected with opportunities to serve through VIS
- **5** volunteers from Classis Grandville churches served as Jesus' hands and feet
- **25** opportunities to serve were connected to volunteers
- **19** community members were touched with the love of Christ as Classis Grandville churches were connected to opportunities to serve through Volunteers In Service!

#### Classis Grandville Churches that connected with opportunities to serve through VIS and witnessed Christ's love:

- **Dorr CRC:** 1 volunteer connected with 3 opportunities to serve 3 VIS Friends (clients)
- **Faith Community CRC:** 1 volunteer connected with 1 opportunity to serve 1 VIS Friend
- **Friendship Church:** 1 volunteer connected with 1 opportunity to serve 1 VIS Friend
- **Lee Street CRC:** 1 volunteer connected with 8 opportunities to serve 6 VIS Friends
- **South Grandville Church:** 1 volunteer connected with 12 opportunities to serve 11 VIS Friends

# 2025 Annual Report



## Witnessing Christ's Love

The mission of Volunteers In Service (VIS) is to empower Christians to join Christ's work in their community for the purpose of building God's kingdom.

### CONNECTING... the Church to Serve

**1775** Requests for service received

**Tripled**  
in 10 yrs

**1457** Service opportunities  
**CONNECTED** to volunteers



**1346** Volunteers served VIS Friends  
(community members)

**1181** Rides provided to meet health  
care and food related needs



**422** Community members served

**74** Churches represented by  
volunteers serving



**33** Groups from churches and  
schools volunteered 4,973 hrs



"Please thank the volunteers.  
We love them. They are a real  
blessing to us!"  
-Mary, VIS Friend



## Partnering with the Community

Volunteers In Service partnered with **75 social service agencies, nonprofits, and health care organizations** across Kent County, MI in 2025 who referred community members to VIS so they could be connected with the support provided by a Christian volunteer.

### Top Referral Agencies in 2025

- Corewell Health
- U of M Health West
- Senior Neighbors
- Area Agency on Aging
- North Kent Connect

**THANK YOU** to the people of God for impacting Christ's kingdom in mighty ways in 2025 as you witnessed **God's LOVE** through your service. Thank you for offering...

- **God's COMPASSION** through **friendly visits**.
- **God's HOPE** through **small home repair, yard work, and cleaning projects**.
- **God's GRACE** through **rides** to medical appointments, food pantries, and the store.



## EQUIPPING... the Church to Serve

In 2025, Volunteers In Service equipped **62 ministry leaders** through training workshops so they can better mobilize their members for works of service and mercy in the community.

### Deacon Training

32 deacons from 19 churches were equipped to serve



### Benevolence Workshops

30 participants from 16 churches were trained in Biblical foundations



### Ministry Coaching

8 churches invited VIS to speak at ministry team meetings, Bible classes, or Sunday worships



## Housing Simulation

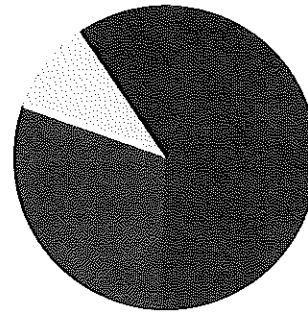
In partnership with Degage Ministries, **184 students and adults** experienced a "week in the life" of a homeless individual in Grand Rapids, MI. Through an hour long interactive role-play simulation, they learned about our city's housing assessment system, government-based assistance, and emergency shelter network.



## Financial Summary

Through the generous support of the Christian community, **\$247,356** was gifted to God's work through Volunteers In Service in 2025 to cover 100% of the budget! We are truly humbled and appreciate your support! Thank you!

### 2025 Operating Revenue



- Individuals 50%
- Churches 30%
- Foundations 10%
- Businesses 10%

### 2025 Operating Expenses

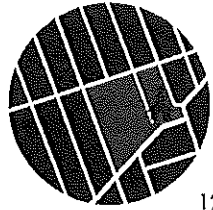
Operating expenses totaled **\$229,484**.

- 73% Programs
- 15% Fundraising
- 12% Admin

*(Percents are estimated until the 990 is filed)*

## Partner with VIS!

VIS invites you to partner with us to witness Christ's love and build God's kingdom. Learn more by using the QR code above or visit [www.visgr.org](http://www.visgr.org). **"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10**



# Lee Street

Christian Reformed Church

1261 Lee Street SW | Wyoming, MI 49509  
www.leestcrc.org 616.241.2105

May 1, 2026

Representatives of the Grandville Classis:

The date was Sunday, August 22, 1926.

The location was the Burton Street Mission, a branch of the City Mission in downtown Grand Rapids; now known as Mel Trotter Ministries.

The area around the Mission was the Galewood community; later to become part of the city of Wyoming.

The occasion was the inaugural worship service of a new church: *Lee Street Christian Reformed Church*.

Lee Street Church was formed by twenty-four Dutch immigrant families. These families were members of Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church. They wanted to start their own church where worship services were conducted in the English language. Their petition to Grandville Avenue church council was submitted and approved. This action served as the first step in God's Kingdom growth into what is now the Godfrey Lee neighborhood.

Fast forward 100 years. It's now 2026.

The Lee Street church congregation, neighbors and friends are celebrating God's goodness and presence over the past 100 years. The journey has not always been easy. The challenges and issues faced during this time period reflect the multitude of changes that have taken place in our society, culture and denomination. But one constant remains; God has been with us every step of the way. For that we are eternally grateful.

Our celebration began in February and will continue with a variety of celebration activities over the next few months. Our centennial celebration will culminate with a morning worship service on Sunday, September 27, 2026. There are many former Lee Street members, family members, and friends attending your various churches. We would love to have those that can join our celebration service on September 27. As we get closer to that date, we will further share this information with you via bulletin announcements.

As we continue through this centennial year, we ask for your support and prayers.

To God be the Glory.

*Dan Holwerda*, Chairperson  
Lee Street Centennial Committee

**Stated Clerk report  
Classis Grandville  
May 21, 2026**

The stated clerk reports the following activities since the January, 2026 meeting of Classis Grandville:

1. Received a letter from Doug Hossink, alternate classis treasurer, that he had reviewed the financial records of Classis Grandville and all was in order.
2. Prepared Executive Team agendas, attended regular meetings, and then prepared minutes of those meetings.
3. Prepared the Executive Team report for the May, 2026 classical agenda.
4. Prepared and distributed minutes of the January 15 meeting of Classis Grandville.
5. Prepared an agenda for a special meeting of classis on March 26, made arrangements for synodical deputies to be in attendance, and distributed the minutes of that meeting.
6. Prepared the agenda for the May 21, 2026 meeting of Classis Grandville.
7. Consulted with Rev. David Den Haan of Thrive in making preparations for the special meeting of classis on March 26.
8. Received a letter from Lee Street CRC marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this congregation in 2026 (attached).
9. Informed the Executive Team members of my intention to retire from the position of Stated Clerk as of June 1, 2026.
10. Met with alternate stated clerk Cassie Beadle to begin the transition to her leadership to the stated clerk position.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Mouw, stated clerk