

HEALTHY CHURCH TASK FORCE  
Report to Oct. 13-14 Meeting of Classis Alberta North

The Healthy Church Task Force continues to meet monthly. We spend much of our time dealing with sensitive pastor/church matters as they arise within Classis Alberta North. Thankfully our Task Force is blessed with members who use their training, experience and wisdom to address these situations and try to offer specific suggestions as to how to bring healing and resolution. Much of our discussions are of a confidential nature but here are some items to be highlighted:

- as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the chair of HCTF has transitioned from Gary Bomhof to Henry Steenbergen
- we organized a successful Ministry Renewal Conference for pastors/spouses that was held in Banff this past April with 21 people attending
- we try to stay alert to conflicts/leadership crises within churches as well as pastoral transitions within Classis Alberta North
- we continue to assist Leduc Ebenezer church and Ponoka Sonrise church with various leadership issues
- we oversee a re-established church visitation process under the leadership of John Ooms
- we provide suggestions to CIC for the appointment of a counselor for churches looking to call a pastor as well as mentors for new ordained/commissioned pastors
- we receive reports from Gary Bomhof, Henry Kranenberg and Henry Steenbergen in their role as Regional Pastors. A friendly reminder that they are always available for a chat, coffee or lunch. We encourage pastors to feel free to contact them as needs arise.
- we are making initial plans for the next Ministry Renewal Conference scheduled for Oct. 2024
- we maintain contact with pastors/churches in times of transition and encourage a “transition conversation” as assigned by Classis
- we submitted a budget request for the HCTF to the Classis treasurer for the 2024 budget year
- we try to stay current with ongoing Code of Conduct discussions
- we are monitoring how churches within Classis are dealing with Synodical decisions regarding the Human Sexuality Report

We are living in challenging times as churches within Classis Alberta North and as a CRC denomination. We pray that God will continue to use us as a Healthy Church Task Force as we seek to do our part to foster a greater sense of unity and spiritual health within our churches.

Humbly submitted,  
Henry Steenbergen, Chair of HCTF

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