



Classis Chatham is scheduled to meet in regular session, D.V. on:

**Saturday, February 2, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. (registration beginning at 8:15 a.m.) @
Wallaceburg CRC, 150 Bruinsma Ave., Wallaceburg, Ontario**

Designated Officers Chair: Rev. Phil Apoll (Mount Brydges-Hope Community) Vice-Chair: Rev. Greg Fluit (St. Thomas-Fellowship) Stated Clerk: Ron Middel

Agenda Deadline Please have all agenda materials submitted to the Stated Clerk by Tuesday, December 4, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Credentials Deadline The Classical Credential form is attached to this email. Please complete and submit the completed and signed form to the Stated Clerk (electronically preferred) by Friday, January 18, 2019.

Info re Delegate Selection *"Classis shall consist of three delegates from each church, one minister, one elder and one deacon. When a Church is vacant or a minister is not available to attend, an elder may be delegated as a substitute."* Please note that there is not a provision to send a second elder delegate if a deacon is not available to attend, nor a second deacon if an elder is not available to attend.

New Agenda Format This will be our first meeting that is shaped around the following four lenses: Spiritually Discerning Community / Network of Support and Accountability / Collective Calling / Connection to the Wider Church. You will also note on the lead sheet to the attached credential form, as a Classis we would like to specifically focus on particular values as part of our ministry reflection to open classis. The value that we are focusing on at this meeting is *Prayerful Dependence on God*. Three churches are assigned to report on the joys and struggles of their church in this area, and how they discern God working through their church. At the conclusion of the report, another church is assigned to pray for the church that reported.

Delegates for Synod 2019 At this meeting we will select our delegates for Synod 2019. Although further details will be provided in the near future, Synod is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019 (all day) to Thursday, June 20, 2019 (all day)

Classis Chatham (in 2016) passed a motion that we appoint 2 pastors, 1 elder and 1 deacon as delegates to synod.

We ask that you consider nominating elder and deacon delegates for Synod 2019. Nominations can be included on your credentials form. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the course of the meeting.