

**DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES NOMINATING INFORMATION**  
**September 2010**

**Region 4**

(Classes Chatham, Hamilton, Huron, and Niagara)

***Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America***

Only Classis Huron and **Classis Niagara** from this region are being asked to submit nominees for the Board of Trustees.

**Classis Niagara**

***Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America***

Delegate: Ms. Lisa Heuving

Ms. Heuving has resigned from her position on the Board of Trustees.

Nominations for **non-clergy** persons are requested for this position—a first term of three years.

*Please refer to “Membership on the Board of Trustees of the CRCNA” on page 2 to guide you in nominating a non-clergy person.*

***Back to God Ministries International***

No action is required.

***Calvin College***

No action is required.

***Calvin Theological Seminary***

Delegate: Rev. James R. Poelman

Rev. Poelman is concluding his second three-year term; he is not eligible for reelection.

Nominations for **clergy** persons are requested for this position.

*Please refer to Calvin Theological Seminary information on pages 3 and 4 to guide you in nominating a clergy person*

***Christian Reformed Home Missions***

No action is required

***Christian Reformed World Missions***

Delegate: Rev. Derek Bouma

Rev. Bouma is concluding his first three-year term and is eligible for reelection. If no reservations are raised re this nominee, his name will be submitted to Synod 2011 for reappointment.

***Faith Alive Christian Resources***

No action is required.

## **Membership on the Board of Trustees of the CRCNA**

### **I. Introduction**

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (BOT) functions on behalf of synod and is responsible to provide the oversight for the agencies and committees established by synod. Trustees of the binational Board also serve as directors of the respective national corporations, namely the CRCNA-Canada Corporation and the CRCNA-Michigan Corporation. There are thirty elected trustees on the BOT—fifteen from Canada and fifteen from the United States.

### **II. Purposes**

The purposes of the Board are to transact all matters assigned to it by synod; to supervise the management of the agencies and committees established by synod, including the planning, coordinating, and integrating of their work; and to cooperate with the educational institutions affiliated with the denomination toward integrating the respective missions of those institutions into the denominational ministry program. To fulfill its purposes, the Board

- A.* Leads in developing and implementing a denominational ministries plan for the agencies, committees, and educational institutions established by synod.
- B.* Assures collaboration among agencies, committees, and educational institutions established by synod.
- C.* Exercises general oversight and authority in the manner stated in the bylaws of the Board.

### **III. Functions**

To achieve the purposes described above, the Board performs the following functions:

- A.* Implementation of all matters committed to it by the specific instruction of synod, carrying out all necessary interim functions on behalf of synod, and execution of all synodical matters that cannot be postponed until the next synod.
- B.* Leadership in the development and implementation of a denominational ministries plan that reflects the biblical and Reformed mission commitment of the Christian Reformed Church. The denominational ministries plan provides a framework for the Board's supervision of the management of the agencies, the planning, coordinating, and integrating of their work, and for the integration of the respective missions of the denomination's educational institutions into the denominational ministry program.
- C.* Presentation to synod of a unified report of all the agencies, committees, and educational institutions, as well as a unified budget inclusive of all agencies, committees, and educational institutions.
- D.* Service to synod by providing analyses, reviews, and recommendations with respect to the programs and resources of the denomination.
- E.* Adjudication of appeals placed before it by the agency boards and committees.
- F.* Service as the Joint-Ministries Management Committee (JMMC), which is responsible for any joint-venture agreements between the CRCNA-Michigan and CRCNA-Canada.
- H.* Approval of all joint-ministry agreements between or among agencies and committees.
- I.* Guidance to and supervision of the ministry of the executive director (ED), and through the ED, do the same for senior denominational staff and agency directors.

## **CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Calvin Theological Seminary exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

In the 21st century, it will be increasingly evident that Calvin Theological Seminary is making a positive difference in the church and the world as God blesses the fulfillment of its mission. As a result, Calvin Theological Seminary will be a more widely recognized center of Reformed theological scholarship, creative leadership and evangelistic vision. Calvin Theological Seminary will be readily trusted for counsel within the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and naturally chosen by Christian Reformed students and others for graduate professional ministry preparation.

### **CORE VALUES**

**As an agency of the CRCNA, Calvin Theological Seminary confesses that**

- the triune God has given his people his written Word--a gospel of grace and the only infallible rule for faith and life--and he calls them to proclaim and defend it across the world;
- Jesus Christ is God's incarnate Son, the world's only Savior and Lord, and the life-giving center of the Christian church;
- Christ calls his church through his Word and Spirit to be a primary witness, agent, and model of the Kingdom of God;
- the creedal standards of the CRCNA faithfully represent the Word of God and generate a truthful Reformed theology and view of the world.

**As the theological school of the CRCNA, Calvin Theological Seminary commits itself to serve the denomination and the broader church by....**

- drawing students of the Word through a classical theological curriculum toward culturally effective ministry in the contemporary world;
- offering theological scholarship and teaching that is both faithful and creative, promoting truth and opposing error;
- integrating its mission and vision with those of other CRCNA agencies;
- honoring the policy and synodical decisions of the CRCNA.

**As a Christian community, Calvin Theological Seminary covenants to....**

- express the unity of the church by offering alert hospitality to men and women of various races and cultures;
- promote the holiness of the church by encouraging spiritual health within seminary life;
- demonstrate the catholicity of the church by serving and respecting Christian students and traditions beyond the CRCNA;
- reflect the apostolicity of the church by praying and educating for the church's mission in the world.

### **Expectations of Trustees Calvin Theological Seminary**

#### **Introduction:**

Trustees are responsible for setting the policies that enhance the effectiveness of Calvin Theological Seminary as is consistent with the bylaws of the Seminary and the Ministry Plan of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

**Term:**

Appointments to the board (other than those necessitated by unexpected vacancies) shall be for staggered three (3) year terms, so that the terms of approximately onethird (1/3) of the trustees shall expire each year as of July 1. Regional trustees shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms and shall alternate between clergy and non-clergy.

**Expectations:****1. Prayer**

Remember in prayer the ministry and personnel of Calvin Seminary.

**2. Regional Representation**

Regional trustees are responsible to advocate the mission of the Seminary among the churches (including attending, at least annually) a meeting of each classis in his/her region), be active in the recruitment of students and promote financial giving to the Seminary. The trustees are responsible to cultivate good relations between and Seminary and churches by reporting board actions to the churches and by providing information to the churches.

**3. Governance**

Trustees shall be familiar with CTS policies and involved in the policy making process in order to enhance the mission of Calvin Theological Seminary.

**4. Governance/Management Distinction**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policy; the administration is responsible for administering that policy. Individual trustees are to exercise care in offering opinions to staff members or becoming unduly involved in administrative oversight matters. Concerns are to be addressed to the administration for resolution.

**5. Attendance**

Trustees are expected to attend all board and assigned committee meetings unless prevented by unusual circumstances, in which case the trustee shall be responsible to request his/her alternate to attend such meetings and communicate this to the president of the board as soon as possible.

Meetings of the board shall be held in February and May of each year or at such time as may be fixed by the president of the board.

**6. Preparation for Meetings**

Trustees are to become acquainted with issues on the agenda for the board meetings by thoroughly reading all distributed materials and clarifying any questions prior to board meetings.

**7. Creative Thinking**

Trustees are to think creatively about the ministry of CTS and make suggestions to the board and/or administration re ideas which will enhance the mission of the Seminary.

**8. Support**

Trustees are expected to encourage and support members of the administration, faculty and staff as well as to provide financial resources at a level commensurate with income and in keeping with other personal financial responsibilities.