CLASSIS EASTERN CANADA (West) - CLASSICAL APPOINTMENTS

September 2026 to May 2027

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2026			
Sept 13	Michelle DePooter		
Sept 20		Aaron Thompson	
Sept 27			Ben Gresik
Oct 4			
Oct 11			
Oct 18		Andrew Vis	
Oct 25			Sid Ypma
Nov 1			
Nov 8	Michelle DePooter		
Nov 15		Rebecca Bokma	
Nov 22			Aaron Thompson
Nov 29			
Dec 6			
Dec 13		Ben Gresik	
Dec 20			
2027			
Jan 3			Anel Becker-Ferreira
Jan 10	Michelle DePooter		
Jan 17		Sid Ypma	
Jan 24			Rebecca Bokma
Jan 31			
Feb 7			
Feb 14			
Feb 21		Anel Becker-Ferreira	
Feb 28			Andrew Vis
Mar 7			
Mar 14	Michelle DePooter		
Apr 4		Rebecca Bokma	
Apr 11			Sid Ypma
Apr 18			
Apr 25		Andrew Vis	
May 2			
May 9			Anel Becker-Ferreira
May 16		Ben Gresik	

Guidelines for Classical Appointments in Classis Eastern Canada (CEC)

Office Administrators / Worship Coordinators / Clerks

- Please contact the designated pastor three weeks prior to their scheduled visit to your congregation in order to share the service outline and any special requests.
- Provide relevant information regarding your services being livestreamed or taped so he/she knows your requirements.
- Please note that, although this schedule is to cover until May 2027, the available pastors in this classis will all have had their allotted three classical appointments by the mid-April, 2027.

Pastors

- Feel free to switch dates by connecting with the local church contact as provided in the chart.
- Switch with another pastor if necessary, as long as both councils agree to this. Maximum flexibility has been provided with only one pastor in this classis region having a classical appointment on any given Sunday.

NOTES: Approved by Classis, Oct 2017 *(under review at this time)*

1. Councils may submit a request to the Stated Clerk for pulpit supply when their church has no pastor or the pastor has been ill for more than one month.

2. If the Stated Clerk is an active minister, classical appointments will be scheduled for his or her church on the Sunday following a Classis meeting.

3. The CIC may grant classical appointments for every third week, but not during the months of June, July, and August. Classical appointments will also not be scheduled on the following days: New Year's, the first Sunday in January, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. **The frequency will diminish when there is a large enough number of vacant churches to cause pastors to be scheduled more than three times in a year (September to May).**

4. Churches whose minister is delegated to synod are entitled to one classical appointment. Expenses will be paid by classis.

5. Classical appointments will be distributed equally among the non-vacant churches in the area. **Distance amongst churches shall be considered so that mileage costs for receiving churches are not exorbitant. During winter months it is especially helpful to keep distances shorter.**

6. Churches receiving classical appointments shall reimburse the assigned minister for traveling expenses at the rate set by Classis, **following the denominational travel policy.** (Personal Car—Travelers are encouraged to use a rental car when they are driving more than 200 miles/kilometers per day. Personal vehicles may be used when driving fewer than 200 miles/kilometers per day, and mileage will be reimbursed at the prevailing set by Classis.)

7. Churches receiving classical appointments shall reimburse the home church of the appointee for the services rendered [i.e., $200 per service].

8. Councils of churches receiving classical appointments shall remind the appointed minister two weeks before the classical appointment and provide an order of worship. **A contact person for the receiving church shall be registered with the clerk of classis and on the schedule so that Pastor's know who they are to contact.**

9. In case of a conflict of schedules, a mutual agreement must be worked out well in advance between the vacant church and the minister.

10. **Retired pastors and commissioned pastors may be placed on the appointment schedule at their request. In such cases they would receive both the mileage and the pulpit supply check.**

The following is a list of retired pastors, chaplains and those licensed to exhort in CEC. They have all agreed to receive communication from classis churches regarding preaching, etc.

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