

### Council Notes (April 2018)

- A letter was received from the Byker family expressing respect and understanding for how our church council handled Corrie Byker's funeral and the request to have John Noordhof officiate.
- Recently, an article in the Banner discussed the question of whether a minister should be paid over and above their salary to perform a funeral. Council decided to clarify its position on this in our funeral policy. Given that many of the fees associated with a funeral are payable directly to the funeral home, council requested that the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg not list a minister's fee as an expense for members of Williamsburg CRC. Even though an honorarium may be offered to the minister, it is strictly at the discretion of the family. However, the family should provide an honorarium to the musician, sound coordinator, and video coordinator (whoever is volunteering at the service).
- The Search Committee provided an update that they have been very encouraged by the search process so far. To date, there have been 14 candidates under review. Several names for consideration were recommended to us. Several more names reached out directly to our church. After much discussion, that list has been refined to three possible candidates. The committee will be making visits to each of these candidates soon. We pray that God will continue to bless the process as we try to find the individual he has in mind for us.
- Council formally accepted the membership transfer request of Steven Doesburg from Community CRC (Dixon's Corners) to Williamsburg CRC.
- The CRC in Canada has recently been promoting the use of The Bridge App, specifically designed by the CRC for Canadian churches. Council is looking into it. If you would like to know more, check out: <http://www.thebridgeapp.org/site/home>