

10 Benchmarks of Healthy Classes

Growth through evangelism: based on yearbook reporting of growth through evangelism in established churches or new church development

Diaconal involvement: deacons participate in active diaconal conferences and/or serve as an additional delegate to classis meetings

Paid staff: the classis funds a part-time to full-time position at the classical level for youth, deacons, or ministry development

Vision statement: the classis has created and approved a vision statement for its ministry and has a process for its review and on-going revision

Prayer coordinator: the classis has a designated classical prayer coordinator who participates in CRCNA's prayer leadership network

CMC: the classis has a classical ministries committee or its equivalent which coordinates the ministries of the classis

Enhanced agenda: the classis has adopted an agenda for its meetings that includes mutual sharing, fellowship, and worship and engages in effective governance

NCDs in the last 5 years: Commitment to and engagement in new church development is indicated by the number or lack of church plants in the last 5 years

Leadership development: the classis identifies, trains, and supports its ministry leaders through a variety of venues

Strategic Plan: the classis has and regularly reviews and updates a strategic plan