The annual CCC Fishing Tournament was held on June 3 on Gun Lake in Michigan. We were blessed with good weather, provided with good food, and thankful for all of the people who came out to support the Cadeting ministry. This year we were also blessed with some good fishing, as even the doubters had to admit that there are fish in the lake after all.

The day brought in over $7,000 for the Corps, via entry fees, donations, and pledges supporting our fishermen. We strongly encourage everyone to consider making this event part of your schedule for next year (the first Saturday in June), or if you are not able to attend, you can pledge financial support to someone who can.
God Seeking Us • 2017/2018 Cadet Theme

**Cadet Sunday Litany**
Scripture quoted from Ezekiel 34:11-12, 31, Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 95:7

**Leader:** No matter where we go, we know that God is seeking us.

**Cadets/Counselors:** We are thankful to God for His watchful care.

**Leader:** No matter what we do, we know that God is seeking us.

**Congregation:** We are thankful to God for His watchful care.

**Leader:** Over 2,500 years ago God spoke to the prophet Ezekiel, giving him words to relay to God’s people. “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says, I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.”

**Cadets/Counselors:** We are grateful to be considered God’s sheep and to have Him look after us.

**Leader:** “As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so I will look after my sheep.”

**Congregation:** We are grateful to be considered God’s sheep and to have Him look after us.

**Leader:** “I will rescue them from all the places where they are scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.”

**Cadets/Counselors:** We are assured that no matter how bad things may seem, we are sheltered by God’s protective hand.

**Leader:** “You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

**Congregation:** We are assured that no matter how bad things may seem, we are sheltered by God’s protective hand.

**Leader:** We know that God is all-powerful and that nothing can harm us. “Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**Congregation:** “For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

**Leader:** May we always remember that God is seeking us and God is with us forevermore. May we, as His sheep, each live a life worthy of God’s calling.

*(optional)* Together, as an expression of our desire to live such a life, let us sing the Cadet Hymn: “Living For Jesus.”

God Seeking Us • 2017/2018 Cadet Theme

**Cadet Theme Verse • Ezekiel 34:11**

*For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.*

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**Cadet Sunday Song Suggestions**

Below are some suggestions for songs (and the writer or artist) that fit this year’s theme. There are many other songs that can help relay the message that God, as our shepherd, is looking for us.

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Important Dates

2017

August 19  Ontario Golf Tournament • New Dundee, ON
August 26  Sporting Clay Shoot • Zeeland, MI
October 16  Calvinist Cadet Corps turns 65!
October 19–21  DCE Phase 3 • Grand Rapids, MI
October 26–28  DCE Phase 1 • Grand Rapids, MI
October 28  Midwest Regional Conference • Sioux Falls, SD
November 4  Michigan Regional Conference • Zeeland, MI
November 18  Ontario Regional Conference • Ancaster, ON
January 11–13  Congress and RTC Conference • Grand Rapids, MI

Due Dates

October 1  Proposals/Recommendations for Congress
October 15  Club registrations due to congressman (council clubs)
  Club registrations due to Corps Office (independent clubs)
October 23  Club registrations due to Corps Office (from congressmen)
November 1  Congressmen’s registrations for Congress
November 15  Council votes for president

New Clubs

Club 8175 • The Church of New Beginnings, Hartford, SD • Sioux Valley Council

Director’s Council Visits in 2017

September 11  Sioux Valley
September 12  Golden Plains and Three Rivers
September 13  Hawkeye
September 19  Algonquin
September 21  Blue Mountain
TBD  Berean East
TBD  Berean West

The following councils can start thinking about when they would like to schedule their Executive Director visit in the first part of 2018.

  North Region – Central Alberta, Greater Edmonton, West Winds, Yellowstone
  North Central Region – Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids North, Great Lakes
  South Central Region – Rush Creek
Constitution Updates
Congress 2017 approved a number of wording changes to the CCC Constitution. These changes were to ensure clarity, consistency with our practice and intent, and to meet accepted standard practices. Changes to the Constitution must be ratified by a vote of all active, certified counselors.
The final tally shows that these have been accepted with 98.5% of the votes cast being in favor of the changes.

Convention Hosts
Summer is often a break from weekly Cadet club meetings, but that does not mean that Cadet activity comes to a complete halt.
In the past there has regularly been a large Corps activity, bringing men from across Canada and the US together. Every three years this activity is the International Cadet Camporee, held this summer in the Black Hills of South Dakota. In 2020 we will be gathering in Northern Michigan. There are already clubs and councils having discussions about hosting camporees in 2023 and beyond.
In the years between camporees there has traditionally been an International Counselors Convention, the last being held in 2015 in London, Ontario. In 2016 no councils were willing to host a convention. Up until now there has been no one interested in hosting for 2018 either.
The Executive Committee would love to hear from a council (or councils) willing to host a Convention. Contact the Corps office for information on what it would take to get started on plans.

Gold Stars
The last two Gold Star awards of 2016, were given out at this years 2017 International Camporee. Jeremy Bush from Thornapple Valley council and Jeff Bakhuyzen from Rush Creek Council received Gold Stars for their outstanding work on events at the Corps level.
There were no Gold Stars awarded in 2017. Nominations for 2018 are due by April 15.

Jeremy Bush and Jeff Bakhuyzen
Christian Cadet Clubs

At Congress in January, it was approved to allow clubs to call themselves Christian Cadet Clubs, while still operating under the banner of the Calvinist Cadet Corps. They would be governed by the constitution and by-laws of the CCC and would have the same expectations as current independent clubs. The reason behind this change was that some clubs/churches are in areas where the name Calvinist hinders promoting themselves in their communities or gaining acceptance by their church boards.

So if your church feels your club would grow more if your club was called a Christian Cadet Club, please contact the Cadet office and we will send you a club registration for Christian Cadet Clubs. Please note that if you are currently part of a council, you would not continue to be part of that council. Most councils would still allow you to participate in council events or training, but you would not be able to vote in council or Corps affairs.

If you know someone in your area who would be interested in starting a Cadet club — either as a Christian Cadet club or Calvinist Cadet club — we have a new promotional information packet we can send out. Please help us grow the ministry of Cadeting so that more boys and men grow in their relationship and walk with Jesus.

2017 Executive Committee

From left to right — Back Row: Steve Dykema, Dave Mast, Ben Ritsema, Todd Mulder, Steve Bootsma
Front Row: Rich VanVeen, Larry DeHaan, Jim Hoekstra, Bill Pennings
New Items!

**Item 3368 • Lessons for Daily Life**
This set of lessons contains many great lessons for the older cadet. Lessons include Music, Girls, Technology, and more. There are 23 lessons total. Check it out online (coming soon) or in the new supply catalog. The corresponding counselor edition is item 3369.

**Item 3610 • Customizable Community Flyer**
This package of 100 customizable community flyers is the perfect thing to promote your club around the neighborhood. Corps office will customize it with your club name, time, and location as well as what programs you have. Contact the office for more information and look for a special order form in your start up packets!

**Item 3088 • Church Promotional Brochure**
This brochure has been completely redone and is ready to be passed out to your contacts who may be interested in starting a Cadet club!

**Item 3002 • Aero-Tech Guide Trail**
Completely updated in 2017, it is now in line with current rules and techniques and includes a new drone flying section.
2017 Order Forms

In your fall start up packet you will receive order forms for everything you need to have a successful season, but did you know you can order most of it online? Click on the links below to shop for the 2017-2018 season.

Supply Order Forms
2017 order forms are here!


Theme Material
All theme products are also available online! Find them here:

**Quest Magazine**
The *Quest* Magazine and the Counselor Editions are available online by subscription or single copy.


Uniform Order Forms
You can also find the Michael's Uniform order forms for both the US and Canada online.


Moving Forward
Moving can be both exciting and stressful. My wife and I recently sold our house and moved into her parents’ former condo. In many ways, this move has been taking place for the past six months. After her father’s passing last fall, we slowly moved his possessions out and our possessions in. At times, I have felt a bit like Abraham after God told him to move to the Promised Land, though Abraham’s destination was almost completely unknown to him. What a big commitment of time and energy! How exciting yet stressful!

Moving can feel exciting, especially when you feel that you are moving forward and progressing positively. But it can also feel stressful when you run into complications and limitations. At those times, it is good to remember Philippians 4:6: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

According to Jim George, “Transitions themselves are not the issue, but how well you respond to the challenges.” Our positive handling of these changes in our lives strengthens our witness to others. We would benefit in remembering that the challenges that come with transitions are normal. George Stigler reminds us “a transition period is a period between two transition periods.” Our life on this earth is really an ongoing transition. We should be progressing, moving forward, but it is wise to remember that stops and detours are inevitable. If we can view life transitions as opportunities to represent God, then we will better recognize and share His blessings. In addition, we can better find peace in the assurance that God gives us in Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’

So let’s confidently keep moving forward into the upcoming Cadet season, anticipating that God will be with us through the transitions that we encounter.

By Jim Hoekstra
Corps Chaplain
Over 1,200 cadets, counselors, and staff volunteers got to experience Camporee this summer. Eating, playing, and worshipping together, the theme: *God Seeking Us* was made evident many times.
We look forward to seeing you in northern Michigan in 2020!
Over the last several years there has been much discussion regarding merit badges: the intent of them, the number of them, and the content of them. As soon as you have two or three counselors discussing this you already have too many people to get a consistent answer. Whether you feel there are too many badges already, or if you have ideas for a number more, you probably have solid rationale to back up your point.

Congress recently received a recommendation that we look at the intent of merit badges in the CCC. The need for this became evident as Congress debated the content of several badges, specifically some proposed for the Discovering God’s Word section of the R•P•B Guidebook.

I wrote the following report for the Executive Committee. The committee has endorsed this report and requested that it be made available to all counselors. The report does not create a black/white framework against which badge proposals can be evaluated. It does, however, give us a common understanding from which we can base our discussions.

**Intent of Merit Badges**

There have recently been questions raised regarding the intent of the merit badges in the Calvinist Cadet Corps program. This comes to focus when the number of badges continues to increase and decisions need to be made whether or not new badges should be included, or if certain badges should be removed. When looking at both the Junior Cadet and the R•P•B Guidebooks, knowing why the badges are included and what the intent of them is, allows for discussion as to what types of badges are, and are not, appropriate to include.

The CCC was formed, in 1952, as a Christian alternative to the Boy Scouts. In looking at the intent of badges, it would make sense to look at how they started. Taken from the Boy Scouts of America web site (scouting.org) we can find the below description of the benefits of merit badges.

There is more to merit badges than simply providing opportunities to learn skills. There is more to them than an introduction to lifetime hobbies, or the inspiration to pursue a career — though these invaluable results occur regularly. It all begins with a Scout’s initial interest and effort in a merit badge subject, followed by a discussion with the unit leader or designated assistant, continues through meetings with a counselor, and culminates in advancement and recognition. It is an uncomplicated process that gives a Scout the confidence achieved through overcoming obstacles. Social skills improve. Self-reliance develops. Examples are set and followed. And fields of study and interest are explored beyond the limits of the school classroom.

Merit badges are intended to be part of the advancement program, they allow the boys to explore new areas, and they improve self-confidence. We can assume the men who founded the CCC were thinking of a similar rationale for the program details included in cadeting.

**Taken from the Counselor’s Manual**

The goal of the Calvinist Cadet Corps is to provide Christian men with a structure, program and materials that are uniquely designed to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life — devotional, mental, physical and social.
To implement the goal of cadeting:

**Devotional — commitment to Christ with understanding through:**
1. A discovery approach to Bible discussion, stressing the practical application of the Scriptural truths to life.
2. Opportunities to teach meaningful devotional habits.
3. The relationship between the counselor and each cadet in his cadre.

**Mental — an advancement program that:**
1. Encourages the boy to explore and discover his God-given abilities and interests
2. Helps the boy gain confidence that can only come from discovering and appreciating the special abilities God has given him.
3. Helps the boy gain a Christian outlook toward life values and goals.

The Devotional and Mental aspects of the boys are intentionally targeted by different parts of the Cadet program. While we can never isolate one aspect of a boy’s person, Bible lesson time and badge work are not intended to focus on developing the same area of life. In the same way game time and working on crafts/projects, while possibly connected to working on a badge, are not intended to develop the boys in the same way.

The Devotional aspect of the boys’ lives grows via the Bible discussion time of a Cadet evening. It is here that the practical application of Biblical truths is demonstrated, clarified and encouraged by the counselor to the boys in his cadre. By building a relationship with the boys, the counselor will know what beliefs are held by the host church, and by the boys’ families. Cadets is not intended to replace the church, and it cannot be assumed all cadets come from similar church backgrounds, so Bible lesson materials produced by the CCC, while Calvinistic in nature, do not adhere to one specific denomination’s theology.

The Mental aspect of the boys’ lives grows via the advancement program, namely the progression through the ranks accomplished by earning merit badges. Merit badges are intended to expand the cadet’s areas of interest. The badges, similar to the benefits described by scouting, introduce the boys to fields of study and interest beyond the limits of the school classroom. Working on a specific badge could lead the boy into starting a new hobby or developing a passion. Badge work is not a duplication of schoolwork, but rather an extension of it. It is for this reason a number of homeschool families use Cadet badge work as a supplement to what they are teaching their boys at home.

The guidebooks organize the badges in sections entitled Exploring, Skills and Discovering God’s Word. In the R•P•B Guidebook the Exploring section is broken down further into categories: Where You Live, The Wilderness, Science, and Hobbies. These badges are predominantly connected to the mental aspect of the boys’ growth, although the Where You Live category can also be seen to develop the boys socially. Except for the Science category, these badges all fit the intent of developing interests and passions considered beyond the school classroom. The Science category has recently leaned more towards topics covered in school by the boys, although they do grab the boys’ attention (e.g. Insect Life, Spiders, Simple Machines, Chemistry.)

In the R•P•B Guidebook the Skills section is broken down further into categories: Crafts, Camping, Sports, and Personal Development. While predominately connected to the mental aspect of the boys’ growth, this section is connected to the physical aspect as well. This section does not duplicate what the boys would be learning in school, with one badge (Scholarship) actually encouraging the boys to do their best in school.
The Discovering God’s Word section of the R•P•B Guidebook is where the Devotional and Mental aspects come together. We are trying to explore areas beyond the limits of what the boys would learn in Sunday school. We are not attempting to replace the role of the church; we are not involved in teaching doctrine or theology to the boys. This section of badges is intended to introduce the cadets to new habits (Prayer, Giving, Devotions) and lead them in a general Christian walk (New Life, Christian Life, Christian Way).

The Discovering God’s Word section is not meant to turn the advancement program into a duplication of Bible lesson time. Badge work is not to be considered another means of getting the boys into the Bible; not that having the boys investigate the Bible is a bad thing, but rather this is not the intent of the advancement program. Reviewing specific stories in the Bible is not badge work; it is Bible lesson. Learning about the patriarchs, the stories of the judges, and the parables of Jesus are all best suited to be part of the Bible lesson, or left to Sunday school, home and school to teach.

The Discovering God’s Word section of badges must be careful to not venture into the area of church doctrine. The Calvinist Cadet Corps has clubs in a variety of denominations, not all of which have similar beliefs on all topics. If religious scholars cannot agree on a topic then it should not be a badge topic in the Cadet Guidebook. Our goal is not to raise dissension or be a point of contention between believers, but rather to give the boys the fundamentals to start themselves on a lifelong walk of trying to be more Christlike.

“Placing the various aspects of the Cadet program into categories is merely an attempt to identify their primary focus. The primary emphasis in cadeting is the relationship that develops between the counselor and each boy. Each activity offers many opportunities for growth in all areas of a boy’s life.” (CCC Counselor’s Manual)

Any counselor, while building a relationship with the boys in his cadre, should encourage the boys to experience new things. Sharing a hobby or an area of interest does not need to be connected to a badge. If you love building sand castles, build sand castles with the boys, don’t wait for a sand castle badge.

While recognizing the advancement program does cover all areas of a boy’s life, the goal of the badge work is to develop the boy’s mental life. Badges are to develop the boy in ways not addressed by the school or the church. Discovering God’s Word badges are therefore expected to be general in nature, focusing on the boy’s overall walk with God, and helping develop appropriate life-long habits in the framework of Living For Jesus.
Projects

Sofa Sleeve with Cup Holder

Materials:
• Wooden board cut into three equal lengths—see step one for info on sizes to choose
• Piece of thin plywood — see step one for size information. You can find thin ¼” plywood in the wood section of your local craft store.
• Wood glue
• Wood stain
• 150 or 180 grit sandpaper
• Grade 0000 steel wool
• Polyurethane
• 3 Trim head square drive screws

Tools:
• Clamps (at least 8”/20.3 cm long)
• Hole saw in diameter of your choice
• Tape measure
• Pencil
• Drill press
• Kreg Pocket hole jig (optional)

Here’s a great project that the boys can make as a thank you gift for parents or grandparents. Maybe you can combine the project with a Bible lesson on gratitude, or a lesson on appreciation for your parents and how they taught you about the Lord.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:6–7

This is a fairly straightforward woodworking project, but there are two key steps to making it work well. Step one: a week or two before you start this project have the boys in your cadre get the width measurement from the arm of mom, dad, grandma, or grandpa’s favorite chair or sofa. You want this sleeve to be useful for the person for whom it is intended, so you need this information. Step Two: You need a good drill press because the cup holder needs to be cut with a sizable hole saw that will be hard to cut with just a hand drill.

This sleeve is made from three 1 x 8 clear pine boards each 14” long (35.6 cm). I used three trim head square drive screws and wood glue to fasten the sides of the sleeves to the top, then filled the small indentations with some wood filler, but if you have a Kreg pocket hole jig that will work too.

I used a 4” hole saw for the cup holder because I wanted to accommodate an oversized mug, but you may want to go smaller — most mugs average around 3” diameter.

Cut the hole centered on the width of the top board with the edge of the hole placed about 1½ inches from the end of the board.

A sheet of thin plywood 14” x 5 ¾” glued the underside of the top piece to provides a base for the cup holder.

Sand all the edges and use a nice stain and clear coat to finish the piece.
Building Block Coat Rack

Materials:
• 1 – 2 x 4 x 36” (91.4 cm) long
• 1 – 1” diameter wooden dowel x 15” (38 cm) long
• Blue, red, yellow, and green acrylic paint
• Wood glue
• Painter’s tape
• Spray wood primer
• 4 – Coat hooks
• 2 – D-rings
• Clear polyurethane
• Paint brushes

Tools: a miter saw, screw driver, drill, and brad nailer (optional)

Instructions
This is for a coat rack that is 36 inches long. You can adjust the size to your needs.
Cut your 2 x 4 to 36 inches long. Use a sander to sand edges smooth. Cut your dowel into 1/2” thick slices. The number of slices depends on how long you make the coat rack. Sand the edges of the dowel slices as they will be a bit rough after being cut.
The rack was divided into six and four peg building block pieces — the six peg sections are 5” (12.7 cm) long and the four peg pieces are 3½ inches long. The spaces where the hooks are placed are also 3½” (8.9 cm) long. The pegs are spaced on the sections as per the diagram shown. You can vary the color combination and where the sections are placed.
Place a little bit of wood glue on the backs of each dowel slice and place on the 2 x 4 as per the diagram. Let the glue dry overnight. If you have a brad nailer you can use that to make sure the slices are a bit more secure. Use hole filler to hide the nail holes.
Paint the block sections. Start by painting the whole coat rack with a spray wood primer and let it dry. Painting the colors is done in two steps. With painter’s tape mask off all the sections where the coat hangers will be. Now paint the building block sections with your selected colors. Let this dry overnight. Remove the tape and then mask the painted sections leaving only the hook sections ready for paint. When the paint is dry spray the whole coat rack with a coat of clear polyurethane.
Position the hooks in the middle of the hook sections, mark the screw holes with a pencil, then drill pilot holes. Screw the hooks on, and attach D-rings to the back so it’s ready to hang on the wall.
Introducing the Candidates

The Calvinist Cadet Corps elects a new president every three years, with elections taking place during the fall of a camporee year. The executive committee starts with a list of nominees, and narrow it down to two men for you to choose from. This year, those two men are Dave Mast and Mike VanderMeer. Their interview information appears below. Please read them prayerfully. Voting takes place at your local council meeting. Each council is allowed one vote per congressman.

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<td>1. How many years have you been involved in Cadets?</td>
<td>1998 to 2000 and then 2006 to present. So 13 years.</td>
<td>First off 3 years as a cadet and continuing another 45 years as counselor.</td>
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<td>2. What role do you play in your local club?</td>
<td>Head counselor</td>
<td>At present, I am a cadre counselor.</td>
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<td>3. What leadership positions have you held in Cadets?</td>
<td>Assistant Treasurer GR North for 2 years. President GR North 4 years. Chaired the 2013 regional conference committee. Chaired the All Michigan Camporee committee. Currently Congressman and on Executive Committee. Currently Chair of Visioning team.</td>
<td>I have been: Congressman, Vice President, and President for Niagara Council, DCE and RTC, Corps President (2006 – 2012), head counselor, chairman of Snow Derby and Cadet-a-ree committees. Executive Committee member for 3 terms.</td>
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<td>5. What other involvement have you had with Cadets?</td>
<td>Worked with Musk-O-Tawa council on several campout committees when I lived in Muskegon. Have been on 6 or 7 Musk-O-Tawa camporees.</td>
<td>Chairman of Ontario Camporee, Chairman of Ontario Conference, Food &amp; Lodging Chairman for Counselor’s Convention 1995, 3 Years as RTC, Host of International Counselor’s Convention in Niagara Falls 2013, committee member of the Canadian Golf Tournament, promoted Cadet program at a number of APCE and Ligonier conferences.</td>
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<td>6. What other leadership positions have you had in church and related organizations?</td>
<td>One term as a deacon.</td>
<td>Twice a member of the Wellandport Christian School board.</td>
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<td>7. What skills or spiritual gifts do you have to help you as CCC president?</td>
<td>The Lord has laid on my heart a passion for the Cadet ministry. This really bloomed when preparations were underway for the 2011 international. Working on the work bees that summer and seeing the campout go so well left a big impression on me. I feel like I can be an encourager and have an enthusiasm that spreads to others. Spiritually, I realize I am a sinner saved by grace. Because of that, there is a responsibility to respond to that grace and work toward showing God’s glory and honor to others.</td>
<td>With 33 years experience in running a successful chicken farm, I have developed decision-making skills, learned the importance of planning ahead, and making the best use of time in order to meet deadlines. After 45 years of active experience in various aspects of the Cadet program I have developed leadership skills and learned the importance of being responsible, trustworthy and a good listener. I trust that as I have grown in the past, God will also provide me with whatever skills I may need for the future in whatever His plan may be for my life.</td>
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<td>6. <strong>What is your occupation?</strong></td>
<td>My brother and I co-own a greenhouse and a trucking company.</td>
<td>Broiler Producer [chicken farmer]</td>
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<td>7. <strong>Can you make daytime meetings?</strong></td>
<td>Yes, but certain times of year are more difficult than others. April and May, August and early September are very busy times of the year.</td>
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<td>8. <strong>Do you have any family conflicts that would impact your work with Cadets?</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>9. <strong>Any conflicts with other interests, hobbies, or committees?</strong></td>
<td>No, hobbies take a back seat to Cadets and church. I am on one other committee; the Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council, that should not conflict with cadets.</td>
<td>No, Cadets is my full time hobby for the most part.</td>
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<td>10. <strong>What is the role of the president of the CCC?</strong></td>
<td>The president, first, has a role to chair the Executive Committee and to be on several other committees. Second the President is also the one who steers the direction of the Corps. Cadets is a bottom up organization, the president has a role to follow directives given to him in this bottom up structure. While that is true, he also can steer the Corps’ day to day operations while still following the direction set by congress. He also has a role to communicate with the executive director to assist him in goals stated, provide him with guidance and work with him in a collaborative fashion. Third, he must always keep the mission in mind, “helping boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life.”</td>
<td>The President’s role is to be the facilitator of executive meetings and other meetings arising from the program. He is the spokesperson promoting Cadets.</td>
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<td>11. <strong>What role does the Corps play in the ministry to Cadets?</strong></td>
<td>The Corps facilitates the whole Cadet ministry — from leadership to staffing to lessons and other materials.</td>
<td>The role of the Corps is to implement Congress decisions and recommendations and produce supplies, and materials both hard copy and electronic (downloadable via the Cadet website).</td>
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| 12. **What is the most pressing need the Cadet program faces right now?** | Technology. Getting the next generation to step up. (Which seems to be happening in some councils) | • Making available materials on our CCC website that can be used by clubs.  
• The motivation, encouragement and training of dedicated counselors.  
• The creation of an interactive component for the CCC website for cadets to access that involves games and activities to increase their interest and involvement in the program. (i.e. puzzles using photos from activities such as camporee or outings)  
• This could be a part of teaching our boys the godly use of technology and also such core truths as self esteem, bullying, peer pressure, anxiety, positive self talk and healthy relationships. |
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<td>All our core values need to be maintained. We cannot and should not compromise our beliefs. This does not mean we stay stuck in one spot not moving forward. We can move forward while maintaining all our fundamental values.</td>
<td>The core values that the Cadet Corps should always retain and maintain are those that stay true to our historical Reformed perspective and those reflected in the cadet code. This core value is the quality that makes the Calvinist Cadet Corps unique and causes it to stand apart from any other ministry to boys.</td>
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<td>If current trends are not reversed, I see Cadets floundering in 20 years. However, I am much more optimistic than that. I really believe that we can turn Cadets into a growing thriving ministry. Why? Because God can do all things. Do I think this will happen with the shape many of our churches are in? No, not really. The looming Cadets problems are really the churches looming problem. We need to experience a revival in our lands. I think we will need to actively work to expand our clubs. Who knows, maybe it is the influence of Cadets that will bring about the change and a revival! The harvest is plentiful!</td>
<td>As we strive to develop our programs, we need to continue to improve access to that material making it available on our Cadet website. I feel that Cadets structurally as an organization should for the near future remain basically the same. By that I mean that the input into the program should come from the clubs and council through Congress to the Executive Committee and staff. The future growth of the program within our own churches will depend on the enthusiasm and dedication of the counselors. As club sizes will most likely become smaller in the long term due to a decline in large families, future growth will depend on developing more clubs. Promotion needs to continue to be done in denominations with similar Reformed doctrines. This seems to be where we have seen the most new clubs being added to the program. This will involve continued study and investigation into which denominations are like minded and open our program.</td>
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<td>Yes.</td>
<td>As our family has grown and are now on their own, we have the time to travel and more time to attend meetings and be involved in the promotion of the program. On the business end our son and son-in-law are well qualified to carry on the business in Mike’s absence. Mike is free to take on the role of president and able to attend meetings and other events as may arise in that capacity.</td>
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<td>The same way that I have been supporting him with his other involvements with Cadets, by praying for him and for Cadets, by making sure his uniform is washed, and by getting him proper nourishment before his meetings.</td>
<td>To support Mike in the role of president, I would be his secretary, encourager, supporter, scheduler, fellow traveler and prayer partner.</td>
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<td>Mike has grown in many ways through his involvement in the Cadet ministry. He loves the program and would love to see many other boys and men being blessed by the ministry. He has a gift for leading organized and effective meeting keeping the agenda on track. Mike is level headed and able to make tough decisions if necessary.</td>
<td>Dave has drive and desire for Cadets. He is willing to use his extra time and energy for serving the Lord in the world of Cadets.</td>
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