

Press release Regional Synod West, November 18, 2025

On behalf of the convening church of Willoughby Heights, Rev. K. Janssen welcomed the delegates. Philippians 4:2-9 was read, and Psalm 122 was sung before Rev. Janssen led in prayer.

After the convening church examined the credentials, a vote took place for the various executive positions. The vote resulted in the appointment of Rev. J. VanSpronsen as chairman; Rev. D. Vandeburgt as vice-chairman and Rev. R. Vanderhorst as clerk.

Regional Synod West was declared constituted, and it adopted the proposed agenda. Synod went into closed session to consider an appeal. Synod sustained the appeal.

Synod received with thankfulness reports from its deputies in connection with the examinations of candidates J. Peters, R. Gaillard and A. Tams. Synod also received a report from its deputies in connection with the dismissal (Art. 11 CO) of Rev. D. deBoer as minister of Abbotsford Canadian Reformed Church.

Synod further received reports from the following: a) the treasurer; b) the church responsible for reviewing the books of the treasurer; and c) the church responsible for inspecting the archives. The church responsible for inspecting the archives recommended that materials for the archives be submitted in a timely manner and that the archives be digitized since the church responsible for maintaining the archives has run out of room for them. Synod requested that the church responsible for maintaining the archives present a proposal around digitization.

Synod made the following appointments to various positions:

a. Regional Synod Treasurer: *br. J. Moedt (john@moedt.ca; Address: 2720 – 23 street, Coaldale AB; Phone:403-345-3101)*

b. Church for Checking the books of the Treasurer: *the Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church*

c. Deputies ad Art. 48 C.O.

Classis Pacific West: D. Vandeburgt (alt. R.C. Janssen, 2nd alt. H. Alkema)

Classis Pacific East: W.M. Wielenga (alt. R. Schouten, 2nd alt. B. Schoof)

Classis Alberta: J. VanSpronsen, (alt. G. Veurink, 2nd alt. K. Wieske)

Classis Manitoba; J. Poppe (alt. J. Slaa, 2nd alt. S.C. VanDam)

When deputies are needed, the classes will call upon deputies as follows:

Alberta: deputies from Manitoba and Pacific East

Manitoba: deputies from Alberta and Pacific-West

Pacific East: deputies from Pacific West and Alberta

Pacific West: deputies from Pacific East and Manitoba

d. Church for keeping the Archives and Church for inspecting the Archives:

Edmonton Providence (Archiving)

Edmonton Immanuel (Inspecting)

Synod appointed the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman West to make arrangements for the next Regional Synod West to be held, the Lord willing, November 17, 2026 or, in the case of cancellation, November 16, 2027.

The chair offered opportunity for the delegates to ask questions. After this part of the meeting, he judged that censure according to Article 34 CO did not need to be exercised. After the delegates decided to have the executive finalize the acts for adoption, they approved this press release. The chairman read Ephesians 4:24-5:2 after which he led in prayer. The delegates sang Hymn 10, and the chairman declared the meeting over.

On behalf of Regional Synod West

Rev. Douglas Vandeburgt

Vice-chairman (*ex tempore*)