

Press Release – Classis Central Ontario
Friday, March 13, 2026, 9:00 am
at Fellowship Canadian Reformed Church

Rev. Hilmer Jagersma, on behalf of the Convening Church - Fellowship Canadian Reformed Church in Burlington - welcomed the classis delegates and called the meeting to order. Rev. Jagersma read Ephesians 4:1-6 and offered a brief reflection and prayer.

All delegates were present. Rev. Jagersma declared Classis Central Ontario constituted. The appointed officers are Rev. Greg Davidson (Blessings Christian Church) as chairman, Rick Buist, (Elder delegate, Fellowship Church) as vice-chair, and Rev. Tony Roukema, (Rehoboth/Ebenezer Church) as clerk

The agenda was adopted with a minor adjustment.

Rev. Davidson introduced Elisha (a visitor and currently apprenticing with Blessings Church) and the work he has been doing internationally. Elisha was given an opportunity to speak about his work in China.

Classis noted the following matters of memorabilia:

The merging of Rehoboth and Ebenezer was mentioned. It was noted the merged church was sending delegates for the first time.

Retired pastors were discussed in the various churches.

There is a call for Pastor Jake currently.

Mercy purchased a property.

The delegates from the churches were asked, according to CO Article 44, whether the ministry of the office bearers is being continued, whether the decisions of the major assemblies were being honored, and whether there is any matter in which the consistories need the help of classis. All churches answered yes, yes, and no, with exceptions for Fellowship and Blessings who answered yes, yes and yes.

Jubilee submitted a matter related to pulpit supply. Classis decided it was not a matter to be decided by Classis.

Fellowship sought concurring advice regarding preaching access according to CO 50 and CCO 12.1. Classis decided to approve the request.

Blessings sought concurring advice regarding preaching access for according to CO 50 and CCO 12.1. Classis decided to approve the request with one exception.

Blessings sought advice. Advice was given.

Classis made the following appointments for the next Classis:

The convening church for the next Classis will be Redemption Church.

The suggested officers for the next Classis:

Chairman: Rev. Clarence Vandervelde

Vice-chairman: Elder delegate from Redemption Church

Clerk: Rev. Ian Wildeboer

Next Classis Central Ontario is scheduled for June 12, 2026. Alternate date is September 18, 2026. The Acts of Classis will be finalized by the executive team, and a draft of the Press Release was read and adopted.

Rev. Winston Bosch led in prayer. Rev. Ian Wildeboer declared Classis Central Ontario closed.

For Classis Central Ontario,
André Schutten (Vice-Chair at the time)