

Press Release for Classis Northern Ontario, Arthur, ON – 7 PM, September 16, 2026

On behalf of the convening church of Arthur, Rev. M. Ten Haaf welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting with prayer, singing of Hy 50:1, 3 and reading of Philippians 1:1-11. After examination of credentials, classis was constituted with Rev. Poort as chairman, Rev. Onderwater as Vice-Chair, and Rev. S. Vandeveld as Clerk. The agenda was adopted.

Classis received Church Visitation reports with thankfulness. Classis received reports from the Church for Classical Archives, the church to inspect classical archives, the treasurer, the church for auditing the books of the treasurer, and from the church responsible for auditing the books of the fund for needy churches. Question period as per Article 44 of the Church Order was held. Churches requested advice and advice was given. No correspondence was received.

The following appointments were made:

Brampton Grace is appointed as the convening church for the next Classis, December 16, 2026, with alternate date of March 24th, 2027.

Suggested officers for the next Classis: Rev. Ten Haaf as chairman, Rev. Ludwig as vice-chair, and Rev. Poort as Clerk.

The examiners for Classical Exams are reappointed for another year.

Church Visitation schedule and appointments will be organized by Rev. Vandergaag.

Owen Sound is reappointed as Church for the Classical Archives

Orangeville is reappointed as Church for inspecting the Classical Archives

Br. Henry Bosscher is reappointed as treasurer for Classis.

Owen Sound is reappointed as the Church for inspecting the books of the treasurer.

Classis mileage rate is 0.63 per kilometer.

Br. Allan Bulch and Br. Matt Kottelenberg are appointed to the Committee for Needy Churches.

Fergus Maranatha is reappointed to be the Church for auditing the books of the Committee for Needy Churches.

The Churches are asked to submit names of two brothers for the Committee of Appeals, to fill the vacancies of two brothers retiring from the committee.

Rev. S. Vandeveld and Rev. M. Vanderlinde are appointed as delegates for Regional Synod East, with Rev. J. Ludwig and Rev. E. Onderwater as alternates in that order.

Br. Charles Westrik and br. Eric Vangrootheest are appointed as elder delegates to Regional Synod East, and br. Duane Koster and br. Jason Van Raalte as alternate delegates in that order.

Fergus North is reappointed as the church to invite observers from other churches and also as the church to appoint observers from our Classis to the assemblies of other churches.

The adopted yearly levy from the churches for the classical fund is \$8 per communicant member.

The meeting was closed with singing of Ps 111:1, 2, and the chairman, Rev. Poort, closed in prayer.

Rev. E. Onderwater, vice-chair.