Press Release of Regional Synod East (Burlington-Unity) convened on November 18, 2026

On behalf of the convening church of Burlington-Unity, Rev. C.J. VanderVelde opened the gathering with a preliminary remark that Regional Synod East 2025 had appointed the Rehoboth Church of Burlington-Waterdown to convene Regional Synod East 2026 but that the Rehoboth Church merged with the Ebenezer Church of Burlington as of January 1, 2026 to form the Unity Canadian Reformed Church of Burlington. So it was that the Unity Church was convening RSE 2026. He then read Scripture, the brothers sang a hymn, and he led in prayer.

After the examination of the credentials and the election of officers, RSE 2026 was declared constituted. Rev. J. Louwerse served as chairman, Rev. C.J. VanderVelde as vice-chairman, and Rev. R.J. den Hollander as clerk.

The chairman expressed appreciation to the Unity Church for convening and hosting this RSE.

The agenda was adopted.

RSE received a report from the treasurer and from the church appointed to examine the books of the treasurer. The books were found to be in good order and the treasurer was discharged of responsibility for the period reported upon. RSE 2026 agreed to assess the churches at $3.00 per communicant member for the year 2027.

A report was received from the archive church (Toronto-Bethel) and from the church appointed to inspect the archive (Brampton-Grace). The archive was found to be in good order.

A report was received from two deputies of RSE who attended an examination, indicating that the deputies concurred with the Classis decision to sustain the examination.

Appointments were made. Grassie-Covenant was appointed to be the treasury church, Lincoln-Vineyard was appointed to examine the books of the treasury church, Toronto-Bethel was appointed to maintain the archive of RSE, and Brampton-Grace was appointed to inspect the archive.

Deputies of RSE according to Art. 48 CO were appointed as follows.
-From Classis Central Ontario: Rev. C.J. VanderVelde (first alternate: Rev. A.B. Roukema; second alternate: Rev. I. Wildeboer) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara.
-From Classis Northern Ontario: Rev. J. Poort (first alternate: Rev. T. Vandergaag; second alternate: Rev. S. Vandevelde) as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West.
-From Classis Niagara: Rev. R. Vermeulen (first alternate: Rev. R.J. den Hollander; second alternate: Rev. J. Louwerse) as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West.
-From Classis Ontario West: Rev. J. VanWoudenberg (first alternate: Rev. K.A. Kok; second alternate: Rev. S. van Leeuwen) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara.

The Orangeville Church was appointed to convene RSE 2027 on Wednesday, November 17, 2027, at 9:00 AM.

Question Period was held. Censure as per Art. 34 CO was not deemed necessary.

The Acts were adopted, and it was decided that the Press Release would be approved by the executive.

We sang a hymn, and the chairman led in prayer. The chairman declared RSE 2026 closed.

Rev. C.J. VanderVelde, vice-chairman at that time