Acts of Regional Synod East
November 18, 2026

Article 1. Opening
On behalf of the convening church, Rev. C. Vandervelde called the meeting to order, explaining briefly the rationale for convening a Regional Synod despite the brief agenda. Psalm 100 was read, we sang Hymn 52: 1, 2 and then prayed. The brothers were welcomed, noting that due to the short agenda, a number of brothers were participating via video call.

Article 2. Examination of Credentials
The convening church examined the credentials and found them to be in good order. All primary delegates were present. Present from the classes were the following:

Classis Central Ontario: D. Feenstra, C. Vandervelde, A. Baartman, A. Beijes
Classis Niagara: R.J. den Hollander, J. Louwerse, D. Bergsma, A. Schutten
Classis Northern Ontario: M. Vanderlinde, S. Vandevelde, C. Westrik, E. Van Grootheest
Classis Ontario West: F. Struik, S. VanLeeuwen, T. Schouten, P. Boeringa

Article 3. Election of Officers and Constitution of Synod
After voting, the following brothers were chosen to serve as officers:

Chairman: Rev. J. Louwerse
Vice Chairman: Rev. C. Vandervelde
Clerk: Rev. R.J. den Hollander

Regional Synod East was declared constituted.

Article 4. Adoption of the Agenda
The chairman thanked the church at Burlington Unity for all the work done in preparation. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

The following agenda was adopted:

1) Opening
2) Examination of Credentials
    a. Classis Northern Ontario
    b. Classis Ontario West
    c. Classis Niagara
    d. Classis Central Ontario
3) Constitution of Synod and Election of Officers
4) Adoption of the Agenda
5) Correspondence Received - Reports
    a. Treasury Church Report (Grassie-Covenant)
    b. Audit of the Treasury Church books (Lincoln-Vineyard)
    c. Archives Church Report (Toronto-Bethel)
    d. Inspection of the Archives Report (Brampton-Grace)
    e. Regional Synod Deputies reports
        i. Deputies Report – Br. Tony Zheng
6) Appointments
    a. Regional Synod Treasury

b. Church for examining the books of the treasury
c. Deputies of Regional Synod, Art 48 C.O.
d. Church to maintain the archives
e. Church to inspect the archives

7) Arrangement for next Regional Synod East
8) Question Period
9) Censure as per Art 34 C.O.
10) Adoption of Acts and Press Release
11) Closing

Article 5. Correspondence Received - Reports

1. Synod received the report of the treasury church, Grassie-Covenant. The proposal to assess the churches $3.00 per communicant member was approved. The treasury church was discharged of its responsibility for that period of time.
2. With thankfulness, Synod received a report from the examiner of the books of the treasury, Lincoln-Vineyard, that they were found to be in good order.
3. With thankfulness, Synod received a report from the archives church, Toronto-Bethel, that they received and archived the materials from RSE 2025, and have given access to the archives to the inspecting church, Brampton-Grace.
4. With thankfulness, Synod received a report from the church as inspector of the archives, Brampton-Grace, indicating that the archives for RSE 2025 were inspected and found to be in good order.
5. As per CO art. 48, the following reports from the Regional Synod deputies were received:
   5.1. Revs. R. Vermeulen and T. Vandergaag gave concurring advice to sustain the peremptory examination of candidate Tony Zheng by COW (Sept 16-17, 2026).

Article 6: Appointments

The following appointments were made:

1. Treasury church: Grassie-Covenant
2. Church for examining the books of the treasurer: Lincoln-Vineyard
3. The following ministers were appointed as Regional Synod deputies (CO art. 48):
   3.1. from Classis Central Ontario: Rev. C. Vandervelde (first alternate: Rev. A. Roukema; second alternate: Rev. I. Wildeboer) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara
   3.2. 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
   3.3. from Classis Niagara: Rev. R. Vermeulen (first alternate: Rev. R. den Hollander; second alternate: Rev. J. Louwerse) as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West.
   3.4. from Classis Ontario West: Rev. J. VanWoudenberg (first alternate: Rev. K. Kok; second alternate: Rev. S. van Leeuwen) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara.
4. Church to maintain the archives: Toronto-Bethel
5. Church to inspect the archives: Brampton-Grace

Article 7: Arrangement for next Synod

The church of Orangeville is appointed to convene the next RSE on November 17, 2027 @ 9 am.

Article 8: Question Period
Question period was not made use of.

Article 9: Censure as Per Art. 34 C.O.
The chairman ruled that censure was not necessary. He thanked the brothers for their cooperation.

Article 10: Acts and Press Release
The Acts for November 18, 2026, were read and adopted. The Press Release was read and approved for publication.

Article 11: Closing
After singing Hymn 84: 1, 2 and a prayer of thanksgiving, the chairman declared Regional Synod East 2026 closed.

On behalf of Regional Synod East November 18, 2026,
Rev. R.J. den Hollander
(clerk at the time)