Press Release Regional Synod West Carman West November 17 and 18, 2026

1. On behalf of the convening church of Carman West, Pastor James Slaa welcomed the delegates. He led in opening devotions, reading Psalm 23, requesting the singing of Psalm 23A from the Augment, and leading in prayer. The credentials were reviewed. All the delegates were properly represented. Regional Synod West, Carman West, was constituted. The following officers were elected: Rev. Rob Schouten, chairman; Rev. James Slaa, vice-chairman; Rev. Aidan Plug, clerk. The agenda was adopted.

2. Regional synod considered several appeals in closed session. They were dealt with by appointing three advisory committees which served Regional Synod with recommendations. The appeals were answered.

3. Regional Synod adopted a proposal from Edmonton Providence that the Regional Synod West archives be digitized since the church responsible for maintaining the archives has run out of room for hard copies.

4. Regional Synod received reports from its deputies in connection with the examinations of candidates Q. Vandermeulen, T. Linde, and N. Holtvluwer. Synod also received a report from its deputies in connection with the dismissal (Art. 11 CO) of Rev. F. Emadjeu as minister of Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church. Regional Synod expressed thankfulness for the work of the deputies.

5. Treasurer John Moedt submitted a report. There was a good report from Coaldale, CanRC, the church which audits the books of the treasurer. Edmonton Immanuel reported on its inspection of the Regional Synod Archives.

6. Appointments were made.

    a. Treasurer: br. John Moedt *(john@moedt.ca; Address: 2720 – 23 street, Coaldale AB; Phone:403-345-3101)*. In a separate communication the treasurer indicated the time is coming that he ought to complete his task as treasurer and have a replacement found for him. He noted that he has served Regional Synod West as treasurer for 30 years. Regional Synod instructed the church of Coaldale to provide the name of one who can be appointed as treasurer at the next Regional Synod.

    b. There were appointments of the church for auditing the books of the Treasurer (Coaldale), church for keeping care of the archives (Edmonton Providence), and church for inspecting the archives (Edmonton Immanuel).

    c. Deputies of Regional Synod (Art 48 CO) were appointed:

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

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

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. Regional Synod appointed the American Reformed Church of Lynden to convene the next Regional Synod West to be held, the Lord willing, Tuesday, November 16, 2027.

7. Question period was held. With thankfulness, the chairman deemed that censure according to Article 34 CO was not necessary. The ACTS and Press Release were approved.
8. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 52, after which he led in prayer. The chairman declared Regional Synod West 2026 closed.

On behalf of Regional Synod West

Pastor James Slaa

Vice-chairman (at that time)