

**Press Release**  
**Classis Central Ontario, March 12, 2010**

On behalf of the convening church at Flamborough, the Rev. J. DeGelder led in opening devotions. He suggested the singing of Hymn 35, read Mt. 25: 1-13, and after a brief meditation on the passage led in prayer. He welcomed the delegates to Classis. The delegates of the church at Burlington-Waterdown reported that all six churches of Classis were duly delegated; the church at Ottawa had only one delegate present. Classis was constituted. The suggested officers took their places, with the Rev. J. DeGelder as chairman, J.L. Van Popta as clerk, and W. den Hollander, as vice-chairman.

The chairman noted as memorabilia: Presently there are no vacancies among the churches in Classis, which we note with gratitude; he congratulated Rev. W. den Hollander with his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry; he also remembered the health concerns regarding the Rev. J. Mulder, the Rev. C. Stam, and the long-term disabilities of Prof. DeJong and Prof. Gootjes.

The provisional agenda was tabled and the agenda of Classis established. Under Question Period Church Order Article 44, the churches reported that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued, that the decisions of the broader assemblies are being honoured, and that there was no need for advice from Classis for the proper government of their churches. This was noted with thankfulness.

Classis received a letter from the Rev. J. DeGelder, requesting to be relieved from church visitation duties this year. Upon discussion of the request, Classis appointed the Rev. J. VanPopta as alternate for this year.

The following appointments were made:

- Convening church for the next Classis: Ottawa, June 11, 2010.
- Suggested officers: Rev. G. Nederveen, chairman; Rev. J. DeGelder, vice-chairman; Rev. W. den Hollander, clerk.

Question Period was held: one of the delegates requested that Classis be convened in the evening when the agenda is as light as for today's Classis. He also raised a question related to Ottawa's presence by one delegate. In reply some comments were made.

The chairman judged that Art. 34 CO. was not required. The Acts were read and adopted, after which the Press Release was read and approved. The chairman requested the singing of Ps. 121, after which the vice-chairman led in thanksgiving prayer. Thus Classis was closed.

*For Classis, Rev. W. den Hollander,  
Vice-chairman at that time.*