

Press Release of Classis Contracta for Classis Pacific West, June 24, 2008

1. On behalf of the convening church, Maranatha CanRC of Surrey, BC, Rev. J Van Vliet opened the meeting with Scripture, invited delegates to sing from Ps. 108 and then lead in prayer.
2. The Credentials from the delegates were examined by the delegates from Maranatha and found to be in order.
3. Classis is declared constituted and the consensus is that the Chairman would be Rev. J. Van Vliet and the clerk would be br. F. Kleine-Deters
4. The Chairman lists the items to be covered to approbate the call from Willoughby CanRC to Rev. A. Souman of Smithville, ON.
5. The Letter of Call to Rev. Souman complete with the Provisions for the Minister and his family is reviewed by all delegates and is found to be in order.
6. The Acceptance of the Letter of Call is reviewed by all delegates and is found to be in order.
7. The Release from the Consistory with the Deacons of the Smithville CanRC is found to be in order.
8. The Release from the Classis Niagara is found to be in order.
9. The delegates from the Willoughby CanRC indicate that their congregation has been an integral part of the decision to call.
10. A date of Aug 1 at 11:59 PM EDT has been set for the Willoughby congregation to take over responsibility for Rev. Souman.
11. The Chairman asks if there are any objections to any items covered at this Classis. There are none.
12. The Chairman asks if there are any questions per Art. 44, C.O. The delegates from Willoughby extend their thanks to the Chairman for his role as Counsellor
13. Censure per Art. 34 of the C.O. was not necessary.
14. The Clerk gives thanks in prayer and the Chairman closes the meeting.

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F. Kleine-Deters