

PRESS RELEASE OF CLASSIS NIAGARA, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

On behalf of the convening church, the church at Blue Bell, Rev. K.A. Kok greets the delegates. He asks the brothers to sing Psalm 48:3,4, reads 2 John, and opens with prayer. After examination of the credentials, it is determined that all the churches are properly represented. Classis is declared constituted. The officers suggested by the previous Classis are appointed and asked to take their place. The officers are: Rev. R. Wynia, chairman; Rev. K.A. Kok, vice-chairman; and Rev. S.C. Van Dam, clerk.

The chairman asks the questions of article 44 C.O. The church at Dunnville requests advice in a matter of church government. The church at Smithville informs the Classis that they are dividing into two wards. The church at Tintern requests pulpit supply. This request is granted. The church at Tintern will receive pulpit supply every six weeks. The clerk will draw up a schedule.

An overture from the church at Lincoln regarding the nine points adopted by the URCNA Synod held in Schererville, IN is introduced. The overture asks that our next General Synod address the next General Synod of the URCNA and ask it to declare that the nine points do not have confessionally binding authority. After discussion, the overture is adopted by Classis and will be sent to the next Regional Synod East.

Rev. A. Bezuyen, fraternal delegate from Classis Southern Ontario of the URCNA, addresses the Classis. Rev. D. De Boer responds on behalf of Classis. Rev. P. Moelker, who is serving as temporary pulpit supply at the Vineland OPC and was the fraternal delegate from the Presbytery of New York and New Jersey of the OPC addresses the Classis. Br. B. Buist responds on behalf of Classis.

The report of the classical treasurer is read and approved. The assessments for the next year are \$1.00 per communicant member for Classis and \$1.00 per communicant member for Regional Synod. The audit of the books of the classical treasurer was received. The books are in good order. The treasurer is thanked for his work and discharged for the period of August 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. The church visitation reports for the churches at Dunnville, Grassie, Lincoln, Smithville and Tintern are read.

The delegates to Regional Synod East are appointed. The primary delegates are Rev. R. Wynia and Rev. S.C. Van Dam as ministerial delegates, and Br. L. Kingma and Br. N. Schuurman as elder delegates. The alternates are Rev. D. De Boer and Rev. J. Huijgen (in that order) as ministerial delegates and Br. B. Van Andel and Br. J. Van Zanten (in that order) as elder delegates. Rev. J. Huijgen and Rev. K.A. Kok are reappointed as church visitors with Rev. R. Wynia as alternate. Br. D. Van Amerongen is reappointed as classical treasurer.

The church at Dunnville is appointed convening church for the next Classis. The suggested officers are Rev. D. De Boer as chairman, Rev. S.C. Van Dam as Vice-Chairman, and Rev. R. Wynia as Clerk. The suggested date is December 16, 2009 at the Attercliffe church building.

The personal question period is made use of. The chairman determines, with thankfulness, that there was no need to exercise censure according to article 34 C.O. Rev. Kok closes in prayer. Then Classis is closed. For the Classis,

Rev. K.A. Kok, Vice-Chairman, e.t.