

PRESS RELEASE, CLASSIS NIAGARA, MARCH 11, 2009

On behalf of the convening church in Attercliffe, Rev. J. Huijgen welcomes the brother delegates and asks them to sing Psalm 133:1, 2. He then reads Hebrews 12:25-13:1 and leads in prayer.

The delegates of the church at Attercliffe examine the credentials. All of the churches are properly represented. Classis is declared constituted and the officers suggested by the last classis take their place. Rev. C. J. Vander Velde was chairman, Rev. S.C. Van Dam, clerk, and Rev. K.A. Kok, vice-chairman. The chairman notes that since the last Classis he has accepted a call to the church in Elora, that Rev. J. Van Vliet has been appointed as professor of Dogmatics at the Theological College until the next General Synod, and he remembers the needs of Dr. Gootjes and his family.

The chairman asks the questions set out in article 44 C.O. The church at Dunnville/Wainfleet asks advice in a matter of pastoral oversight. In closed session, advice is given. The church at Smithville asks advice in a matter of the government of the church. Advice is given.

The Spring Creek Canadian Reformed Church in Tintern asks for the honorable release from classical region Niagara of Rev. C.J. Vander Velde. After examining the relevant documents, Classis grants Rev. Vander Velde a most honorable release. Rev. R. Wynia is appointed as counselor for the Spring Creek Canadian Reformed Church in Tintern.

Two appeals have been received. They were declared to be admissible. In open session, the appeals are discussed. A committee is struck to serve Classis with a proposal. After the committee reports back, the proposals are discussed and Classis formulates responses.

The audit of the books of the Fund for Needy Churches was received. The books were found to be in good order.

The appointments for the next Classis were made. The convening church is the church at Blue Bell. The suggested date is June 17, 2009 and the place is the church building at Tintern. The suggested officers are Rev. R. Wynia as chairman, Rev. C.J. Vander Velde as clerk, and Rev. K.A. Kok as vice-chairman. Rev. J. Huijgen is appointed to replace Rev. Vander Velde as deputy for examinations. Rev. Wynia is appointed to replace Rev. Vander Velde as alternate church visitor. Rev. J. Huijgen is appointed as fraternal delegate to the next Classis Southern Ontario (URC).

It is determined that nothing censurable was said, or done during the meeting. The question period is made use of. The Acts were adopted and the Press Release approved. The Rev. K.A. Kok closes the meeting with prayer.

For the Classis,
Rev. K.A. Kok