

Press Release of Classis Contracta of Classis Central Ontario June 12, 2009

Br. R. Ludwig, on behalf of the convening church Burlington-Waterdown, called the meeting to order. He requested the brothers to join him in singing Hymn 46:1 and 2. He read John 3: 1-21 and led in prayer.

The credentials were examined by br. Ludwig. He reported that four churches were lawfully represented: Burlington Ebenezer, Burlington-Waterdown, Flamborough, and Toronto. Classis Contracta was constituted. Rev. Jan DeGelder was appointed as chairman and elder Gerard Nordeman as clerk. The provisional agenda as prepared by the convening church was adopted. The only item being the approbation of the call to Rev. H. Versteeg by the church at Toronto according to Articles 5.B, 5.D, and 9 of the Church Order, to labour as a missionary minister in Papua New Guinea. The following supporting documents were presented and found to be in good order:

1. The letter of call to the Rev. H. Versteeg, including financial arrangements.
2. The letter of acceptance from the Rev. Versteeg.
3. The certificate of the honourable release of Rev. Versteeg from the church at Chatham.
4. An attestation regarding Rev. Versteeg from the church at Chatham.
5. The letter of the honourable release of Rev. Versteeg from Classis Ontario West.
6. A declaration from the church at Toronto that appropriate announcements were made to the congregation regarding the acceptance of the call by Rev. Versteeg, and that no objection was raised.

Classis declared that the call can be approbated.

During personal question period a question was raised regarding representation from Classis Central Ontario at the installation of the Rev. Versteeg on June 14, 2009. The church at Flamborough was appointed to represent the churches of this classis.

Censure according to Art. 34 C.O. was not found to be necessary. The Acts and Press Release were approved. The chairman spoke some words of congratulations to the delegate of the church at Toronto with the acceptance of the call, and wished the church at Toronto and the Rev. Versteeg God's blessings in the continuation of the mission task in Papua New Guinea. He then closed the meeting with prayer. For the Classis Contracta of Classis Central Ontario, G.J. Nordeman, clerk at that time.