

Press Release Classis Central Ontario – September 18, 2009

The delegates of the convening church, Rehoboth, opened the meeting in the Christian manner, with prayer and a reading from Psalm 67. The assembly joined in singing this Psalm. The delegates from Fellowship Church reported that all six churches of classis were duly represented. Classis was constituted. The suggested officers took their places with Rev. W. Den Hollander as chairman, Rev. J.L. van Popta as vice chairman, and Rev. Dr. G. Nederveen as clerk.

The chairman noted various items of memorabilia; Ottawa celebrated 50 years of blessing. Rev. Vandeburgt was welcomed, as he was present as delegate from Rehoboth church for the first time. Condolences were extended to Rev. Nederveen with the recent passing of his elderly mother. Rev. Versteeg was installed as missionary in Toronto, to work in Port Moresby where the Rev. S. 't Hart had worked until his repatriation to Australia. Rev. Versteeg's departure to the mission field is immanent. Bethel Church also hosted a farewell for the Togerez family who have repatriated from working in the mission field flying for MAF. The College celebrated 40 years of blessing under God's grace preparing men for the ministry. Rev. Mulder is struggling with mobility issues. Rev. den Hollander declined a call to Chatham.

The provisional agenda was reviewed and the agenda was established.

The Rev. D. Vandeburgt, who was present for the first time since his installation as minister of the Word for Rehoboth the Church, signed the Form of Subscription.

A letter was received from the Theological College confirming that Br. Ryan Kampen has successfully completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study and thus fulfilled all the requirements for speaking an edifying word in the churches.

Church Visitation Reports were received for all the churches. The assembly notes with thankfulness that church life in all the churches is blessed by the Lord Jesus, head of the church.

Many reports were received from various committees as well as audit and inspection reports. The archives of classis were reported as complete. The treasurer's report was received. The books the treasurer were reported to be accurate. The books of the treasurers of the committee for Financial aid to Students and to churches were also reported to be accurate. The Church at Flamborough, as church for financial aid to Students reported that no requests for aid were received. The committee recommendation to increase the fund to 10,000,00 was approved. The Committee for Financial aid to Churches reported on one request for aid for 2010. After a brief discussion, the committee's recommendations were approved. A delegate from the church receiving aid spoke words of appreciation for the financial assistance that the churches continue to give. Rev. den Hollander reported on a visit he made to the Free Church of Scotland National Synod. All these reports were received with thankfulness.

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.

The following appointments were made

- Convening church for the next Classis: Flamborough Dec 11, 2009
  - Suggested officers: Rev. J. de Gelder , chairman; Rev. W. den Hollander , vice chairman; Rev J.L. van Popta clerk.
  - Examiners coordinators: Rev. W. den Hollander and Rev. G. Ph. VanPopta
  - Exegesis OT: Rev. G. Nederveen
  - Exegesis NT: Rev. J. L. van Popta
  - Knowledge of Scripture: Rev. J. L. Van Popta
  - Doctrine & Creeds: Rev. J. de Gelder
  - Church History: Rev. W. den Hollander
  - Ethics: Rev. D.Vandeburgt
  - Church Polity: Rev. G. Nederveen
  - Diaconiology: Rev. G. Ph. van Popta
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- Church Visitors: Rev. J. de Gelder, Rev. W. den Hollander, Rev. G. Nederveen.
  - Church for taking care of the Archives: Burlington Ebenezer
  - Church to inspect the archives: Burlington Fellowship
  - Treasurer: H. J. Sloots,
  - Church for Financial Aid for students for the Ministry: Flamborough
  - Committee for Needy Churches: H. J. Sloots (2010), L. Kampen (2012), E. Schouten (2011).
  - Church for auditing the books of the Classical Treasurer, the Fund for Needy Churches  
and the Fund for Financial aid for Students for the Ministry: Burlington-Waterdown.
  - Observer Free Church of Scotland: Rev. W. den Hollander.

Classis chose the following brothers as delegates to Regional Synod East, to be convened on November 11, 2008 in Grassie:

Ministers: Revs. J. de Gelder, G. Nederveen,  
Alternates: Revs. D. Vandeburgt, J.L. van Popta  
Elders: K. Veldkamp, H. Horsman  
Alternates: H. Vanderwel, R. Nordeman

The chairman judged that censure according to Art. 34 C.O. was not required. The Acts were read and adopted, after which the Press Release was read and approved. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 58:1,2, after which the he led in thanksgiving prayer. The chairman then closed assembly.

For Classis: J.L. van Popta