

Press Release of the Classis Contracta of the Canadian Reformed Churches in the area Classis Pacific West, June 16, 2009.

Rev. T. Lodder opened the meeting on behalf of the convening church. The churches of Cloverdale, Langley, Surrey and Willoughby Heights sent delegates. Rev. Lodder was appointed chairman and Rev. A. Souman clerk.

The church of Langley requested the approval of the release of Rev. W. Bredenhof from his duties in the church of Langley as well as the release of his duties in Classis Pacific West.

The required documents were presented and found to be in order. Classis approved the release of the Rev. Bredenhof from the church in Langley and granted him the release of his duties in classis Pacific West per June 29, 2009. Classis provided him with a classical certificate of release.

The church of Surrey requested the approval of the release of Rev. Van Vliet of his ministerial task in the church at Surrey, so that he can take up his appointment at the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches in Hamilton, and also release from his duties in the classical area of Pacific West. Rev. VanVliet will retain his ministerial status in the church of Surrey.

The required documents were presented and found to be in order. Classis approves the release of Rev. VanVliet from his ministerial duties in Maranatha church of Surrey and granted him release from his classical duties per July 1, 2009. Classis provided him with a classical certificate of release.

The Maranatha Church at Surrey requests the appointment of a counsellor as well as pulpit supply, both for the duration of the vacancy.

Classis decided to appoint Rev. A. Souman as counsellor and Rev. H. Alkema as coordinator for the pulpit supply for Surrey. Surrey is granted classical pulpit supply for one Sunday per month.

Classis appointed as examiners in the place of Rev. Bredenhof, Rev. Slaa for church policy and Rev. T. Lodder for ethics.

In the personal question period Rev. VanVliet expressed thankfulness for the good cooperation, the peace and good harmony which he experienced in this classical district.

The chairman spoke words of thanks to Rev. VanVliet and wished him the Lord's blessings. The chairman also asked the delegates from Langley to convey words of thankfulness to Rev. Bredenhof.

The acts were adopted and the press release approved. Rev. A. Souman led in prayer and the meeting was closed.