

Press Release of Classis Contracta for Classis Pacific West, held December 14, 2009, in Houston, BC

1. On behalf of the convening church Houston, BC, Rev. Hendrik Alkema opened the meeting with reading of Romans 10, invited delegates to sing from Hymn 29:1,2 and then led in prayer.
2. The Credentials from the delegates were examined by the delegates from Smithers. From Houston CanRC, the consistory delegated Rev. Hendrik Alkema and Elder Henry Dykstra. From Smithers CanRC, the council delegated Pastor James Slaa and Elder Ed Wierenga. The credentials were found to be in order.
3. Classis was declared constituted.
4. The consensus was that the Chairman would be Rev. Hendrik Alkema and the clerk would be Pastor James Slaa.
5. After a few changes to the provisional agenda, the agenda was adopted.
6. Correspondence:
 - A. Request from Maranatha CanRC of Surrey, BC to approbate the call extended to Rev. T. VanRaalte.
 - B. Documents required from Maranatha CanRC of Surrey, BC.
 1. Letter of Call to Rev. VanRaalte, dated October 4, 2009, complete with the Provisions for the Minister and his family.
 2. The Acceptance of the Letter of Call, dated October 24, 2009.
 3. Notice that December 1, 2009 at 12:00 AM PST was the agreed upon date and time for the transfer of responsibility for Rev. VanRaalte and his family.
 4. Certificate of Release and Ecclesiastical Attestation from the Consistory with the Deacons of the Redeemer CanRC of Winnipeg, MB, dated November 12, 2009.
 5. Certificate of Release from Classis Contracta Manitoba of December 4, 2009.
 6. A letter from Maranatha Surrey indicating that the congregation was fully involved in the calling process and that proper announcements were made .
7. Since it was determined that all the required documents were in order, Classis approved the call.
8. The Church of Cloverdale was appointed to represent Classis at the installation or welcome evening of Rev. T. VanRaalte, set for December 20, 2009, D.V. and January, 2010, D.V. respectively.
9. Personal Question Period was held.
10. The Chairman ruled that Censure Art. 34 of the C.O. was not necessary.
11. The Acts and Press Release were adopted.
12. Rev. Alkema gave thanks in prayer and closed the meeting.

For Classis Pacific West,
December 14, 2009

Pastor James Slaa (clerk, at that time)