

Press Release of Regional Synod East November 11, 2009 in Grassie, Ontario.

Rev. C. VanDam, minister of the convening Church, called the meeting of the delegates to order. After speaking a few words about Remembrance Day he called for a minute of silence. Thereafter he connected Remembrance Day to the ultimate peace giving work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He read from Hebrews 11:1-10, 11: 32-12:3, led in prayer, and then requested the singing of Hymn 34:1-6.

Rev. J. DeGelder was elected as chairman, Rev. J. Ludwig as clerk, and Rev. J. VanWoudenberg as vice-chairman. The chairman thanked Rev. VanDam and the convening church for their work.

After the agenda was adopted, Synod first dealt with an overture from Classis Niagara which requested Synod to overture General Synod 2010 to ask the next Synod of the United Reformed Churches in North America to declare that the “Nine Points of Schererville” do not have confessionally binding authority on office-bearers in the federation. After a few clarifying amendments Synod “took over” this overture. Synod also decided to send this overture to all the churches in the federation.

Synod then deliberated on an overture from Classis Ontario West. Currently in the federation each classis has its own needy student fund to help students in need. Classis Ontario West proposed that General Synod appoint a church near the Theological College (and thus aware of living expenses in that area) to administer a single needy student fund for the federation. If a student had a need he would then approach the consistory which sent his attestation to the college for admission, and this consistory could then seek support from the rest of the federation via the fund. This would serve to promote consistency of support and the timely addressing of needs. The Church of Burlington Ebenezer submitted a letter in connection with this overture, suggesting that this proposed needy student fund be combined with our current Pastoral Training Fund. Synod decided to take over the overture from Classis Ontario West, but with some revisions and further suggestions for General Synod to consider. Synod also decided not to adopt the suggestion from Burlington Ebenezer since the funding of the PTP Program and the support of needy students are two distinct matters.

Reports were received from the deputies of Regional Synod, the treasurer, and the church to inspect the archives. Financial audits of the books of the treasurer of Regional Synod were also received. These reports and audits showed all to be in good order. Synod

expressed appreciation for all the work done and adopted the proposed assessment from the treasurer of \$3.00 per communicant member.

Synod then made the following appointments:

Delegates to General Synod Burlington 2010

Elders (alphabetical order)	Ministers (alphabetical order)
Elder A. Bax	Rev. D. Agema
Elder W. Horsman	Rev. J. DeGelder
Elder J. Jonker	Rev. P. Feenstra
Elder C. Poppe	Rev. J. Moesker
Elder B. Stulp	Rev. J. VanWoudenberg
Elder H. Vanderwel	Rev. D. Wynia
Alternate Elders (in order)	Alternate Ministers (in order)
1. Elder E.J. Post	1. Rev. W. DenHollander
2. Elder T. Lodder	2. Rev. J. Ludwig
3. Elder J. Temple	3. Rev. C. Vandervelde
4. Elder H. DeJong	4. Rev. G. Nederveen
5. Elder B. Buist	5. Rev. E. Kampen
6. Elder P. Flach	6. Rev. M. VanLuik

Regional Synod Deputies as per C.O. 48

	Deputy	Alternate
From Classis Central Ontario as deputy for Classis Northern Ontario and Niagara	Rev. W. DenHollander	Rev. J. DeGelder
From Classis Northern Ontario as deputy for Classis Central Ontario and Ontario West	Rev. P. Feenstra	Rev. J. VanWoudenberg
From Classis Niagara as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West	Rev. J. Huijgen	Rev. C. VanDam
From Classis Ontario West as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara	Rev. J. Ludwig	Rev. W. Bredenhof

Other Appointments

Treasurer of Regional Synod	Mr. Dave VanAmerongen (342 Russ Road, R.R. # 1, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7)
Church to audit the books of the treasurer	Grassie
Church to maintain the archives	Toronto
Church to inspect the archives	Brampton
Date of Next Regional Synod	November 10, 2010
Convening Church of next Regional Synod	Flamborough
Minister recommended to General Synod 2010 for appointment to serve on the Board of Governors of the Theological College	Rev. D. Agema (alternates in order: Rev. W. DenHollander; Rev. J. Ludwig; Rev. M. VanLuik)

In closing the chairman commented on the brotherly harmony during the meeting, requested the singing of Psalm 121:1-4, and led in closing prayer.

Rev. J. VanWoudenberg (vice-chairman e.t.)