

Press Release of Regional Synod West – November 14th, 2006

in the Surrey Maranatha Church building

1. Opening: On behalf of the convening church, Rev. J. Van Vliet called the meeting to order. Proverbs 1:1-7 was read and Psalm 111:1,5 sung, after which he led in prayer.
2. The credentials were examined. All the classical regions were represented.
3. Synod was declared constituted, with Rev. J. Visscher serving as chairman, Rev. A.J. Pol as vice-chairman, and Rev. C. Bouwman as clerk.
4. Rev. Visscher welcomed the delegates and thanked the convening church for its efforts in organizing this regional synod. The agenda was adopted after some additions.
5. Correspondence.
 1. An appeal against a decision of Classis Pacific East, Dec. 8, 2005. The appeal was declared admissible on the grounds that it responds to a decision of Classis Pacific East. It was dealt with in closed session. The appeal was denied.
 2. A letter from the Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church at Winnipeg with the Revised Regulations for Regional Synod West. The Regulations were approved with amendments. Paper and digital copies of the Revised Regulations will be passed on to the churches.
6. An overture was received from the church at Smithers through Classis Pacific West October 10-11, 2005, regarding the Lord's Supper for shut-ins. The overture was passed on to General Synod along with observations and considerations from Classis and Regional Synod.
7. There were no instructions to be dealt with by Regional Synod.
8. Reports.
 1. The Treasurer's report was received with gratitude.
 2. The Church of Taber reported that it had audited the books of the treasurer and found them in order.
9. Appointments
The following delegates were appointed to attend General Synod:
 1. Elders: H. Berends, P. De Boer, Jacob Kuik, B. Meerstra, A. Poppe, A. Van Leeuwen; alternates: G. Geurts, W. Nobel, B. Vane, W. Van Assen, in that order.
 2. Ministers: R. Aasman, P. Holtvlüwer, J. Louwerse, R. A. Schouten, J. Visscher, B. Wielenga; alternates: A.J. Pol, C. Bouwman, J. Moesker, D. Poppe, in that order.
 3. Loss of wage claims for delegates to General Synod: remunerations remain at a maximum of \$200.00 per day up to \$1,000 per week. Km. reimbursements were set at \$0.40 per km.
 4. Br. Moedt was reappointed as treasurer. The Canadian Reformed Church of Taber was reappointed to audit the books.
 5. Deputies ad Art. 48 C.O. Classis Pacific West: J. Visscher; alternates: J. Van Vliet, T. Lodder, in that order. Classis Pacific East: R.A. Schouten; alternates C. Bouwman, J. Moesker, in that order. Classis Alberta: R. Aasman; alternates, E.J. Tiggelaar, W.B. Slomp, in that order. Classis Manitoba: A.J. Pol; alternates D.M. Boersema, P.H. Holtvlüwer, in that order.
 6. The following nominations were made for the Board of Governors: C. Bouwman; substitutes J. Visscher, R. Aasman, in that order. Regional Synod also renominated W.B. Slomp and R. A. Schouten.

10. Next Regional Synod is scheduled for November 6, 2007, to be convened by the Canadian Reformed Church of Carman East, in Carman, Manitoba.
11. Question period was held.
12. Censure ad Art. 34 C.O. was not needed.
13. The Acts of Regional Synod were adopted and the Press Release approved.
14. In closing Hymn 40:1,5 was sung and Rev. Visscher led in prayer.
For Regional Synod West, November 14, 2006
Rev. A.J. Pol (vice-chairman at that time).