

Classis Ontario West was convened by the Providence Canadian Reformed Church at the Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church in Hamilton, ON the morning of September 16, 2009. Representing the convening church, Rev. Wes Bredenhof led opening devotions, welcomed delegates and guests, and recalled items of memorabilia---namely, the acceptance of calls by Rev. Reuben Bredenhof and Candidate Rodney Vermeulen to the churches of London and Glanbrook, respectively, the provision of pastors to Ancaster and Hamilton-Providence in the persons of Rev. John Ludwig and Rev. Wes Bredenhof, respectively, and the ongoing vacancies in the churches of Grand Rapids and Chatham. After Rev. Cornelis Kleyn assumed the chair and made some opening remarks, he invited Candidate Vermeulen to present his sermon proposal on 2 John 4-11, which classis deemed sufficient to continue with the examination. Candidate Vermeulen was then examined in Old Testament, New Testament, doctrine and creeds, church history, Scripture knowledge, ethics, diaconology and church polity. Classis judged that Candidate Vermeulen sustained his exam and, after his signing of the form of subscription, he and his wife were congratulated by the delegates and guests. The assembly was greeted by Rev. Christo Heiburg on behalf of Classis Southern Ontario of the URCNA and by Rev. John Ferguson on behalf of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario of the OPC. Classis approved the call of the Trinity Canadian Reformed Church of Glanbrook to Candidate Vermeulen. Classis denied a proposal from the Church of Kerwood to adopt the guidelines of Classis Northern Ontario for Dealing with Appeals on the grounds that these guidelines assign responsibilities to a standing committee of classis which belong properly with local consistories. Classis adopted a revised overture from the church of Chatham for Regional Synod regarding a synodically appointed church for needy theological students. Classis adopted the church of Chatham's recommended assessment of \$20 per communicant member for 2010 for the needy student fund and the church of Ancaster's recommendation that, in view of the absence of requests for assistance, nothing be collected for the fund for needy churches. The church of Kerwood is appointed the convening church of the next Classis meeting to be held on December 16, 2009 and the following men were appointed as officers: Rev. Bill DeJong as chairman; Rev. Wes Bredenhof as clerk and Rev. John Ludwig as vice-chair. The following were delegated to Regional Synod: elders Bill Dokter and Keith Temple, with alternates Jack Lenting and M. Wieske, and ministers: Rev. John Ludwig and Rev. Wes Bredenhof, with alternates Rev. Bill DeJong and Rev. Cornelis Kleyn. Rev. Cornelis Kleyn led the closing devotions.

For Classis,

Rev. Bill DeJong, vice-chair