

## **Press Release of the Classis Contracta of Classis Ontario-West November 18, 2009.**

The meeting was opened, on behalf of the convening church at London, by br. Ted Schouten. With the reading of Ephesians 2, singing Ps 119:1 and prayer. The credentials were examined and it was found that the Canadian Reformed Churches of London, Chatham and Kerwood were all three lawfully present.

Classis Contracta was constituted with br. Ted Schouten appointed as chairman, br. Keith Temple as clerk and Rev Cornelis Kleyn as vice-chairman. The provisional agenda as prepared by the convening church was adopted, the only item being the approbation of the call extended to Rev Reuben Bredenhof by the Pilgrim Canadian Reformed Church of London according to article 5b, 5c and 9 of the Church Order.

The following supported documentation was examined and found to be in good order:

1. The letter of call including the appendix with financial arrangements
2. The letter of acceptance
3. An attestation from the church at St Albert
4. A letter of honourable release from Classis Alberta
5. Declaration regarding proper announcements and that no objection was raised

A discussion was held as to the process of preparing Classis Contracta. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to have some guidelines prepared for future use. Classis approbated the call to Rev Reuben Bredenhof. And it was confirmed that the Grace Canadian Reformed Church at Kerwood would represent the classis at Rev Bredenhof's installation DV. on Sunday 22 November in the morning worship service.

During question period the delegates from the Grace Canadian Reformed Church at Kerwood requested the cancellation of Classis Ontario West set for December 16, 2009 in accordance with article 44 of the Church Order, which states that cancellations must be done in consultation with the neighbouring church. The neighbouring churches consented to this request.

Public censure according to article 34 of the church order was not found necessary. The acts and press release were approved. The vice chairman spoke some words of congratulations to the church of London and wished them and Rev Bredenhof God's blessings in the work of ministering to the flock at London. The vice chairman closed the meeting with the singing of Psalm 135:1,9 and 10 and prayer.

For the Classis-Contracta on behalf of Classis Ontario West,  
Rev Cornelis Kleyn, vice chairman at the time.