

**Press Release of Classis Manitoba of the Canadian Reformed Churches held on
December 12th, AD 2008 in Carman East Manse, MB**

1. Opening on behalf of the convening Church at Carman East

On behalf of the convening church at Carman East, Rev. P.H. Holtvlüwer opened the meeting by requesting the singing of Psalm 115: 1, 5 and reading Psalm 115. He then led in prayer.

2. Report on the examination of the credentials by the delegates of Carman East.

Rev. Holtvlüwer offers words of welcome to all, especially to the brothers in Denver who were present 'electronically'. The following items were mentioned for *memoriblia*:

Special welcome to Rev. R.J. den Hollander, present as delegate for the first time, and congratulations to Winnipeg Grace on receiving a new pastor.

Rev. Holtvlüwer declined the call to Ancaster.

The credentials were examined and all *primi* delegates were present with proper credentials with the exception of Rev. A.J. Pol (due to other responsibilities within the federation). Br. DeWitt attended as alternate. Classis was constituted.

3. Appointment of officers:

The following brothers assumed their positions as agreed to by the body:

Chairman: Rev. P.H. Holtvlüwer

Vice-chairman: Rev. R.J. den Hollander

Clerk: Rev. J. Poppe

4. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as received.

5. Seating of Fraternal Delegates

Denver requests that Rev. Horner be seated as observer to Classis. Request granted.

6. Proposals and Instructions from the Churches

a) Proposal from Carman East to update regulations of Classis Manitoba

Proposal adopted with one minor modification.

7. Question Period according to Article 44, C.O.

All churches answer yes, yes, and no to the questions of Article 44 posed by the chairman with the exception of the churches at Carman East and Grace.

a) Carman-East request for concurring advice

Advice was given.

b) Grace request for concurring advice on two matters

Advice was given.

8. Appointments

a) Convening Church for the next Classis

Carman West

b) Date for the next two Classes

Mar.20/09 at 1 p.m. with alternate date June 26/09 at 1 p.m.

c) Suggest executive officers for next Classis

Chairman: Rev. A.J. Pol

Vice-chairman: Rev. P.H. Holtvlüwer

Clerk: Rev. R.J. den Hollander

9. Personal Question Period.

Personal question period was not made use of.

10. Censure according to Article 34, C.O.

It was noted with thankfulness that censure was not needed.

11. Adoption of the Acts and approval of the Press Release.

12. Closing.

The chairman, Rev P.H. Holtvlüwer, asks Classis to sing Hymn 15:1, 3, led the meeting in prayer and closed the assembly.

For Classis Manitoba December 12, 2008

R.J. den Hollander (vice-chair at that time)