

**Press Release of Classis Contracta of Classis Manitoba held on December 4, 2009 in the Manse of the Grace Canadian Reformed Church (via conference call)**

**1. Opening by the convening church (Winnipeg-Grace)**

On behalf of the convening church of Grace Canadian Reformed Church, Rev. R.J. den Hollander welcomed all present and then opened the meeting by requesting the singing of Psalm 134:1-3 and reading Psalm 134. He then led in prayer. As memorabilia it is mentioned that our sister church, Providence Reformed Church Winnipeg, received news that Rev. Bezuyen declined the call extended to him. Rev. G. Horner, interim pastor in Denver American Reformed Church, received a call to the Providence RCUS in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

**2. Examination of the credentials (Art. 32 CO)**

The credentials were examined by the convening church and were found to be in good order. Instead of Redeemer as nearest church, since their former pastor requested this Classis, Carman East appointed delegates.

**3. Classis was constituted.**

**4. Appointment of executive officers**

The following brothers were suggested and appointed:

Chairman:	Rev. P.H. Holtvliwer
Clerk:	Rev. R.J. den Hollander

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as received.

**6. Request of Rev. T.G. Van Raalte for certificate of honourable release (Art 5 CO).**

The following documents have been provided:

- a) Letter of call from Surrey-Maranatha
- b) Letter of acceptance of call from Rev. Van Raalte
- c) Letter from Surrey-Maranatha affirming acceptance of responsibility
- d) Certificate of honourable release and ecclesiastical attestation from Winnipeg-Redeemer

After the documents were examined and found to be in good order, Classis issued a Certificate of Honourable Release for Rev. T.G. Van Raalte, thanked him for his work in Redeemer and Classis Manitoba and encouraged him in his future work in Surrey.

**7. Personal question period**

Personal question period was made use of.

**8. Brotherly Censure (Art 34, CO)**

It was noted with thankfulness that censure was not needed.

**9. Adoption of the Acts and approval of the Press Release**

The Acts were adopted and Press Release approved.

**10. Closing**

The chairman, Rev. Holtvliwer, asked Classis to sing Psalm 84:5, led the meeting in prayer and closed the assembly.

*For Classis Contracta of Classis Manitoba Dec.4, 2009  
R.J. den Hollander (clerk at that time)*