

## **Press Release of Classis Alberta, December 9, 2008, St.Albert.**

On behalf of the convening Church at St.Albert Rev.R.Bredenhof called the meeting to order and welcomed all the delegates. Several items were remembered concerning the life of the churches since the last classis. He then read from Psalm 48, requested the brothers to sing from the same psalm, the first and third stanzas, and led in prayer.

The credentials were examined. All the Churches were duly represented. Classis was then constituted. The following officers took their positions: as chairman, Rev. R. Aasman, vice-chairman, Rev. J.D. Louwerse, and Clerk, Rev. E.J.Tiggelaar. Rev.R. Aasman thanked the Church at St.Albert for the preparations involved in the convening of classis. The proposed agenda was adopted after one addition.

- Reports:
- a. Report of the classis treasurer. The report of the classis treasurer is received with thanksgiving. The treasurer br. John Buitenbos will be acknowledged for his continued diligence in this task.
  - b. Report of the church for the inspection of the books of the treasurer. The Church of St.Albert inspected the books of the treasurer, and found them to be in good order. The report is received with thanksgiving.
  - c. Reports of church visitors. In closed session, reports on visitations to the Churches at Taber, Coaldale, Calgary, Neerlandia and Barrhead are read. These reports are received with thankfulness.

Instructions from the churches: The Church of Barrhead requested advice on a matter of discipline. Advice was given.

Greetings from the URCNA: Rev.D. Kok from URCNA of Leduc was given the opportunity to address classis. Rev. J.Louwerse responded with some appropriate words.

Question Period according to Article 44 of the Church Order was held.

Appointments:

- a. The convening Church for next Classis is the Canadian Reformed Church at Taber. Suggested executive officers for the next classis: Rev. R.Bredenhof, Chairman, Rev. R.Aasman, Vice-Chairman, Rev. J.Louwerse Clerk. Date: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 9:00 AM. Alternate date: June 9, 2009.

- b. Standing committees/classical deputies/church visitors.
  - i. Treasurer: Br. John Buitenbos.
  - ii. Church for auditing the books of the Treasurer: St. Albert.
  - iii. Church for taking care of the Archives: Edmonton Providence.
  - iv. Church to inspect the Archives: Edmonton Immanuel.
  - v. Church visitors: Rev. R.Aasman Rev. M.Jagt, Rev J.P. Kalkman, Rev. J.Louwerse, Rev.D.Poppe, Rev. W.B.Slomp, Rev.E.J. Tiggelaar (coordinator)
  - vi. Committee for Examination: Rev. R. Aasman and Rev. W.B.Slomp.
  - vii. Examiners:
    - 1. Exegesis O.T.: Rev. Aasman.
    - 2. Exegesis N.T.: Rev. Louwerse.
    - 3. Knowledge of Contents of Holy Scripture: Rev. Bredenhof.
    - 4. Doctrine and Creeds: Rev. Slomp.
    - 5. Church History: Rev. Tiggelaar.
    - 6. Ethics: Rev. Poppe.
    - 7. Church Polity: Rev. Rev. J. Kalkman.
    - 8. Diaconiology: Rev. M.Jagt.
  - viii. Committee for Financial Aid to Students for the ministry: Br's John Moedt (Taber), Mike Tams (Taber) and Andy Leffers (Coaldale).
  - ix. Deputy for Contact with the Provincial Government: Rev. E.J.Tiggelaar.
  - x. Contact Person to RCUS: Rev. R. Aasman Delegate to RCUS classis: Rev. E.J.Tiggelaar, alternate: Rev.D.Poppe .
  - xii. The convening church will be responsible to invite local URCNA churches to send observers. Delegate to URCNA classis: Rev. R.Bredenhof, alternate, W.B.Slomp.

Personal question period was not made use of. The chairman judged that Christian censure according to article 34 C.O. was not necessary. The Acts of Classis and press release were read and adopted. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 12:1,4,5. after which he lead in prayer and closed the meeting.

For Classis Alberta, Rev. J. Louwerse, vice-chairman at the time.