

Press Release of Classis Alberta, June 9, 2009

1. Opening

On behalf of the convening Church of Taber, Rev. M. Jagt opened the meeting in a Christian manner. A special welcome is extended to brother Tim Sikkema who is a theological intern with Rev. R. Aasman in Edmonton, and to brother K. Veldman of the URC in Lethbridge. The following memorabilia are mentioned: Rev. R. Bredenhof and his wife were blessed with a baby daughter; Rev. R. Aasman was away for teaching in a foreign country this past January; Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar's daughter had a stillborn daughter recently; Rev. J. VanVliet has taken over as professor of dogmatics at our College; sadly, this points to the fact that Dr. N.H. Gootjes is unable to return to the College because of health reasons; Dr. J. DeJong's health has deteriorated; Rev J. Louwerse and his wife were blessed with a baby daughter.

Credentials are in good order. Classis is constituted and the following brothers took their place as executive: Rev. R. Bredenhof, chairman; Rev. R. Aasman, vice-chairman; Rev. J. Louwerse, clerk.

2. Reports

- a. The Committee for Financial Aid to Needy Students for the Ministry submitted a report to Classis. The committee proposes to support a theological student at our college for 2009/2010 to the amount of \$14,760.00 per year which works out to \$10.00 per communicant member. This is approved.
- b. The Church at Immanuel submitted a report on the archives of Classes Alberta indicating that the archives are in good order.
- c. Church Visitor reports to the churches at Edmonton-Immanuel, Edmonton-Providence, St. Albert, Coaldale and Taber were dealt with in closed session. These reports were received with gratitude to the Lord that things are done decently and in good order in these congregations.
- d. Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar reports on contact with the Alberta government. Mostly this has to do with Canadian Reformed ministers being allowed to officiate at marriages.

3. Proposals and instructions

- a. The Church at Taber submitted an instruction that suggests Classis Alberta seriously consider using electronic media such as web/teleconferencing when there is no material for the agenda. The Church at Barrhead also submitted a written report outlining the use of video conferencing. The Church at Barrhead is asked to look into this matter and to present a proposal to the next Classis.

4. Question Period Article 44, CO

Some advice was requested by two congregations regarding the matter of church discipline and it was given.

5. URC Greeting

Brother K. Veldman gives greetings from the URC and expresses the wish for true unity between our churches. Rev. D. Poppe responds and expresses the desire on our part for unity.

6. Appointments

- a. The next Classis was scheduled to be convened by the Church at Barrhead on October 20, 2009, with alternate date December 8, 2009. The proposed officers are: chairman, Rev. M. Jagt, vice-chairman, Rev. R. Bredenhof, clerk, Rev. R. Aasman.
- b. Delegation to Regional Synod Abbotsford, November 3, 2009: elders: M. Tams and J. Vanveen; alternates (in order) H. Stel and H. Voorhorst; ministers: R. Aasman and H. Kalkman; alternates (in order) E. J. Tiggelaar and W. B. Slomp.

7. Personal Question Period

Several brothers made use of the question period.

8. Closing

After the acts were adopted and the press release approved, the chairman closed the meeting in a Christian manner.

R. Aasman