

## **PRESS REVIEW OF CLASSIS PACIFIC EAST JUNE 10, 2008 IN VERNON, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

On behalf of the convening church of Vernon, Rev. J. Moesker, read 1 Timothy 2 and requested those present to sing Hymn 58:1,2. He led in prayer for God's blessing on the assembly. Welcome was extended to all present. It was noted that since the last classis, Rev. R.C. Janssen of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) has accepted the call extended to him by the church of Abbotsford. Mention was made of the health circumstances of Prof. Dr. N. Gootjes in Hamilton. Prof. Dr. J. deJong's condition was also remembered.

The Lynden delegates reported that the credentials were in good order. The churches of Abbotsford and Lynden included instructions. Classis was declared constituted and the officers proposed by previous classis took their places. Classis proceeded with the following officers: chairman: Rev. R.A. Schouten as Rev. J. Moesker as vicechairman, and Rev. R. Ijbema as clerk. The agenda was established.

As the book containing the Form for Subscription was not present at the last classis, Rev. R. Ijbema duly signed this Form at this assembly. The Form adopted at Synod 2007 was used, and Abbotsford church will include this Form in the Classis Subscription book.

An appeal from Mr. T. Kingma was put into discussion. A page with some minor corrections submitted by the brother subsequent to his appeal was received. Classis decided that this appeal was not admissible. The delegates of Lynden abstained from voting on this matter.

The church of Vernon presented an audit of the books of the Classis Fund treasurer, brother R. Leyenhorst. It was reported that the financial records of the treasurer for the year 2007 were found to be in good order. The treasurer was discharged of his responsibility for the year audited, and his work was noted with gratitude.

The churches of classis were asked whether the ministry of the officebearers is being continued and whether the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. Delegates replied in the affirmative for all churches. It was also asked whether there are any matters in which consistories need the judgement and help of classis. The consistory of Abbotsford asked classis for advice in a matter of church discipline, and advice was given. Advice was given to the church of Lynden concerning a pastoral matter. The church of Abbotsford requested that Rev. W. Wielenga be re-appointed as counsellor, and this request was granted. The church of Abbotsford also requested classis pulpit supply for one Sunday a month, and this request was also granted.

Report of a church visit made to the Canadian Reformed Church of Aldergrove on May 22, 2008 by Revs. Ijbema and Moesker was presented. The report showed that life in this church is proceeding in a Biblical and orderly way.

The church of Yarrow was appointed to be convening church for next classis and the date of that assembly was set for September 16, 2008 (alternate date: December 9, 2008). The following officers were appointed for that assembly: as chairman, Rev. J. Moesker, as vicechairman Rev. R. Ijbema, and as clerk Rev. W. Wielenga. The following brothers were delegated to Regional Synod West November 4, 2008 in Carman: elders B. Kuik, C. deHaas with elders D. Schouten as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and B. Vane as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. The following ministers were delegated: R. Ijbema and C. Bouwman with W. Wielenga as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and J. Moesker as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.

Personal question period was not made use of, and the chairman concluded with thankfulness that censure as per Article 34 of the Church Order was not required. The Acts of classis were adopted and the Press Review approved for publication. The delegates sang Hymn 46 and after thanksgiving the chairman closed the assembly.

J. Moesker, vicechairman at the time