

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario, March 26, 2010, Guelph, Ontario

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. VanWoudenberg called the meeting of the delegates to order. He read from Revelation 12, asked the delegates to sing Hymn 41:1,2, and lead in prayer. As memorabilia he mentioned that Rev. Agema, Rev. Moesker, and Rev. VanLuik all recently celebrated 25 years in the ministry; the ongoing health difficulties of two professors at the college; the recent classical examinations in other classes; and the upcoming general synod. After the credentials were all found to be in order, classis was declared constituted. Rev. Geurts served as chairman, Rev. Feenstra as clerk, and Rev. VanWoudenberg as vice-chairman.

After adoption of the agenda classis dealt with an appeal.

Rev. Vandervelde conveyed greetings and gave a good report regarding a visit made to Classis Southern Ontario of the United Reformed Churches of North America, Feb 10, 2010.

In connection with Article 44 of the Church Order all the churches indicated that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. In closed session the church of Fergus Maranatha asked for and received concurring advice in a matter of discipline. The Church of Guelph asked for and received input from the members of classis on a matter regarding the proper government of the church.

After adopting a proposed revision of the classical regulations, classis dealt with a proposal from the Church of Fergus Maranatha regarding the stipulation in article 38 of the church order that "As a rule the ministers of the Word shall preside." Given that one of the churches requested more time to discuss this proposal classis decided to put this matter on the agenda of the next classis.

The church of Orangeville was appointed to serve as the next convening and hosting church for classis June 25, 2010 starting at 9:00 AM with the suggested officers being Rev. Kampen as chairman, Rev. Feenstra as vice-chairman, and Rev. Geurts as clerk.

Rev. Ferguson brought greetings from the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and from his own congregation in Komoka, ON. He extended an invitation to our classis to send observers to the next Presbytery meeting particularly as it will be held close by in Sheffield, Ontario. The chairman thanked him for his presence, greetings, and words of invitation.

The convening church for the next classis was instructed to invite observers from and possibly send observers to Classis Southern Ontario of the United Reformed

Churches, the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and the synode of the L'Eglise Reformee du Quebec.

After adoption of the Acts and approval of the Press Release the chairman led in prayer and classis was closed.

Rev. John VanWoudenberg (vice-chairman at that time).