

**Press Release of Classis Central Alberta
June 8, 2010**

On behalf of the convening church of Calgary, Rev. J.P. Kalkman called the meeting to order. He asked that we sing Psalm 100:1-4 and read from Mark 6:6-13, 30-43. He led in prayer.

The church of Calgary examined the credentials. The churches were properly represented. There were two instructions.

Classis was then constituted. The following officers took their place: chairman: Rev. J.P. Kalkman; vice-chairman: Rev. M. Jagt; clerk: Rev. R. Aasman.

In his memorabilia, the chairman noted that in the last months Rev. J. Louwse has received two calls, which he declined. The call extended by the church of St. Albert to Rev. J. Van Woudenberg was also declined. The chairman wished the church of St. Albert the Lord's blessings. He also gave thanks the church of Coaldale celebrated their 60th anniversary and the church of Calgary celebrated their 45th anniversary.

It was decided to allow Steve VandeVelde, who is currently taking the Pastoral Training Program in Coaldale, to observe classis when it enters into closed session.

The provisional agenda was adopted with some minor additions.

Classis received a report from the Committee for Financial Aid to Students for the ministry. Classis approved continued support for Br. Ted Van Spronsen.

The classical archives were inspected and found to be in good order.

Classis received a report on a good visit to the URCNA Classis of Western Canada January 14&15 2010. Greetings were given.

In closed session, Classis received reports on the church visitation of Barrhead and Neerlandia. Classis observed with joy the rich blessings of the LORD in the life of the churches.

Classis received a report on the churches' contact with the Provisional government. This mainly involves address updates and temporary marriage permits for out of province ministers officiating at weddings in Alberta.

Classis received a proposal from the church of Barrhead on video-conferencing. Classis decided to allow for this possibility in the future when there is a minimal agenda – and evaluate this afterwards.

The church of St. Albert requested pulpit supply. This was granted.

In closed session, advice was given on a matter of church discipline.

In accordance with Art. 44 C.O., the churches reported that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. There were no additional matters for which the churches needed help.

Classis dealt with two appeals. The first, on a matter of discipline, was granted. The second appeal objected to the singing of Augment Hymns in the worship service. This appeal was denied. Classis noted that Synod Smithers 2007 permitted the use of Augment Hymns in the worship.

The church of Coaldale was appointed to convene the next classis to be held on Thursday September 23rd, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The following officers were suggested: chairman: Rev. D. Poppe; vice-chairman: Rev. J.P. Kalkman; clerk: Rev. M. Jagt.

Question period was held.

The chairman deemed that censure as per Art. 34 C.O. was not necessary.

The Acts were read and adopted. The Press Release was approved for publication.

The chairman thanked the brothers for their good co-operation. After the singing of Hy. 58:1,2 he closed the meeting with prayer.

For classis,
M. Jagt
Vice-chairman, e.t.