

Press Release of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches held May 27, 2010

The meeting was opened by Dr. G. Nederveen. He read Psalm 146 and led in prayer. G. Nordeman, K. Veldkamp and B. Hordyk were absent with notice.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2010 were approved. The new governors appointed by the recently held Synod, Rev. R. Aasman and Rev. J. Ludwig, submitted letters indicating they had accepted their positions. They also signed a Statement of Compliance. The following were elected to serve as executive: Chair: Rev. R. Aasman; Vice: K. Veldkamp; Secretary: Dr. A.J Pol; Treasurer: H. Kampen. Words of appreciation were spoken to the retiring Board members, Dr. G. Nederveen and Rev. R.A. Schouten, who then left the meeting.

The Board noted with gratitude that Dr. J. VanVliet and Dr. J. Smith had accepted their appointments to the departments of Dogmatology and Old Testament respectively. The process has begun to move Dr. Smith and his family to the Hamilton area during the summer. The Lord willing, they will arrive sometime in August. With respect to the appointment of Dr. Smith, it is noted that he has served the Church at Albany for only five years after a vacancy of four years. As the churches may express thankfulness for having the vacancy at the College filled, it would also be fitting to remember the needs of the church at Albany in its upcoming vacancy.

Rev. J. DeGelder requested to be released from his appointment as lecturer in Church Polity due to the need to reduce his workload outside his congregation. The Board accepted his request and noted with appreciation the seven years he taught Church Polity. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Rev. DeGelder as well as to the Council of the Church at Flamborough for giving their minister the opportunity to teach at the College. The Board was informed that Dr. Nelson Kloosterman is available on a part-time basis to teach Church Polity. He is well qualified to teach this course, being very familiar with Reformed Church Polity. In 1991 he obtained his Th.D. from the Theological University of the Reformed Churches (liberated) in Kampen, the Netherlands, with a dissertation on *Scandalum Infirmorum et Communio Sanctorum: The Relation between Christian Liberty and Neighbor Love in the Church*. In addition to co-editing and writing numerous articles for the *Mid-America Journal of Theology*, and writing for various church magazines, Dr. Kloosterman has translated and published several books, including *The Ten Commandments: Manual for the Christian Life*, and *Responsible Conduct: Principles of Christian Ethics*, by J. Douma; *Preaching and the History of Salvation*, by C. Trimp; and *Saved By Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration*, by Herman Bavinck. He has also served many years on the Joint Church Order Committee. The Board appointed Dr. Kloosterman as lecturer in Church Polity at our Theological College for the next academic year.

The Board received reports from various committees. It was noted that the application to the Association of Theological Schools will be formally dealt with at a meeting of ATS to be held in June in Montreal. Membership in this Association has been pursued with a view to doing a comprehensive internal review of the College, as mandated by Synod Smithers 2007.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2010. Rev. R. Aasman led in prayer after which he closed the meeting.

On behalf of the Board,

Rev. E. Kampen