

PRESS RELEASE CLASSIS CENTRAL ONTARIO
held on June 11, 2010 in Burlington

1. On behalf of the convening church of Ottawa Rev. G. Ph. van Popta called the meeting to order. He read Revelation 5 and led in prayer. He then invited the assembly to sing Hymn 23:1,2,3,8, after which he welcomed all the delegates, especially br. Ryan Kampen, who is present for his preparatory examination.
2. The credentials were examined by the delegates of the church at Flamborough and were found to be in good order. All churches are lawfully represented by their primi-delegates, who have all signed the attendance list. There are no instructions.
3. Classis was then constituted. Officers were Rev. G. Nederveen, chairman; Rev. J. DeGelder, vice-chairman; and Rev. W. den Hollander, clerk.
4. The chairman mentioned as memorabilia,
 - The 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Den Hollander
 - The fact that on May 1 it was 55 years ago that the Ebenezer CanRC was instituted
 - The upcoming 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. D. DeJong
 - The fact that Synod Burlington 2010 was able to finish its agenda in good harmony.
 - Thankfulness for the fact that currently all the churches in the district of this Classis have ministers.He also thanks the church of Ottawa for preparing this Classis
5. The proposed agenda was adopted
6. Br Ryan Kampen had requested a preparatory examination in order to be declared eligible for call in the Canadian Reformed Churches. The required documents were presented and found to be in good order. Br. Kampen then presented his sermon proposal on 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13. In closed session classis discussed the sermon proposal, and concluded that there were no hindrances to continue the examination. Rev. Nederveen examined in exegesis OT (1 Samuel 1), Rev. J. VanPopta in exegesis NT (Matthew 21), and Rev. DeGelder in Doctrine & Creeds. In closed session classis concluded that br. Kampen had sustained the examination. In open session this was conveyed to him. After br. Kampen had promised not to teach anything contrary to the reformed confessions, Classis declared him eligible to be called for the ministry of the Word in the Canadian Reformed churches, of which he received written evidence. Rev. Nederveen led in prayer of thanksgiving.
7. The church visitation reports were read of visits to the churches in Burlington Ebenezer, Burlington Fellowship, Burlington-Waterdown, Flamborough, Ottawa and Toronto. With much gratitude Classis took note of the fact that positive reports could be submitted, and the chairman expressed thankfulness for the Lord's blessings in the churches of Classis Central Ontario.
8. In the question period according to Art. 44 CO all the churches answered the first two questions in the affirmative, and the third in the negative.
9. In closed session classis dealt with an appeal.
10. Classis appointed the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church at Toronto as convening church for the next Classis, scheduled for September 17, 2010. Suggested officers are Rev. D. VandeBurgt, chairman; Rev. G. Nederveen, vice-chairman; Rev. J. DeGelder, clerk.
11. One brother makes use of the question period.

12. The chairman concluded with gratitude that Censure according to Art. 34 C.O. was not needed.
13. The Acts were read and adopted, after which the Press Release was read and approved.
14. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 58, after which he led in thanksgiving prayer. Rev. Nederveen then closed Classis Central Ontario of June 11, 2010.

For Classis Central Ontario of June 11, 2010
Rev. J. DeGelder,
vice-chairman of that Classis.