

**Press Release of Classis Central Ontario
17 September 2010**

1. On behalf of the convening church of Toronto the Rev. William den Hollander opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer.
2. The credentials were examined by the delegates of Ottawa and were found to be in good order. There were no instructions.
3. Classis was declared constituted and the officers suggested by the previous classis were appointed: Chairman: Rev. Doug Vandeburgt; Vice-chairman: Rev. Gijsbert Nederveen; Clerk: Rev. Jan DeGelder
4. In his memorabilia the chairman mentioned that Candidate Ryan Kampen received a call to the church at Denver. It was also mentioned that on October 3rd it will be 50 years ago that the Rev. Dr. Hendrik Krabbendam was ordained as Ottawa's first minister and he hopes to celebrate this in Ottawa
5. The proposed agenda was adopted.
6. Reports:
 - 6.1 Burlington Fellowship reported on the inspection of the archives and found the archives to be complete and in good order.
 - 6.2 The treasurer, br. H.J. Sloots, reported on the financial position of classis. He indicated that there were sufficient funds in the past year. He suggested that the assessment for the next year be \$2.00 per communicant member. The assessment for Regional Synod East is also \$2.00.
 - 6.3 Burlington Rehoboth presented its audit of the books of the treasurer and reported that the books were found to be in good order. The treasurer was discharged from his responsibility for the previous year and is thanked for his diligence as treasurer.
 - 6.4 Flamborough presented its report on the Fund for Financial Aid to Students for the Ministry. There are sufficient funds. The bank balance at the time of the report was around \$8000. No requests for funds were made in the past year. Five churches still need to pay the assessment for 2010.

Flamborough did not recommend an assessment for 2011 as General Synod 2010 appointed the church at Grassie as the church to manage the Needy Student Fund. See 9a below.
 - 6.5 Burlington Rehoboth submitted its audit of the Fund for Financial Aid to Students for the Ministry and stated that the books were found to be in good order. The church of Flamborough was discharged of its duties with respect to the previous year.
 - 6.6 The report from the Committee for Needy Churches indicated that the church at Ottawa is seeking continued support. This support was granted and the churches are assessed \$14.50 per communicant member. This is a decrease from the previous year.

The delegates from Ottawa expressed their thanks and appreciation for the ongoing assistance they receive.
 - 6.7 Burlington Rehoboth submitted its audit of the books of the Fund for Needy Churches and reported that the books were found to be in good order. The treasurer of the Fund was discharged of his duties with respect to the previous year.
 - 6.8 Verbal report from church visitors regarding a special visit that resolved the issue at hand.

The reports were received with thankfulness. The chairman thanked the churches and the individuals for their faithful service to classis.
7. Question period according to Article 44 C. O.

In reply to the questions asked by the chairman "whether the ministry of the office-bearers

is being continued, whether the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured, and whether there is any matter in which the consistories need the judgment and help of classis for the proper government of their church," all the churches answered the first two questions in the affirmative, and none of the churches sought the help or judgment of classis. The chairman expressed gratitude to the Lord that the work in the churches continues unhindered.

8. Proposals or instructions

Burlington Rehoboth proposed the possibility of teleconferencing if there is little on the agenda and classis cannot be cancelled as per the Church Order regulations.

Classis is in favour of this direction and requested Rehoboth to table this at a subsequent meeting with the suggested revisions.

9. Correspondence

a. Letter from the Grassie CanRC re Canadian Reformed Needy Student Fund.

As the church appointed by General Synod 2010 to manage the Needy Student Fund, Grassie requested the transference of funds and related matters. Classis instructed the church at Flamborough to cooperate fully with Grassie to make the necessary transition.

10. Appointments:

10.1 Delegates to the Regional Synod East to be convened on 10 November 2010

Ministers: G. Nederveen and D. Vandeburgt

Alternates: J.L. van Popta and W. Den Hollander (in that order)

Elders: R. Jager and H. Kampen

Alternates: R. Ludwig and P. Broekema (in that order)

10.2 For next classis:

Convening church: Burlington Ebenezer; date: 10 December 2010.

Suggested officers: Chairman: G. Ph. van Popta; Vice-chairman: D. Vandeburgt;

Clerk: G. Nederveen

11. Question period was made use of.

12. Censure according to art. 34 CO was not necessary.

13. The Acts were adopted and the Press Release approved.

14. The chairman requested the brothers to sing Hymn 46:2 and led in closing prayer.

For Classis Central Ontario of 17 September 2010

Gijsbert Nederveen, vice-chairman