

## **Press Release of Classis Pacific West of the Canadian Reformed Churches meeting of October 5, 2010 at Willoughby, BC.**

Classis was opened by Rev. J. Slaa of Smithers, BC, the convening church of Classis. Classis sang Psalm 147:1,4 and Rev. Slaa read Genesis 8:20-22, reflecting on the faithfulness of the Lord in restoring life even in the face of death. Rev. Slaa remembered the illness of Rev. R. Schouten, and the difficulty this is on him, his wife and family, and the Aldergrove church. He also noted with thankfulness that Rev. T. VanRaalte and his wife received a new child from the Lord. As well, the installation of two new professors, Drs. Smith and VanVliet, to the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary were noted. These matters were remembered in opening prayer.

Credentials and the attendance list were reviewed by the delegates of the church at Langley and found to be in good order. Then the executive of classis was appointed: Rev. T. Lodder as chairman, Rev. R. deJonge as vice-chairman, and Rev. T. VanRaalte as clerk.

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Correspondence was received from Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie concerning the Needy Student Fund and from the Canadian Reformed Church of Houston concerning a matter of discipline.

Classis then received the report from the Committee for Theological Students and read the aforementioned letter from the church of Grassie. The committee will fulfill the requests of the church of Grassie and provide a proposal to the next classis concerning the future of this committee. Following this the Classis received the report from the Committee for Financial Aid to Needy Churches with thankfulness.

Question period according to Article 44 of the Church Order was held. Advice was given in closed session to two churches in matters of discipline.

The convening church for the next classis will be Surrey Maranatha, on Tuesday Dec 7, 2010 at 9:00, with April 5, 2011 being the alternate date. The suggested officers for the next classis, according to rotation, are Rev. J. Visscher as chairman, Rev. T. VanRaalte as vice chairman, and Rev. H. Alkema as clerk.

Personal question period was utilized. The chairman, Rev. Lodder deemed that censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary. After the adoption of the acts and press release, the chairman led in prayer and closed the meeting.

For the classis,

R. deJonge, vice chairman at that time.