

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario December 17, 2010

On behalf of the convening church of Owen Sound, Rev. Moesker began with bible reading, requested the brothers to sing and led in prayer. The delegates were welcomed. As the convening church of the last Classis, the delegates from Orangeville examined and reported on the credentials; all the churches were represented by their primary delegates. Classis was constituted, Rev. Moesker was appointed as chairman, Rev. Geurts as vice-chairman and Rev. Kampen as clerk. The agenda was adopted.

A letter from the church administering the Fund for Financial Aid for Students of the Ministry reported that the balance of the classical Fund, \$5,899.69, had been sent to the church at Grassie as the church administering the Federational Fund for needy students. The church at Guelph was relieved of their responsibility to administer the Classical Fund.

A church visitation report to the church of Grand Valley was presented by Rev. Moesker and Rev. VanLuik. The church visitors concluded that the all is done according to scripture and the church order.

Question period according to Article 44 of the Church order was held. All churches reported that ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honored. One church requested advice on a matter of discipline.

The Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church of Guelph requested the concurring advice of Classis for the institution of a new church on the west side of Guelph. With thankfulness, Classis gave positive advice concerning this institution. The chairman wished for the Lord's blessing as the process continues toward this institution. The church of Fergus Maranatha was appointed to represent the churches of the Classical Region at the institution of the new Church.

On behalf of the churches in Quebec, Rev. B. Westerveld sent his greetings. The church at Brampton was appointed as the convening church for the next Classis, to be held on March 25, 2011. The suggested officers are Rev. VanderVelde as chairman, Rev. Kampen as Vice-chairman and Rev. Moesker as clerk. The convening church for the next Classis was instructed to send invitations to the URCNA, OPC and the ERQ.

A question was raised in Question Period regarding the way that the churches are planning to use the new Provisional Book of Praise and a question was also raised regarding needed changes to the Classical Regulations.

The chairman judged that censure according to article 34 of the Church Order was not needed. The Acts of Classis were adopted and the Press Release was approved.

Classis sang, Rev. Geurts led in prayer and the chairman declared Classis closed.