

**Press Release of Classis Pacific East (Contracta) held on July 25, 2011 at 8:00 pm
in the CanRC at Yarrow, BC**

Opening: On behalf of the convening church, Rev. C. Bouwman opened the meeting and asked us to sing Psalm 102: 10, 11 after which he read Mark 8: 14-26 and led us in prayer. He welcomed all brothers to this meeting.

Examination of Credentials and Constitution of Classis: The credentials were checked by the delegates of the Aldergrove CanRC and it was established that five churches were represented by their *primi* delegates. Classis was declared constituted.

Appointment of Executive: For purposes of this meeting, the following brothers were appointed: Br. J. Vanlaar - Chairman; Br. H. Ludwig - Clerk.

Adoption of the agenda: The primary purpose of the meeting was the request to release Rev. R. Ijbema of Chilliwack and Rev. C. Bouwman of Yarrow from their duties in these congregations so that they would be able to pursue their calling to other congregations. We then proceeded to examine the documents related to the ministers.

Rev. R. Ijbema - the following documents were taken note of: letter of call from the church at Groningen Oost (NL), letter of acceptance by the minister, letter of agreement between the two churches concerned regarding responsibility for the minister (effective a/o August 31, 2011), attestation regarding the doctrine and conduct from the church at Chilliwack seeking release of their minister.

After all documents were found to be in order, classis agreed to grant Rev. R. Ijbema an honorable release from his duties and the clerk would write a letter to that effect.

The chairman thanked Rev. Ijbema for his work in Classis Pacific East and wished him the blessings of the Lord in his new congregation.

Rev. C. Bouwman - the following documents were taken note of: letter of call from the church at Smithville, ON, letter of acceptance by the minister, letter of agreement between the two churches concerned regarding responsibility for the minister (effective a/o August 22, 2011), attestation regarding the doctrine and conduct from the church at Yarrow seeking release of their minister.

After all documents were found to be in order, classis agreed to grant Rev. C. Bouwman an honorable release from his duties and the clerk would write a letter to that effect.

Appointments: At Yarrow's request, Rev. W. Wielenga of Lynden, WA was appointed as counsellor for the church at Yarrow, BC. There were no objections to this appointment.

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Question period: Rev. C. Bouwman and Rev. R. Ijbema both expressed their appreciation for the co-operation they could experience in working with colleagues and brother elders of Classis Pacific East during the time of their ministry among us.

Note was taken of the Farewell evenings being planned:

For Rev. Ijbema on July 31, 2011 at 7:30 pm. Rev. R. Schouten was delegated to represent Classis.

For Rev. C. Bouwman on August 21, 2011 at 7:30 pm. Rev. W. Wielenga was delegated to represent Classis.

Adoption of the Acts: The acts were adopted upon completion by the clerk and a press release would be prepared as well.

Closing: Br. J. Roukema led in closing prayer and the chairman closed the meeting.

Clerk (at that time),
Harold J. Ludwig