

## **PRESS RELEASE OF CLASSIS NORTHERN ONTARIO** **SEPTEMBER 23, 2011 IN ELORA, ONTARIO**

On behalf of the convening church of Elora Rev. C. J. VanderVelde opened the assembly in the Christian manner. He noted that since the time of the last classis, candidate T. Van Spronsen has declined the call to the Guelph Living Word Church. Also, he remembered that Professor J. Geertsema's wife was called home by the Lord.

The credentials were in good order and classis was declared constituted and proceeded with the following officers: Chariman: Rev. M.H. VanLuik. Vicechairman: Rev. J. Moesker, Clerk: Rev. C.J. VanderVelde. The agenda was established.

A number of reports were submitted. The church of Orangeville reported that the archives have been inspected and were found to be in good order. The treasurer of Classis, brother Henry Bosscher of Owen Sound, submitted a report of the financial status of the classical fund. The church of Owen Sound has audited the books of the Classis Fund and reported that the financial records of the treasurer for the year 2010 were found to be in good order. The treasurer was discharged of his responsibility for the year audited. Report of the Committee for Needy Churches was received. No requests for assistance has been received, so no assessment is necessary for this year. The Maranatha Church of Fergus reported that the finances of the Fund for Needy Churches are in good order.

The churches of classis were asked the questions prescribed in Art. 44 CO. The church of Brampton requested advice concerning a matter of church discipline.

A letter was received from Rev. B. Westerveld stating that the ERQ is unable to be represented at Classis and wishing the Lord's blessing on our deliberations.

The Maranatha church of Fergus was appointed convening church for next classis and the date of that assembly was set for December 16, 2011. The following officers were suggested: Chairman, Rev. J. VanWoudenberg; Vicechairman, Rev. C.J. VanderVelder; and clerk: Rev. M.H. VanLuik

The appointments for examinations were maintained as before. All ministers in Classis were reappointed as Church Visitors, with Rev. P. Feenstra as coordinator. The church of Owen Sound was reappointed as church in care of the Classis archives, with the church of Orangeville as church to inspect those archives. Brother Henry Bosscher of Owen Sound was reappointed classical treasurer, with the church of Owen Sound to inspect the books of the treasurer. The mileage rate for classis remains as before. Brother Westrik was reappointed to the Fund for Needy Churches, with the Immanuel Church of Guelph as church to audit the books of this fund. The churches of classis were assigned neighbouring churches. The Committee for Appeals was maintained.

The following brothers were chosen to be delegates to Regional Synod Fergus North, November 9, 2011:

Elder delegates: John VanderWoerd, Calvin Lodder

Alternate elder delegates: Harris Kottelenberg, Pete VanGrootheest

Minister delegates: Rev. D.G.J. Agema, Rev. C. J. VanderVelde

Alternate minister delegates: Rev. P. Feenstra, Rev. W. Guerts

Invitations to classis will be sent to churches in fellowship to send observers to the next classis, and the convening church of that classis will respond to invitations from other churches to send observers to their assemblies.

Personal question period was made use of for practical matters. Chairman concluded with thankfulness that censure as per Article 34 of the Church Order was not required. The Acts of classis were adopted and the Press Release approved for publication. After a song of praise and thanksgiving the chairman closed the assembly.

Rev. J. Moesker, Vicechairman e.t.