

Press Release of Classis Ontario West on December 14, 2011

Representing the convening church of Hamilton-Cornerstone, Rev. Bill DeJong welcomed delegates and guests and opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer before inviting the assembly to sing Hymn 20. Following the constitution of classis, Rev. Wes Bredenhof assumed the chair and recalled the following items of memorabilia: the pastoral vacancies in Grand Rapids and Chatham, Hamilton-Cornerstone's ongoing search for a second pastor and Rev. John Louwerse's recent decline of a call to serve in that capacity; Rev. Cornelis Kleyn has accepted a call to serve as missionary in Papua New Guinea; and candidate Steve Vandavelde, member of Glanbrook, has accepted the call to serve Carmen-East and has recently sustained his ordination examination. Student Abel Pol presented himself for a preparatory examination and delivered a sermon proposal on Isaiah 40:9-11 that Classis deemed was insufficient to continue with the examination. Rev. Christo Heiberg addressed Classis on behalf of the Classis South Ontario of the United Reformed Churches and the chairman responded. In closed session, a discipline case was addressed. Classis agreed to provide monthly pulpit supply to Chatham and Grand Rapids churches. An appeal from a member of Hamilton-Cornerstone was answered. The next Classis is scheduled for March 21, 2012 at the Providence Canadian Reformed Church in Hamilton. The chairman invited the assembly to sing Psalm 134 and led in closing prayer. Rev. Bill DeJong, vice-chair