

Press release of Classis Alberta, March 13, 2012, held via video conferencing in Barrhead, Calgary, Edmonton. and Lethbridge AB.

On behalf of the convening church of Neerlandia, Rev. J.D.Louwerse opened the meeting by inviting the assembly to sing from Psalm 122:2. He then read from the same psalm and led in prayer. Welcome was extended to all, including Rev. R.Pontier from Neerlandia URC, Rev. E.J.Tiggelaar, and br. Melvin Hoeksema. Some matters of memorabilia were noted. After the credentials were examined and found to be in good order, the classis was declared constituted. The officers suggested by the previous classis took their respective positions: Rev. A.B. Roukema, chairman, Rev. J.D. Louwerse, vice-chairman, and Rev. W.B. Slomp, clerk. The agenda was adopted.

The following reports were received. 1) A report from the church at Edmonton – Immanuel for the inspection the classis archives. The archives were found to be in good order. 2) A written report from Rev. E.J.Tiggelaar with respect to contact with the provincial government. 3) A report from Rev. J.D.Louwerse concerning a visit to Classis Western Canada of the URCNA held in Neerlandia, on Oct 13 &14, 2011.

Rev Pontier, fraternal delegate from the URCNA brought greetings and words of encouragement. The chairman responded in kind.

Question period according to Article 44 CO was held. All the churches answered the first two questions in the affirmative and the last question in the negative.

The Church of Barrhead requested continued pulpit supply. The request was for pulpit supply every three weeks. This was granted.

At the request of the Church of Taber a discussion was held about the etiquette of video conferencing. The Church of Taber will present a report at the next classis.

Classis appointed the church of St.Albert to convene the next classis on June 12,2012, with October 2, 2012 as alternate date. The suggested officers are: Rev. R. Aasman, chairman, Rev.A.B. Roukema, vice-chairman, and Rev. J.D.Louwerse, clerk. Question period was held.

Censure according to article 34 CO was not necessary. The Acts were adopted and the press release was approved. We sang from Psalm 122:3 and Rev Roukema led in closing prayer.

For classis, J.D.Louwerse (vice-chairman e.t.)