

Press Release of Classis Manitoba convened in the Winnipeg Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church on March 23, 2012

Opening

On behalf of Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church, the convening church of the March 23, 2012 classis, Br. W. van Beek called the meeting to order. He requested that the brothers sing Psalm 111:1,5 read 1 Peter 1:1-16 and led in prayer. He welcomed all present.

Memoroblia

It was noted that since the last classis, Rev. J. Poppe received and declined a call to the church at Chilliwack, Rev. K. Wieske is considering a call to serve as missionary for the Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church, Rev. S. Vandevelde has been ordained as minister of the Carman East Canadian Reformed Church, and Rev. R. Kampen has moved to Denver and his visa has been approved. It was noted with thankfulness that Br. Abel Pol formerly of the Carman West congregation sustained his preparatory examination and is now eligible for call.

Examination of Credentials

The credentials of the delegates were examined by the brothers from the Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church and reported to be in order. All delegates in attendance were primary delegates other than Rev. J. Poppe who was ill at the time.

Appointment of Executive Officers

The following officers were appointed:

President:	Rev. R. den Hollander
Vice President:	Br. W. van Beek
Clerk:	Rev. A. Pol

Adoption of the Agenda

Rev. den Hollander thanked the Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church for the preparations involved in convening the classis. The agenda was adopted. There were no fraternal delegates present.

Reports

A financial report was received from Br. H. Veldman, the treasurer of classis. It was decided that the classical assessment for 2012 will remain at \$10.00 per communicant member. The church of Carman West reported that the books of the treasurer of classis, Br. H. Veldman, were audited and found to be in order. The Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church reported that the archives of classis have been inspected and found to be in order, with the comment that some of the email correspondence was not signed or dated. A report was received from Br. W. van Beek in regard to the activities of the Deputies for Contact with the Provincial Government.

In closed session the church visitation reports on visits to the Canadian Reformed Churches of Carman East and West and the Grace and Redeemer Canadian Reformed Churches in Winnipeg were read. Opportunity for comment or questions was given. Prayers were offered for these churches after each report.

Question Period

Question Period according to Art. 44 C.O. was held. All churches answered in the affirmative that the ministry of the office-bearers is being maintained and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. The Winnipeg Grace church requested advice which was given in closed session.

Fraternal Delegates

There were no fraternal delegates present, but letters of response from OPC, URCNA and Winnipeg Providence were received and read to the meeting. Prayers were offered for the churches with which we have ecclesiastical fellowship.

Appointments

The convening church for the next classis is the Carman East Canadian Reformed Church. The classis is scheduled to be held on June 22, 2012. Alternate date: September 28, 2012. The suggested president for the next classis is Rev. R.J. Kampen.

Personal Question Period and Adoption of the Acts and Press Release

Personal question period was held.
No censure according to Art. 34 of the Church Order was necessary.
The Acts were adopted and the Press Release was approved for publication.

Closing

The president led in closing prayer.

For Classis Manitoba, March 23, 2012

W. van Beek

Vice-president at that time.