

ACTS of Classis Contracta for Classis Pacific West, held August 2, 2012, in Houston, BC

1. On behalf of the convening church, Houston, B.C., Elder Henry Hansma opened the meeting with reading of Titus 2, invited delegates to sing from Psalm 100 :1,4 and then led in prayer.
2. The Credentials from the delegates were examined by the delegates from Houston. From Houston CanRC, the consistory delegated Elder Henry Hansma and Elder Andrew Leffers. From Smithers CanRC, the council delegated Pastor James Slaa and Elder Jesse Bredenhof. The credentials were found to be in order.
3. Classis was declared constituted.
4. The consensus was that the Chairman would be Pastor James Slaa and the clerk would be Elder Andrew Leffers.
5. The agenda was adopted.
6. The chairman lists the documents to be covered to approbate the call of Rev. S.C. Van Dam from Covenant CanRC of Grassie, to Houston CanRC.
 1. Letter of Call to Rev. S.C. Van Dam, dated April 22, 2012, complete with the Provisions for the Minister and his family.
 2. The Acceptance of the Letter of Call, dated May 13, 2012
 3. Notice that August 1, 2012 at 00:01 AM EST was the agreed upon date and time for the transfer of responsibility for Rev. S.C. Van Dam and his family.
 4. Certificate of Release and Ecclesiastical Attestation from the Consistory with the Deacons of Covenant Canadian Reformed Church at Grassie, dated June 12, 2012.
 5. Certificate of Release from Classis Niagara of June 20,2012.
 6. A letter from Houston dated July 28, 2012, indicating that the congregation was fully involved in the calling process and that proper announcements were made .
7. Since it was determined that all the required documents were in order, Classis approved the call.
8. The Church of Smithers was appointed to represent Classis at the installation or welcome evening of Rev. S.C. Van Dam, set for August 12, 2012, D.V.
9. Personal Question Period was held.
10. The Chairman ruled that Censure Art. 34 of the C.O. was not necessary.
11. The Acts and Press Release were adopted.
12. Pastor James Slaa gave thanks in prayer and closed the meeting.

For Classis Pacific West,
August 2, 2012
Elder Andrew Leffers (clerk at that time)