

## **Press Release - Classis Pacific East, Sept. 13, 2012**

Brother Kurt Louwse opens the classis on behalf of the Canadian Reformed Church of Chilliwack. He reads Ephesians 2:1-10 and all sing Hymn 4.

Aldergrove reports on the credentials of the delegates. All primary delegates are present. Rev. S. Swets is present on behalf of the URC of Abbotsford, with credentials.

Classis is then constituted with all the delegates present. The officers are appointed, with Rev. A. Witten as chair, Rev. W. Wielenga as clerk, and Rev. J. Roukema as vice chair.

After the agenda is adopted, the chairman welcomes candidate Pol and receives his credentials. Candidate Abel Pol is examined by classis. Classis is satisfied with Candidate Pol's exam and the deputies of Regional Synod agree that the exam was satisfactory. Classis approves the call extended to candidate Pol by the Canadian Reformed Church of Chilliwack. The Chairman congratulates Abel Pol and thanks God for blessing his preparations. All sing Hymn 8 and then congratulate candidate Pol.

Classis considers the overture submitted by the Canadian Reformed Church of Abbotsford to be submitted to Regional synod regarding a change to some of the wording of art. 3 of the Church Order. A motion is put forward to defeat the overture. The motion is seconded and approved by classis.

Classis considers a second overture submitted by Abbotsford with respect to the format of synod decisions and acts. Classis accepts the overture and decides to overture the Synod to change the wording according to recommendation submitted by Abbotsford.

The committee for needy churches reports that there have been no requests for support from any of the churches.

Classis is thankful to God that all the churches report that the ministry of the office bearers is being maintained and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured.

Abbotsford asks for the advice of classis according to art. 44 of the Church Order and receives it thankfully.

Chilliwack also asks for the advice of classis according to art. 44 of the Church Order and receives it thankfully.

Classis appoints Lynden for the convening church for the next classis to convene Dec. 6, 2012, with alternate date being March 7, 2013.

Classis hears Rev. Swets address Classis on behalf of the URC in Abbotsford. Rev. Swets congratulates candidate Pol and announces that the next URC classis Western Canada is on the 8th and 9th of November. He asks that the Canadian Reformed Churches remember this classis in prayer.

Opportunity is given for question period and censure. These are not used.

The Acts and Press Release are adopted.