

Press Release Classis Northern Ontario, held in Grand Valley, September 20, 2012

The meeting was opened in a Christian manner by Rev. P.G. Feenstra. It was noted that the Church at Grand Valley and the Church at Elora celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their institution this year. All the churches were properly represented and classis was constituted. The agenda was adopted.

Reports dealing with the Archives, the Classical Fund, and the Committee for Needy Churches were received. In response to the questions of Article 44 of the Church Order, all the churches indicated that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued and the decisions of major assemblies honoured. None of the churches needed the judgment and help of classis for the proper government of the church.

In connection with the acceptance of the call to the church at Dunnville by Rev. J. VanWoudenberg, the Emmanuel Church at Guelph requested that he be released from all his duties in Classis Northern Ontario, effective January 1, 2013. Classis granted Rev. J. VanWoudenberg an honourable release. Thankfulness to the Lord was expressed for the work Rev. J. VanWoudenberg did within the classical region. Upon the request of the consistory of the Emmanuel Church, Rev. D.G.J. Agema was appointed as counsellor.

The Emmanuel Church at Guelph was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, to be convened Dec. 14, 2012.

The following were delegated to Regional Synod East scheduled for Nov. 14, 2012: Elders: H. Nobel; C. VanRaalte. Alternates in order: B. Vanderwoerd; J.W. Jonker. Ministers: P.G. Feenstra; E. Kampen. Alternates in order: J. Moesker; D.G.J. Agema.

Classis made a variety of appointments as specified by the classical regulations (e.g. Examiners, Church Visitors, and Committee for Appeals).

It was noted with thankfulness that censure was not necessary as the meeting was conducted in good harmony. The Acts were read and adopted and the Press Release was approved. After singing and prayer, Classis was closed.

Rev. E. Kampen

Vice Chairman at that time.