

Press Release Classis Manitoba September 28, 2012

On behalf of the convening church of Carman East, Classis was opened in a Christian manner by Rev. S. Vandavelde. The churches were all represented by their primary delegates. Classis was constituted. Rev. R.J. Kampen was appointed to serve as president, Rev. J. Poppe as vice-president, and Rev. R.J. den Hollander as clerk. A letter of greetings was received from the clerk of Classis Central of the URCNA, and brother W. Gortemaker was seated as deputy for contact with neighbouring classes and presbyteries.

As memorabilia we give thanks that a former theological student from Manitoba, brother Abel Pol could sustain his peremptory exam and that, the Lord willing, he will soon be ordained to serve as pastor of the church of Chilliwack, BC. It was noted that since the last classis, the Redeemer church has extended calls to Rev. K. Wieske and Rev. J. Louwense to serve as missionary for the Manitoba mission project. The ongoing health circumstances of former professors at the Theological seminary were noted. So was Rev. R.J. Kampen's upcoming wedding.

Classis dealt with various reports. A proposal from the committee for aid to needy churches proposed that the churches be assessed \$20 per communicant member for the support of the church of Denver. This was adopted. A report from the deputies for contact with neighbouring classes and presbyteries of the OPC, RCUS, and URCNA was received. Classis entered into intercessory prayer for these churches. A report was received from the committee for students of theology. One of the highlights from this report is that brothers Iwan Borst and David Pol could begin their studies at the Seminary in Hamilton this September. In closed session, a church visitation report to the church of Denver was received with thankfulness, and prayer was offered for this church. During question period under Art.44 of the Church Order, the Grace church requested concurring advice to proceed in a matter of discipline. Advice was given, and prayer was offered.

The church of Carman West was appointed as convening church for the next classis. Suggested dates are Dec.7, 2012 (if necessary), and Mar.22, 2013. President for the next meeting will be Dr. A.J. Pol. Voting for delegates to Regional Synod took place. Appointed as primary delegates from the ministers were Dr. A.J. Pol and Rev. J. Poppe, with Rev. R.J.

Kampen as first alternate and Rev. R.J. den Hollander as second alternate. Appointed as primary delegates from the elders were brothers W. Gortemaker and G. van Dijk, with brother L. Vanderveen as first alternate and W. Raap as second alternate. Appointments to various committees were made.

Personal question period was held. The chairman ruled that censure according to Art.34 of the Church Order was not needed. The acts were adopted and the press release was approved. The chairman closed the meeting in prayer.

On behalf of Classis,
Rev. J. Poppe,
Vice-president at the time