

Classis Alberta of October 2, 2012 convened by St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church

On behalf of the convening church of St. Albert, Rev. A.B. Roukema opened the meeting and invited the assembly to sing Psalm 33:1,6. He then read Psalm 33 and led in prayer. Welcome was extended to all, including Rev. D. Kok from LeDuc URC. Some matters of memorabilia were noted. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order, and one church had instructions. The classis was declared constituted. The officers suggested by the previous classis took their respective positions: Rev. R. Aasman, chairman, Rev. A.B. Roukema, vice-chairman, and Rev. J.D. Louwse, clerk. The agenda was adopted.

The following reports were received. 1) The report of the treasurer was received with thankfulness. 2) A report from the church at St. Albert for the inspection of the books of the treasurer. The books were found to be in good order. 3) Reports of the Church Visitors: Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church, Edmonton Immanuel Canadian Reformed Church, Edmonton Providence Canadian Reformed Church.

Rev. D. Kok, fraternal delegate from the URCNA brought greetings and words of encouragement, and expressed thankfulness for the bond between the two federations. The chairman responded in kind.

A proposal is received from Taber regarding a central meeting place for classis. It is decided to leave classis regulations as is but encourage the convening church to consider using a central location.

The church at Barrhead expresses thankfulness for pulpit supply, and asks that it continue.

Question period according to Article 44 CO was held. One church asks for advice on a matter of church discipline.

In closed session advice was given on a matter of church discipline.

Letter received from Langley CanRC regarding Regional Synod.

Providence requests that the archives of the now defunct Committee for Financial Aid to Students for the Ministry be destroyed. This is agreed to.

Taber suggests guidelines for successful videoconferences. This is discussed and some additional suggestions are made. These will be added to the appendix to classis regulations dealing with videoconferences.

Convening church for next classis is Taber. Classis is scheduled for December 11, with March 12 as the alternate date. Officers: Chair – Rev. H. Kalkman, Vice – Rev. R. Aasman, Clerk – A.B. Roukema

Standing Committees and /or classical deputies/church visitors.

- 1) Treasurer. J.Buitenbos.
- 2) Church to audit the books of the treasurer: St.Albert.
- 3) Church for care of the archives: Edmonton Providence.
- 4) Church to inspect the archives: Edmonton Immanuel.
- 5) Church Visitors: Revs.R.Aasman, J.Louwerse, W.B.Slomp (conv.), H.Kalkman, M.Jagt, and D.Poppe.
- 6) Committee for examiners: Rev. R. Aasman. Re. W.B. Slomp.
- 7) Examiners:
 - 1) Exegesis OT. Rev. R. Aasman.
 - 2) Exegesis NT. Rev. J. Louwerse.
 - 3) Knowledge of scripture. Rev. A.B. Roukema.
 - 4) Doctrine and creeds. Rev. W.B. Slomp.
 - 5) Church History. Rev. H. Kalkman.
 - 6) Ethics. Rev. D. Poppe.
 - 7) Church Polity. Rev. H. Kalkman.
 - 8) Diaconiology. Rev. M. Jagt.
- 8) Committee for Financial Aid to Needy Churches: C.DeBoer, W.Noot, J.Vanderdeen.
- 9) Deputy for contact with the provincial government: Rev E.J. Tiggelaar. He is requested to submit an annual written report each spring.

10) Appointment of Observer to RCUS: Rev. H.Kalkman, alternate. Rev. D.Poppe.

11) Appointment of Observer to URCNA: Rev. A.B Roukema

12) Delegation to Regional Synod West Langley Nov.5.2012.D.V.

As elders: brs.Bernie Van Raalte and Bert Wierenga

As alternates: brs. John Vanderdeen and Ray Noot.

As ministers: Revs.M.Jagt and J.Louwerse

As alternates: Revs. A.B.Roukema, and D.Poppe, in this order.

Question Period was not made use of.

The chairman noted with thankfulness that brotherly censure was not necessary.

Acts and press release were read and adopted

Rev. Aasman lead in prayer and closed the meeting.

For classis, A.B. Roukema, vice-chair e.t.