

Press Release of Regional Synod West – Langley BC. November 5th 2012.

On behalf of the convening church of Langley, Rev. R. DeJonge called the meeting to order. He welcomed all the delegates, read from Psalm 100 and spoke briefly about this passage. He invited the brothers to sing from Hymn 6, and he then led in opening prayer. He also noted a number of changes which have taken place with respect to the ministers among the churches.

The credentials from all four classes constituting regional Synod West were checked by the convening church and are found to be in good order. Two alternate delegates were present. Regional Synod was declared constituted. The following brothers were elected and appointed to serve in the following positions: Rev R. Schouten as chairman, Rev. J. Louwerse as vice-chairman, and Rev. M. Jagt as clerk. The agenda was adopted.

A proposal from the Church of Cloverdale with respect to amending the regulations of Regional Synod West was adopted after being amended. An appeal from Rev. K. Jonker was declared inadmissible. Classis Pacific East requested Regional Synod West to overture General Synod Carman 2013 to make certain changes to the format of decisions and acts. Regional Synod agreed to pass on this overture to the General Synod 2013.

Written reports from deputies of Regional Synod with respect to the peremptory examinations of candidates Justin Roukema and Abel Pol were received. In each case the deputies report with thankfulness that they gave concurring advice to the decisions of the respective classes. A written report from the deputies with respect to the retirement and honourable release of Rev. J. Visscher after 40 years of service, was also received with thankfulness.

Regional Synod received with thankfulness the report of brother J. Moedt, the treasurer of Regional Synod. Regional Synod received with thankfulness a report from two brothers from Taber, the church for auditing the books of the Treasurer of Regional Synod.

Appointments.

- a. Br. J. Moedt of Taber was reappointed as Treasurer of Regional Synod..
- b. The church of Taber was reappointed to the task of auditing the Treasurer's books.
- c. Deputies for Regional Synod.
 - Classis Alberta: Rev. R. Aasman, Rev. J. Louwse (1st alt.), Rev. W.B. Slomp (2nd alt.).
 - Classis Manitoba: Rev. A.J. Pol, Rev. J. Poppe (1st alt.), Rev. R. DenHollander (2nd alt.).
 - Classis Pacific East: Rev. W.M. Wielenga, Rev. R. Schouten (1st alt.), Rev. K. Janssen (2nd alt.).
 - Classis Pacific West: Rev. A.Souman, Rev. J. Slaa (1st alt.), Rev.T. Lodder (2nd alt.).
- d. The Church of Edmonton Providence was reappointed to take care of the archives.
- e. The Church of Edmonton Immanuel was reappointed to inspect the archives.
- f. The following ministers were appointed as delegates to General Synod Carman 2013: Revs. R. Eikelboom, J. Louwse, R. Schouten, W.B. Slomp, A. Souman, W.M. Wielenga. Alternates: Revs. A.J. Pol, J. Poppe, R. Aasman, D. Poppe (in that order). The following elders were appointed as delegates to General Synod Carman 2013: R. Buist, H. deBoer, R. deHaan, C. Leyenhorst, B. VanRaalte, L. Wierenga. Alternates: S. Oostenbrug, M. VanDriel jr., C. Baarda, J. Roukema (in that order)
- g. Nominated for Board of Governors of the Theological College, Rev. A. Souman. Alternate J. Louwse.
- h. Arrangements for the next Regional Synod: The Church of Winnipeg-Grace was appointed to convene the next Regional Synod on Monday, November 4th 2013, at 7:30 PM.

Question period was held. The chairman thankfully noted that censure according to art 34 of the CO was not required. The acts were adopted and the press release was approved. Rev. R. Schouten led in prayer and Regional Synod was closed.

Rev. J. Louwse, vice-chairman at the time.