

Press Release of Regional Synod Glanbrook 2012

November 14, 2012

At 9:30 sharp the chairman of the consistory of the convening church called the meeting to order in a Christian manner. Credentials were found to be in good order. In voting Rev J. deGelder was elected chair, Rev C. Bouwman became the vice chair, and Rev P. Feenstra received the task of the clerk. Regional Synod could be constituted, and the chair passed to the elected chairman. After a few additions, the agenda as prepared by the convening church was adopted.

Two appeals took the bulk of Synod's time, with decisions in part granting and in part denying appellants' requests.

An overture from Classis Northern Ontario led to Synod adding to the Regulations for Regional Synod a stipulation that will ensure that proper nominations will be prepared at future Regional Synods for the Board of Governors of the CRTS.

Reports were received in relation to the following:

- Inspection of the Archives of Regional Synod East covering 2010 and 2011. The archives were reported to be in good order.
- The treasurer of Regional Synod for the year ending August 31, 2012. An audit of the treasurer's books was also submitted for the year ended August 31, 2012, indicating that the books were in good order. The treasurer further requested that the churches be levied an amount of \$1 per communicant member, which Synod readily granted.
- Deputies ad Art 48 CO reported on work done in relation to the retirement of Rev W. denHollander from the active ministry, as well as in relation to the dismissal of Rev W. Geurts from his office as minister in the church at Fergus North.

Appointments were made as follows:

- Regional Synod Treasurer will be br Dave vanAmerongen sr, while the church at Grassie will be responsible for auditing the treasurer's books.
- The church responsible for maintaining the Regional Synod archives will be the church at Toronto, while the church at Brampton will inspect those archives.
- Deputies ad Art 48 CO will be
 - From Classis Central Ontario: Rev W. denHollander (alt: Rev J. deGelder) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara;
 - From Classis Ontario West: Rev J. Ludwig (alt: Rev W. Bredenhof) as deputy for Classes Northern Ontario and Niagara;
 - From Classis Northern Ontario: Rev P. Feenstra (alt: Rev E. Kampen) as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West;
 - From Classis Niagara: Rev J. Huijgen (alt: Rev D. Wynia) as deputy for Classes Central Ontario and Ontario West.
- Delegates to General Synod Carman 2013 will be: Ministers brs C. Bouwman, R. Bredenhof, P. Holtvluwer, J. Ludwig, J. Moesker, C. vanderVelde (with alternates brs E. Kampen, P. Feenstra, J. vanWoudenberg, and D. vandeBurgt – in that order); Elders brs P. Broekema, L. Jagt, L. Kampen, F.C. Ludwig, B. Medemblik, F. Stoffels (with alternates brs A. Witten, J.Post, J. vandeBurgt – in that order).
 - Loss of potential wage claims for these delegates was also established.

- Nominated for the Board of Governors of the Theological College was Rev M.H. vanLuik, with alternate Rev P. Holtvluwer.
- The next Regional Synod will be convened by the church at Lincoln, with November 13, 2013 mentioned as the preferred date.

Brief use was made of Question Period. The chair ruled that there was no need to administer censure according to Art 34, CO. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the brothers in expediting the work that needed to be done. He also spoke words of appreciation to the brothers present from the church of Glanbrook for hosting and supporting the work of Synod. From and on behalf of the assembly words of appreciation were expressed to the chair for the capable manner in which he led the day's meeting (as well as several in the past), with reference to the fact that this is perhaps the last time he will chair a major assembly.

Because of the very late hour the executive received the mandate to finalize the Acts of Regional Synod and the Press Release.

The chair requested the meeting to sing Hy 41, after which he led the meeting in closing prayer. Regional Synod was declared closed.

C Bouwman,
Vice Chair e.t.