

Press Release

Classis Pacific West of the Canadian Reformed Churches

December 10, 2012

Langley, BC

The pastor of the convening church at Langley, Rev. Ryan deJonge, opened the meeting with the reading of Mark 9:33-50 and a brief meditation. We sang Hymn 23, Let Us of Christ Our Lord and Saviour Sing, and he led in prayer. For memorabilia, the health concerns of Rev. Frank Dong was mentioned. All the credentials were found to be in good order, and classis was constituted.

The officers suggested by the last classis took their places: Rev. Anthon Souman, chairman; Rev. Theo Lodder, vice-chairman; and Rev. Carl VanDam, clerk. The proposed agenda was adopted. When the questions of Article 44 were asked, one of the churches requested concurring advice on a matter of church discipline. Concurring advice was given in closed session. The churches were given the opportunity to apprise the other churches of mission and evangelism activity. The church at Smithers provided an extensive report of the mission work that continues to be done in their community, in particular, Sunday school, summer camps, junior counsellor program, and teen ministry and support. The Maranatha Church at Surrey gave a brief update on the transition of the Maranatha Mission Board for the mission work in Brazil to the church at Aldergrove. The church at Willoughby Heights reported that the Burnaby Bible Study is going well.

The church at Smithers was appointed as convening church for the next meeting on March 12, 2013, the Lord willing. Suggested officers are Rev. Lodder, chairman; Rev. VanDam, vice-chairman; Rev. VanRaalte, clerk. The church at Cloverdale offered to host this classis. Opportunity was given for personal questions and for Christian censure. The acts of classis were adopted and the press release was approved. We sang Psalm 111:1,5 and the chairman closed in prayer, remembering the needs of the churches.

For Classis,

Theo Lodder, vice-chairman at that time