

**Press Release of Classis Ontario West, March 20, 2013 -- convened by the Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church.**

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. J. Ludwig welcomed the delegates and visitors. He opened the meeting by inviting everyone to sing Psalm 92:1,2. He then read Deuteronomy 18:9-22. Prayer was offered up for the Lord's blessing on the meeting. Some items of memorabilia were mentioned in prayer including: the promotion to glory of Rev. Kok's mother, the relatively improved health of Prof. Geertsema, the Gootjes and DeJong families, the health of Rev. Stam, and the ongoing vacancy of the Grace church of Kerwood and their call to Rev. M. Jagt.

The delegates from Ancaster reported that all the churches were duly represented by two delegates. Classis was declared constituted and the executive took their seats. Rev. J. Ludwig served as chairman, Rev. W. Bredenhof as vice-chairman, and Rev. D. DeBoer as clerk.

Br. David Winkel presented himself for a candidacy examination. After listening to his sermon proposal on Deuteronomy 18:15, classis decided to proceed with the examination. Br. Winkel was examined in OT and NT exegesis and doctrine and creeds. After discussing the results of the examination, classis declared him eligible for call.

The chairman asked the delegates the questions from article 44 of the Church Order. The ministry of the office bearers is being maintained and the decisions of the assemblies are being honoured. One of the churches required the judgment of classis in two disciplinary matters.

A letter was tabled from our seminary regarding the supervision of the preaching of students who had completed their fourth year. Classis decided to receive the letter for information and upheld the decision of Synod New Westminster 1971 regarding this matter (see Acts 1971, art. 76): only seminary students in their fourth year require the supervision of the professor of homiletics.

In closed session an appeal was dealt with from a member of one of the churches.

Reports were given on fraternal visits to Classis Southwestern Ontario of the URCNA (Rev. R. Bredenhof) and Classis Covenant East of the RCUS (Rev. R. Vermeulen).

The Trinity church (Glanbrook) was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, scheduled to be held June 5, 2013. The suggested executive: Rev. W. Bredenhof (chairman), Rev. D. DeBoer (vice-chairman), Rev. B. DeJong (clerk).

Opportunity was provided for personal questions. Censure was deemed unnecessary. The Acts and Press Release were approved and the assembly concluded in the usual Christian fashion.

W. Bredenhof  
Vice-chairman of that classis