

## Press Release of Classis Central Ontario, September 13, 2013

On behalf of the convening of Burlington Ebenezer, br. Harpert Vanderwel calls the meeting to order. After reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 br. H. Vanderwel leads in prayer. He then requests the brothers present to sing Hymn 84. The delegates from the church at Toronto examine the credentials. All churches are lawfully represented. Classis is constituted. The following officers are appointed –

- Chairman – Rev. G. Ph. vanPopta
- Vice-chairman – Rev. D. Vandeburgt
- Clerk – Rev. J.L. vanPopta

The chairman thanks the church at Burlington Ebenezer for their preparations for Classis and once again being the host. Under memorabilia the chairman noted the following:

- Rev. H. Mulder's hospitalization and his need to be placed in a care home.
- The ongoing health concerns of both Dr. J. DeJong and Dr. N. Gootjes
- The church at Burlington-Ebenezer who extended a call to Rev. R.J. denHollander that he declined. This vacant church along with the churches at Flamborough and Bethel are commended to the care of the Lord.

The agenda is adopted.

- Classis receives the following reports
  - i. From Burlington-Fellowship indicating that they inspected the archives and found them to be complete and in good order.
  - ii. From br. Harry Sloots, the Treasurer of Classis, indicating the financial activity in the past year, the current balance and the Regional Synod Assessment for 2014 (\$1.00 per communicant member). Classis sets the classical assessment for 2014 at \$1.00 per communicant member.
  - iii. From Burlington-Waterdown indicating that they inspected the books of the Treasurer of Classis and found them to be in good order.
  - iv. From the Committee for Needy Churches recommending that the assessment for 2014 be nil. Classis receives this recommendation with great thankfulness to the Lord that Jubilee Church no longer needs Classical financial support.
  - v. From Burlington-Waterdown indicating that they have not yet audited the books of the Committee for Needy Churches. Classis urges that this yet be done and reported to a subsequent Classis.
- Classis agrees to the request of Burlington-Ebenezer to appoint Rev. G. Nederveen as their counsellor.
- Classis made the following appointments
  - a. Burlington-Fellowship as the convening church for the next classis to be held, the Lord willing, on December 13, 2013 in the Ebenezer church building.
  - b. Suggested officers for the next classis:
    - Chairman: Rev. J.L. vanPopta
    - Vice-chairman: Elder from the convening church
    - Clerk: Rev. D. Vandeburgt
  - c. As Committee of Examiners: Rev. W. denHollander and Rev. G.Ph. vanPopta
  - d. As Church Visitors: Rev. G. Nederveen (co-ordinator); Rev. W. denHollander; Rev. J. deGelder; Rev. J. vanPopta

- e. As Church for Archives: Burlington-Ebenezer
- f. As Church to inspect Archives: Burlington-Fellowship
- g. As Treasurer: Br. H.J. Sloots; As alternate treasurer: Br. J. Spithoff
- h. As Church for auditing the books of the treasurer: Burlington-Waterdown
- i. As Committee for Needy Churches:
  - i. Kent Baartman (2016) as treasurer
  - ii. Ed Jans (2014)
  - iii. Leo Kampen (2015)
- j. As Church for auditing the books of the Fund for Needy Churches: Burlington-Waterdown
- k. As Observer to the Free Church of Scotland: Rev. W. denHollander
- l. As delegates to Regional Synod East (Lincoln), November 13, 2013:
  - i. Elders: brs. Harpert Vanderwel and Karl Veldkamp; and as alternates brs. Peter deBruin and Herman Faber.
  - ii. Ministers: D. Vandeburgt and J. vanPopta; and as alternate G. van Popta.

Personal Question period is held. Classis reminded the convening churches to invite to classis observers from churches with whom we have or pursue ecclesiastical fellowship and which live in our classical region. The chairman notes that censure is not needed and he expresses his appreciation for the brotherly co-operation. The Acts are read and adopted. The Press Release is read and approved. The chairman closes the meeting by having the brothers sing Psalm 103:9 and then leads in prayer.

For Classis, D. Vandeburgt (vice-chairman e.t.)