

Press Release Regional Synod East, held at the Vineyard Canadian Reformed Church of Lincoln, November 13, 2013.

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Dick Wynia welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting with Scripture reading from Psalm 19, prayer, and we sang Psalm 19:1,5,6.

The results of the election of moderamen were as follows: Rev. Douwe Agema - chairman; Rev. Dick Wynia - vice-chairman; and Rev. Clarence VanderVelde - clerk.

Regional Synod was declared constituted, and the elected moderamen took their places. The agenda was adopted as proposed, with one additional item of discussion, relating to correspondence received after the deadline for submissions. The correspondence was submitted in connection with an appeal that was on the agenda. Regional Synod declared the correspondence inadmissible.

Regional Synod declared an appeal against a decision of Classis Ontario West, March 2013 admissible, and went into closed session for a discussion of the appeal. Following several rounds of general discussion, a committee was appointed to propose a response to the appeal for Regional Synod's consideration. Regional Synod adopted the committee's proposal with some minor amendments, and returned to open session.

Regional Synod received a report from the treasurer, br. D. Van Amerongen. The work of the treasurer was approved, as was his recommendation of an assessment of \$1.00 per communicant member for the coming year.

A report was received from the Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie which had been appointed to audit the treasurer's books on our behalf and found them in good order. Upon the recommendation of the auditors, Regional Synod decided that the year end be set at September 30, so that the auditors can present a report based on complete records.

A report was received from deputies ad Article 48 of the Church Order, as to duties they had carried out since the last Regional Synod.

The church at Brampton submitted a report on their inspection of the archives of Regional Synod. They found the archives to be in good order.

The following appointments were made: br. D. Van Amerongen was reappointed to serve as treasurer; Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie was appointed to audit the treasurer's books; deputies were appointed ad Article 48 Church Order; the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church at Toronto was reappointed to maintain the archives; and the church at Brampton was reappointed to inspect the archives.

The next Regional Synod will be convened November 12, 2014, DV, by the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church at Toronto.

Question period was made use of. The chairman was able to conclude that censure as per Article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary, because the meeting had been conducted in good harmony.

The Acts were to be finalized by the executive. The Press Release was read and approved. After the chairman made some closing remarks, he read Philippians 3:1-11, we sang Hymn 6, and he led us in prayer.

On behalf of Regional Synod East Lincoln Nov. 13, 2013,

Vice-chairman at the time, Rev. Dick Wynia