

Press Release Classis Northern Ontario, held in Orangeville, December 11, 2013

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. E. Kampen opened classis in a Christian manner. All the churches were properly represented. Rev. W. Denhollander and Rev. J. Ludwig were present as deputies for Regional Synod East. Classis was constituted. Rev. C.J. Vandervelde chaired the meeting.

The main item on the agenda of Classis was the peremptory examination of Candidate T. Wierenga, who accepted the call extended to him by the Maranatha Church at Fergus. All the necessary documents were presented to Classis. Br. Wierenga presented his sermon proposal on Acts 8:5-25. Upon concluding that the sermon proposal was satisfactory, br. Wierenga was examined in exegesis Old Testament and New Testament, Knowledge of Scripture, Doctrine and Creeds, Church History, Ethics, Church Polity and Diaconiology. Classis judged that he sustained the examination and the deputies concurred. Classis approved the call. Br. Wierenga was informed of the decision of classis. He signed the classical Subscription Form. After the chairman offered prayer of thanksgiving, opportunity was given to extend congratulations. The Emmanuel Church at Guelph was appointed to represent Classis at the ordination of br. Wierenga. The ordination is scheduled for January 5, 2014.

Church visitors reported on visits made to the Emmanuel Church at Guelph and the Church at Fergus North. These reports were received with gratitude.

The Church at Owen Sound was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, to be convened March 21, 2014.

It was noted with thankfulness that the meeting was conducted in good harmony. The Acts were read and adopted and the Press Release was approved. After singing and prayer, Classis was closed.

Rev. E. Kampen

Vice Chairman at that time