

**PRESS RELEASE: CLASSIS ONTARIO WEST, MARCH 19, 2014**

On behalf of the convening church, the American Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Rev. K.A. Kok welcomed the brothers. He read Psalm 125 and asked the brothers to sing Psalm 125:1, 2. He then led in prayer, especially remembering the J. Vanderwoude family and the Glanbrook congregation at the death of Br. Vanderwoude.

The delegates of the Grand Rapids church examined the credentials. All of the churches were properly represented, except the Trinity Canadian Reformed Church of Glanbrook. They had informed the convening church that they would be unable to send delegates to this Classis, because of Br. Vanderwoude's funeral. Classis was declared constituted.

Two of the brothers suggested by the previous Classis to serve as officers, Revs. B. De Jong and J.E. Ludwig, were not present. Rev. W. Bredenhof volunteered to serve as chairman and Br. S. VanVeen volunteered to serve as clerk. This was acceptable to the assembly and the officers took their place: Rev. W. Bredenhof as chairman, Rev. K.A. Kok as vice-chairman, and Br. S. VanVeen as clerk. The chairman remembered the continuing vacancy of the church of Kerwood, that Rev. P Aasman has a call to the church in Launceston, that Revs. R. Bredenhof, B. De Jong, and R. Vermeulen had declined calls, and the continuing needs of the Drs. De Jong and Gootjes and their families.

The chairman asked the questions set out in article 44 of the *Church Order*. None of the churches needed the help, or advice of Classis.

Br. D. Winkel sent a letter requesting that his permission to speak an edifying word be extended for a year. This request was granted by Classis.

The reports of the church visits to the churches of Ancaster, Chatham, Glanbrook, Grand Rapids, Hamilton (Cornerstone), Kerwood, and London were tabled and discussed.

The convening church for the next Classis will be Hamilton (Cornerstone). The suggested date is May 21, 2014. The suggested officers are: Rev. K.A. Kok (chairman), Rev. J.E. Ludwig (vice chairman), and Rev. R. Vermeulen (clerk).

The personal question period is made use of. The chairman determined that nothing censurable was said, or done in the meeting; he thanked the brothers for their cooperation. The Acts are read and adopted. The Press Release is read and approved.

The chairman asks the brothers to sing Psalm 133:1, 2 and closes in prayer.

For Classis Ontario West, March 19, 2014,

Rev. K.A. Kok, Vice Chairman (e.t.)