

Press Release for Classis Pacific West June 10, 2014 at Cloverdale, BC.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Theo Lodder on behalf of the convening church of Cloverdale. In connection with Pentecost he read from John 16:1-16. In prayer he remembered with thankfulness the accepted call from Rev. Doug Vandeburgt to the church at Langley. He also remembered the health concerns of Dr. J. Dejong, Dr. N. Gootjes, and Prof. J. Geertsma before the Lord. As well, he prayed for br. Gerard Veurink, a guest at Classis who is doing an internship in Willoughby Heights this summer.

The officers were chosen by classis: Rev. J. Slaa as chairman, Rev. R. deJonge as vice-chairman, and Rev. B. Schoof as clerk.

The agenda was adopted.

Classis went into closed session to deal with an appeal.

A church received advice with respect to the parameters of the church visitation (CO Art 46).

Two churches of classis received concurring advice in matters of discipline.

The church at Houston, responsible for inspecting the archives, reported that the archives were in good order.

Church visitation reports for the churches of Langley, Willoughby Heights, and Cloverdale were read and received with thankfulness.

When the churches were given the opportunity to apprise the others of their mission works, the church at Houston shared that they recently for the first time hosted a neighbourhood BBQ that was attended by 15-20 unchurched members of the neighbourhood. The church at Cloverdale hosted a pancake breakfast during the Cloverdale Rodeo that was very well attended by hundreds of visitors. They also look forward to being involved with a summer ministry program at the Union Gospel Mission. The church at Smithers spoke of their need for wisdom and prayer for the operations of their summer camp, Camp Yakisda Bikah. As well, they gave an update on the mission work in Prince George.

The church at Houston was appointed as the convening church for the next Classis, to be held on September 9, 2014 at 9:00am.

The suggested officers for the next classis are: Rev. Lodder as chair, Rev. Slaa as vice-chair, and Rev. Souman as clerk.

Personal question period was made use of.

The chairman ruled with thankfulness that mutual censure according to Article 34 Church Order was not necessary. The Acts of Classis were read and adopted, as well as the Press Release.

The chairman, Rev. James Slaa, lead the meeting in closing devotions.

Rev. R. deJonge, vice-chairman at that time.