

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario June 20, 2014 Convened in Owen Sound

On behalf of the convening church of Owen Sound, Rev. J. Moesker welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting in Christian fashion. The delegates of Orangeville reported that the credentials were in order. Brother Randall Visscher was present as intern. Classis was declared constituted. Rev. M.H. VanLuik was chairman, Rev. J. Moesker was vicechairman, and Rev. C.J. VanderVelde was clerk. The agenda was adopted with some additions.

Church visitation reports concerning the following churches were read and received: Brampton Grace, Grand Valley, Guelph Emanuel, Guelph Living Word, Elora, Fergus Maranatha, Orangeville and Owen Sound. The chairman posed the questions of Article 44 Church Order to the delegates of each church. One church requested advice concerning a matter of supervision. After the required documents were reviewed, the call of Rev. M. Jagt to the Fergus North church was approved by classis with gratitude. The church of Fergus North informed classis that the installation of Rev. Jagt will take place, the Lord willing, on July 20th. The church of Elora was appointed to represent Classis at the installation. The Maranatha Church of Fergus requested advice on a matter they had submitted by letter.

Classis appointed Brampton Grace church as the convening church for the next Classis on September 26 at 9:00 am (or the previous evening if there are few items on the agenda). The suggested officers for that classis are: chairman - Rev. T. Wierenga, vicechairman - Rev. C. J. VanderVelde, clerk - Rev. M. VanLuik. No alternate deputy for the Committee for Appeals was appointed. Three new members will need to be appointed at the next Classis.

No observers from sister churches were invited to this assembly. The convening church will invite observers to the next classis and send representatives to other church assemblies if invited.

Question period was held and chairman thanked the brothers for their brotherly cooperation. The acts of this classis were adopted and this press release was approved. The delegates sang a Psalm and the chairman led in prayer of thanksgiving. He declared this assembly closed.

J. Moesker