Classis AB of October 14, 2014 convened by Edmonton Immanuel Canadian Reformed Church

On behalf of the convening church of Immanuel CanRC, Rev. W.B. Slomp opened the meeting and invited the assembly to sing Hy 24:1,2,5. He then read Colossians 1:1-19 and led in prayer. Welcome was extended to all, including Candidate Tyler Vandergaag and Rev. Pontier from the Neerlandia URC. Some matters of memorabilia were noted. After the credentials were examined and found to be in good order, the classis was declared constituted. The officers suggested by the previous classis took their respective positions: Rev. R. Aasman, chairman, Rev. A.B. Roukema, vice-chairman, and Rev. J.D. Louwerse, clerk. After some modifications the agenda was adopted.

Candidate Tyler Vandergaag delivered his sermon proposal on Matt 14:22-33 and was examined on various areas of theology. Classis decided that br. Vandergaag had sustained his examination and, with concurring advice from the regional deputies, he was granted permission to be ordained as a minister of the Word.

Rev Pontier, fraternal delegate from the URCNA brought greetings and words of encouragement. Rev. Roukema responded in kind.

The following reports were received. 1) Classis Treasurer report, 2) Audit of books of the Classis Treasurer.

Question period according to Article 44 CO was held. All the churches but one answered the first two questions in the affirmative and the last question in the negative.

Classis appointed the church of Edmonton Providence to convene the next classis on December 9, 2014, with March 10, 2015 as alternate date. The suggested officers are: Rev. J. Kalkman, chairman, Rev. J.D.Louwerse, vice-chairman, and clerk, Rev. R. Aasman. RCUS – KalkmanRoukema; URCNA – deferred to Classis Pacific West.

Personal question period was held.

Censure according to article 34 CO was not necessary. The Acts were adopted and the press release was approved. We sang from Hy 85:1 and Rev Aasman led in closing prayer.

For classis, A.B. Roukema (vice-chairman e.t.)