

Press Release: Classis Northern Ontario December 11, 2014 (convened in Elora)

On behalf of the convening church of Elora, Rev. C. J. VanderVelde welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting in a Christian fashion. The delegates of Owen Sound reported that the credentials were found to be in order. However, the delegates from Orangeville and Brampton could not attend due to inclement weather. The officers took their positions: Rev D. G. J. Agema was chairman, Rev. C. J. VanderVelde was vice-chairman (in the absence of Rev. M. H. VanLuik) and Rev. T. A. Wierenga was the clerk. The agenda was adopted with some additions.

A church visitation report regarding the church at Fergus North was receive with gratitude. Reports were received from the following churches and committees: from the church to inspect the classical archives, the treasurer of classis Northern ON, the church to audit the books of the treasurer, and the Committee for Needy Churches. The chairman posed the questions of Article 44 of the Church Order to the delegates of each church. All churches answered positively to the first two questions, and no church requested advice.

After the required documents were reviewed, the call of Rev. P. G. Feenstra to the church at Guelph Emmanuel was approved by classis. The church of Guelph informed classis that the installation of Rev. Feenstra will take place, the Lord willing, on Jan. 11, 2015. The church of Fergus North was appointed to represent Classis at the installation. At the request of Grand Valley, and with his agreement, Rev. C. J. VanderVelde was appointed as counsellor for the Grand Valley congregation.

Classis appointed the church at Fergus Maranatha as the convening church for the next Classis to be convened on March 13, 2015 at 9:00 am (or the previous evening if there are few items on the agenda).

Fraternal delegates from the URCNA and the OPC had been invited to this assembly but sent their regrets for being unable to attend. The convening church will invite fraternal delegates to the next classis and send representatives to other church assemblies if invited.

Question period was not made use of and the chairman thanked the brothers for their brotherly cooperation. The acts of this classis were adopted and it was agreed that the clerk would draft a Press Release in consultation with the chairman and vice-chairman. The delegates sang a hymn and the chairman led in prayer of thanksgiving. He declared this assembly closed.

Rev. Theo A. Wierenga (clerk at that time)