

Press Release: Classis Northern Ontario March 13, 2015 (convened in Fergus, at the Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church)

On behalf of the convening church of Fergus, Maranatha, Rev. T. Wierenga welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting in a Christian fashion. The delegates of Elora reported that the credentials were found to be in order, and classis was declared constituted. The officers took their positions: Rev. P. Feenstra as chairman, Rev. T. Wierenga as vice-chairman, and Rev. D. Agema as clerk. The agenda was adopted. The chairman noted that since the last classis of Dec. 11, 2014 the church of Guelph Emmanuel had received a minister of the word, in Rev. P. Feenstra, and that the church of Grand Valley was still vacant.

One report was received from the church of Fergus Maranatha, in which this church stated that it had audited the books of the Fund for Needy Churches of Classis Northern Ontario, and found them in good order. The chairman then 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 two churches requested advice.

Classis appointed the church at Fergus North as the convening church for the next Classis to be convened on June 26, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Fraternal delegates from the URCNA, the OPC, and the ERQ had been invited to this assembly. Rev. Douglas Bylsma of the OPC sent his regrets for not being able to attend. The convening church will invite fraternal delegates to the next classis and send representatives to other church assemblies if invited.

During question period the delegates of the church of Brampton mentioned that they hope to celebrate the opening of their new church building on May 1, 2015. The church of Orangeville will represent classis at this occasion.

The chairman concluded with thankfulness that censure according to article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary, and thanked the brothers for their brotherly cooperation. The acts of this classis were adopted and the Press Release was approved. The delegates sang a hymn and the chairman led in prayer of thanksgiving. He declared this assembly closed.

Rev. Theo A. Wierenga (vice-chairman at that time)