

Press Release of Classis Pacific East, March 12, 2015

The minister of the convening church of Chilliwack, Rev. A. C. Pol, welcomed the delegates to classis. He requested the singing of Ps 1:1-3, after which he read Isa 26 and led in prayer. The credentials were checked by the delegates of the church at Aldergrove and found to be in good order. Rev. R. Janssen was seated as an advisor to Classis. Rev. R. Schouten served as chairman, Rev. A. C. Pol as vice-chairman, and Rev. B. Wielenga as clerk. Classis was constituted and the agenda was adopted.

The report of the church for auditing the books of the treasurer (Vernon) showed that the books are in good order. A report was received from the treasurer. A report of the church for inspection of the archives was received from Yarrow – these were found to be in good order. Question period according to Art. 44 of the Church Order was made use of. Several churches requested advice on matters pertaining to government of their churches.

A number of appointments were made:

1. Lynden was appointed as the convening church for next Classis. The date for the next classis is June 9, 2015; the alternate date in case of cancellation is Sept 24, 2015.
2. Suggested officers for the next Classis: Chairman from Chilliwack, Vice-chairman from Lynden, and the clerk from Vernon.
3. Committee for examinations: R. Eikelboom, R.C. Janssen, A. C. Pol, J. Roukema, R. Schouten, B. Wielenga, A. Witten.
 - a. examination coordinators: R. Schouten and B. Wielenga
 - b. sermon: R. Eikelboom and R. Schouten
 - c. OT exegesis: B. Wielenga
 - d. NT exegesis: A. Witten
 - e. knowledge of Scripture: A. C. Pol
 - f. doctrine and creeds: R. Schouten
 - g. church history: R. C. Janssen
 - h. ethics: J. Roukema
 - i. church polity: R. C. Janssen
 - j. diaconiology: R. Eikelboom
4. church visitors: R. Eikelboom, R. C. Janssen (coordinator), R. Schouten, B. Wielenga
5. contact with sister churches: URCNA: J. Roukema, RCUS: A. C. Pol
6. church for the archives: Abbotsford
7. church for inspecting the archives: Yarrow
8. treasurer: R. Leyenhorst
9. church for reviewing the books of the treasurer: Vernon
10. committee for needy churches: K. Louwerse, R. Stikma, R. Vane

Question period was held. The chairman judged that censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary. The Acts of Classis were read and adopted. The Press Release was approved. Hy 52 was sung in closing. The chairman led in prayer.

A. C. Pol
Vice-chairman