

Press Release of Classis Ontario West, May 27 & June 10, 2015, convened by the Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church.

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. J. Ludwig opened the meeting in the usual Christian manner. Some items of memorabilia were mentioned and prayed for:

- Rev. B. DeJong was recently installed as the new pastor of Blessings Christian Church.
- Cornerstone extended a call to Rev. J. Louwse of Neerlandia and he accepted this call.
- Rev. R. Bredenhof has departed London for Mount Nasura, Australia.
- Rev. W. Bredenhof is still waiting for the approval of his Australian visa.
- The ongoing health concerns of retired professors Dr. N. H. Gootjes and Dr. J. De Jong.
- Elder G. Woudenberg of the Ancaster church recently had open heart surgery.

The delegates from Ancaster reported that all the churches were duly represented by two delegates. Classis was declared constituted and the executive took their seats. Rev. J. Ludwig served as chairman, Rev. W. Bredenhof as vice-chairman, and Rev. D. De Boer as clerk.

Classis proceeded to conduct eight licensure examinations: brs. Tim Schouten, Iwan Borst, Jonathan Chase, Jeremy DeHaan, William den Hollander, Hilmer Jagersma, David Pol, and Jake Torenvliet. These brothers were all given permission to speak an edifying word in the churches for a period of one year.

Correspondence was received from two recent seminary graduates, brs. Johan Brintjes and Steven Van Leeuwen, requesting an extension of preaching consent. Classis granted these requests.

A report from the classis Treasurer was gratefully received for information. An audit of the classis finances was also received with thankfulness.

The chairman asked the delegates the questions from article 44 of the Church Order. The work of the office bearers is being maintained, the decisions of the assemblies are being honoured. Only one of the churches required the judgment of classis in a disciplinary matter.

The London church was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, scheduled to be held September 16, 2015. The suggested executive: Rev. W. Bredenhof (chairman), Rev. D. De Boer (vice-chairman), Rev. B. De Jong (clerk).

Classis adjourned on the evening of May 27.

Classis resumed with renewed fervour on the morning of June 10. The chairman opened the day's meeting in the usual Christian manner.

Classis proceeded to conduct a licensure examination for br. Hangil Lee. He sustained his examination and was granted permission to speak an edifying word in the churches for a period of one year. Classis then examined the following three brothers for candidacy in the churches: Rick Vanderhorst, Gerard Veurink, and Randall Visscher. Br. Vanderhorst was declared eligible for call. Brs. Veurink and Visscher did not sustain their examinations.

Opportunity was provided for personal questions. Censure was deemed unnecessary. The Acts and Press Release were approved and this assembly concluded in the usual Christian fashion.

W. Bredenhof

Vice-chairman of that classis