

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario of June 25, 2015.

Rev. Marc Jagt called the meeting to order on behalf of the convening church, Fergus North. After Scripture reading and prayer he welcomed the delegates. The delegates of Fergus Maranatha reported that the credentials were all in order. Classis was declared constituted. The members of the executive took their places and the agenda was adopted.

Since Rev. Jack Moesker will reach retirement age in September of this year, the Owen Sound church had submitted to Classis the documentation regarding this retirement as per art 13 of the Church Order. Classis and the Deputies of Regional Synod concurred with the decision of Owen Sound's council. Classis and Deputies expressed thankfulness for the work that the Lord allowed Rev. Moesker to do in his years of active service. The chairman wished Rev. Moesker God's blessing in the upcoming retirement.

Rev. Martin Overgaauw brought fraternal greeting from the URCNA, Classis Ontario East. Classis received reports of Church visitations to each of the churches in the Classis. With thankfulness it was noted that in all the churches in the Classis there is a sincere desire to serve the Lord according to his Word and to uphold the adopted church order.

Following this, the chairman asked the questions according to Art. 44 C.O. The responses of the churches indicated that within the churches the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. One church asked for advice in a matter of discipline. Advice was given.

The proposed changes to the Regulations for Classis Northern Ontario were adopted. Since he has not received a call in the past three years, Classis declared br. Walter Geurts released from his ministerial status, as per article 11 of the Church Order.

The next Classis will be convened by Guelph Emmanuel. The date is September 25, 2015, or September 24 if the agenda is short. After personal question period and Censure ad Art. 34 C.O., the Acts were read and adopted. The Press Release was read and approved. The chairman led in prayer. Classis was declared closed.

For Classis,

Rev. Douwe G.J. Agema.