

**Press Release for Classis Pacific West, meeting September 15, 2015 in Willoughby Heights.**

On behalf of the convening church of Smithers, Rev. James Slaa opened the meeting with reading of Psalm 84, singing, and prayer. After Langley reported on the credentials, Classis was declared constituted, the executive appointed, and the agenda adopted.

The chairman, Rev. C. Van Dam, remembered a number of matters for memorabilia. He remembered Rev. Doug Vandeburgt who is recovering from pneumonia, Rev. Ryan deJonge, who has declined a number of calls, Rev. Jim Witteveen, who has accepted a call to Brazil, Rev. Theo Lodder and his wife Marina, as Marina has just completed her chemotherapy treatments, Rev. James Slaa, who will be taking a Sabbatical this fall, and the CRTS seminary which was beginning classes on the same day as Classis.

A number of reports were received regarding the inspection of the archives and financial aid for needy churches.

During Question Period, a number of churches received advice. Langley received advice concerned URC students preaching in Canadian Reformed Churches. Smithers received advice on a matter of discipline.

When given the opportunity to apprise each other about mission, Cloverdale reported that their Evangelism Committee is continuing to work toward the calling of an evangelist. Langley reported on a number of evenings that they hosted in the congregation to stimulate discussion and action in the areas of outreach and evangelism. Willoughby Heights reported that the work in the Burnaby Reading Room is ongoing.

The church at Surrey was appointed as convening church for the next Classis. The date proposed was December 15, 2015 with the alternate April 12, 2016. Suggested officers for the next Classis are Rev. D. Vandeburgt as chair, Rev. B. Schoof as vice-chair, and Rev. T. Lodder as clerk.

The Committee of Appeals required two brothers who are currently elders to replace outgoing elders. Br. Simon Faber was appointed as primary member and br. Bryan Grim as alternate.

For Regional Synod November 2015, brothers Kent Dykstra and John Vanderstoep were elected as primary elder delegates and Chester Baarda and Bryan Grim as alternates. Revs. deJonge and Souman were elected as primary minister delegates, and Schoof and Van Dam as alternates.

Personal question period was not made use of.

The chairman found no reason for censure and thanked the delegates for the brotherly way the meeting was conducted. After the acts and the press release were approved, Rev. Van Dam asked the meeting to sing a hymn and closed with prayer.

Ryan deJonge, vice-chairman at that time.