

PRESS RELEASE CLASSIS CENTRAL ONTARIO
held on September 18, 2015 in Burlington

On behalf of the convening church at Toronto Rev. G. Bruintjes called the meeting to order. He read 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 and asked the brothers to sing Psalm 92:1,2. He then led in prayer. The credentials were examined by the delegates of the church at Flamborough and found to be in good order.

Classis was constituted. The following officers were appointed: Rev. G. Bruintjes, chairman; elder J. Smid, vice-chairman; and Rev. G. VanPopta, clerk.

The following memorabilia were mentioned:

- Thankfulness that Rev C.J. VanderVelde of Elora accepted the call to Burlington Rehoboth
- The churches at Flamborough, Burlington Ebenezer remain vacant and we entrust them to the Lord's care and pray that he may strengthen the elders in their work
- The ongoing health concerns of both Dr. J. DeJong and Dr. N. Gootjes
- Retired ministers were remembered in their various works of service in the churches
- Rev Mulder celebrated his 60th year in the ministry and Rev Mulder and Mrs. Mulder celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary

The agenda was adopted.

Reports:

- Reports of annual church visitations to all the churches were read. The chairman thanked the visitors for their work over the past years.
- From the church of Burlington Rehoboth that they inspected the archives and found them to be complete and in good order.
- From the church of Burlington Rehoboth indicating that they inspected the books of the Treasurer of Classis and found them to be in good order. Appreciation was expressed for br. Sloots' many years of faithful service as treasurer.
- From the Committee for Needy Churches that the assessment for 2016 remain at NIL per communicant member. Classis expresses its thankfulness for the continued care the Lord has provided by enabling the churches of Classis to be self- supporting. A new committee member needs to be appointed since br. L. Kampen's term is expiring. Br. L. Kampen was thanked for his service on the committee.
- From the Church at Burlington Rehoboth indicating that they inspected the books of the Committee for Needy Churches and found them to be in good order.
- From the Treasurer of Classis, br. H.J Sloots. The treasurer recommended that the 2016 classical assessment be left at Nil per communicant member and Assessment for Regional Synod East for 2016 be \$ 1.00 per communicant member. Classis adopted the recommendation.

Question period according to Art. 44 CO. Burlington Fellowship will be appealing Article 110 of General Synod.

Classis approved the call that had been extended to Rev. C.J. VanderVelde for ministry in the church of Burlington Rehoboth. The delegate from Burlington Ebenezer will speak on behalf of Classis.

Correspondence Received: *None*

Classis made the following appointments:

- a. Burlington Ebenezer as the convening church for the next classis to be held, the Lord willing, on December 11, 2015 (or March 11, 2016) in the Ebenezer church building.
- b. Suggested officers for the next classis: Rev J. VanPopta, Chairman; delegate from Burlington Ebenezer, Vice Chairman and Rev G. Bruintjes, Clerk.
- c. As Committee of Examiners: Rev G. VanPopta and Rev G. Bruintjes
- d. As Church Visitors: Rev J. VanPopta and Rev C.J. VanderVelde; Rev G. VanPopta as alternate
- e. As Church for Archives: Burlington Ebenezer
- f. As Church to inspect Archives: Burlington Fellowship
- g. As Treasurer: Br. H.J. Sloots; As Alternate treasurer: Br J. Spithoff
- h. As Church for auditing the books of the treasurer: Burlington Rehoboth
- i. As Committee for Needy Churches: Kent Baartman (2016), Ed Jans (2017), Fred Lodder (2018)
- j. As Church for auditing the books of the Fund for Needy Churches: Burlington Rehoboth
- k. As Observer to the Free Church of Scotland: Rev. G. Bruintjes
- l. Delegates to Regional Synod-East, scheduled for November 11, 2015
 - i. Ministers: Rev J. VanPopta and Rev G. Bruintjes and as alternate Rev G. VanPopta
 - ii. Elders: brs G. Boot and L. Jagt; and as alternates brs R. Ludwig, B. Hordyk and E. Doktor

Opportunity was given for personal questions. Censure according to Art. 34 C.O. was not needed. The chairman expressed his appreciation for the brotherly cooperation and spirit. The Acts and Press Release were adopted. The meeting was closed with singing Hymn 44:1,2,3 and prayer.

For Classis J. Smid (vice chairman)