

Press Release of Classis Ontario West December 9, 2015, convened by the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church of Chatham.

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

- Rev. J. Louwse was installed as the new pastor of the Cornerstone Church in Hamilton.
- Rev. W. Bredenhof has departed Hamilton for Launceston, Australia.
- The Churches of London and Providence – Hamilton continue to experience ministerial vacancies.
- The retired ministers and professors in the area and in particular Rev. C. Stam who was recently hospitalized.

The delegates from Chatham reported that all the churches were duly represented by two delegates. Classis Ontario West was declared constituted and the executive took their positions. Rev. B. Dejong served as chairman, Rev. K. Kok as clerk, and Rev. J. Louwse as vice-chairman.

The agenda was adopted. The form for subscription was read and Rev. J. Louwse signed it. Classis proceeded to examine two brothers for candidacy in the churches. Brothers Tim Schouten and Steven Van Leeuwen were declared eligible for call.

The fraternal delegates, Rev. P. Vellenga from the URCNA and Rev. A. Flowers from the OPC were given the opportunity to address the meeting. Prayers were offered up for the churches they represented.

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

The Trinity Church in Glanbrook was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, scheduled to be held March 9, 2016. The suggested

executive: chairman, Rev. J. Louwerse, vice-chairman, Rev. K. Kok, and clerk, Rev. J. Ludwig.

Opportunity was given for personal questions. Censure was deemed unnecessary. The acts were adopted and the press release approved and the assembly concluded in the usual Christian manner.

J.D.Louwerse

Vice-chairman at that classis.