

**Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario
December 22, 2015**

On behalf of the convening church of Guelph Living Word, Rev. D. Agema called the meeting to order. He read Luke 1:67-79 and requested the singing of Ps. 132:6,10. He led in prayer.

The church of Guelph Emmanuel examined the credentials. The churches were properly represented.

Classis was then constituted. The following officers took their place: chairman: Rev. M. VanLuik; vice-chairman: Rev. M. Jagt; clerk: Rev. E. Kampen.

The chairman welcomed Regional Synod deputies and fraternal delegates as well as many visitors, present especially for the examination of br. Randall Visscher. He noted the vacancies of the churches of Elora and Owen Sound – and that of Grand Valley, to be filled shortly, the Lord willing.

The provisional agenda was adopted.

The church of Grand Valley had requested a peremptory examination for candidate Randall Visscher. The required documents were presented and found to be in good order.

Br. Visscher then presented his sermon proposal on Titus 3:1-8. In closed session classis discussed the sermon proposal and concluded that there were no hindrances to continuing the examination. Br. Visscher was then examined in the 8 additional areas of a peremptory examination.

Classis and candidate enjoyed a brief break for a hearty lunch. After this Rev. R. Lankheet conveyed fraternal greetings on behalf of the URCNA. The exam then continued in the remaining areas.

In closed session, with the concurring advice of Rev. J. Ludwig and Rev. J. VanPopta, the deputies from Regional Synod East, classis concluded that br. Visscher had sustained the examination. In open session this was conveyed to him.

Rev. VanLuik led in a prayer of thanksgiving for br. Visscher and the church of Grand Valley. Psalm 89:1 was sung. Br. Visscher gave his approval to the Form of Subscription.

Classis reviewed the details of the call extended to br. Visscher and gave its approbation. Rev. P. Feenstra was appointed to represent the churches of classis at the ordination, scheduled for January 17 2016.

In accordance with Art. 44 C.O., the churches reported that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. There were no additional matters for which the churches needed help.

The church of Orangeville was appointed to convene the next classis to be held on March 31st or April 1st 2016. The following officers were suggested: chairman: Rev. D. Agema; vice-chairman: Rev. E. Kampen; clerk: Rev. M. VanLuik.

Question period was held.

The chairman deemed that censure as per Art. 34 C.O. was not necessary.

The Acts were read and adopted. The Press Release was approved for publication.

The chairman thanked the brothers for their good co-operation.
After the singing of Hy. 15:1-3 he closed the meeting with prayer.

For classis,
M. Jagt,
Vice-chairman, e.t.