

Press Release of Classis Pacific East, Yarrow, Feb 25, 2016

On behalf of the convening church Yarrow, Rev. Eikelboom welcomed the brothers and opened the meeting in a Christian manner. The delegates from the church of Lynden reported that upon the examination of the credentials all of the churches were duly represented. Classis was declared constituted, and officers were appointed: Rev. Wielenga chairman, Rev. Witten vice-chairman, Rev. Eikelboom clerk. Rev. G. Zekveld was welcomed as a representative of Classis Western Canada of URCNA. The agenda was adopted.

A request was received from the church of Aldergrove for the honourable discharge of their missionary Rev. J. VanSpronsen who is returning to Canada. He will be ordained D.V. April 10th in the CanRC of Edmonton Immanuel. Classis upon examining the relevant documentation, could hear how Rev. VanSpronsen has diligently fulfilled the duties of his office and so could grant him honourable release as requested by the church of Aldergrove. Rev. Eikelboom will be present on behalf of Classis at the farewell service of Rev. VanSpronsen on March 27th.

A report was received from the deputy for relations with the Western Classis of the RCUS, Rev. A. Pol. He spoke of good contact but of challenges in visiting each other's Classis meetings in recent years. Classis decided to appoint the church of Chilliwack instead of only Rev. Pol as a contact church to maintain the relationship with the Western Classis of the RCUS. A report was received from the deputy for relations with Classis of Western Canada of the URCNA, Rev. J. Roukema. Classis decided to appoint the church of Abbotsford instead of Rev. J. Roukema as a contact church to maintain the relationship with the Classis of Western Canada of the URCNA.

Rev. G. Zekveld addressed Classis on behalf of Classis Western Canada of the URCNA, he spoke with appreciation for the opportunity to support and encourage one another in the work of the gospel. And expressed hope that there would be growth in unity between us. He requested that we remember their churches and the work of Classis Western Canada (March 1st) in prayer.

The chairmen asks the questions required by Article 44 of the Church Order. All the churches responded affirmatively that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honored.

The church of Abbotsford and Chilliwack requested and received in closed session the advice of Classis for the proper government of the church.

Various appointments were made, among which: Vernon is the convening church for the next Classis; the date is set for May 26th; with the alternate date set for Sept 22nd. The Acts were adopted, and press release approved. After prayer, the chairman closed the meeting.

For Classis A. Witten, Vice-Chairman, at that time.