

Press Release for Classis Central Ontario – March 11, 2016

Brother A. Smouter, delegate of the convening church opened the meeting in a Christian manner. The Fellowship delegate inspected the credentials and reported that the churches were lawfully represented, and that there were no instructions. The delegates of Jubilee-Ottawa and Bethel-Toronto were in attendance via tele-conference. Classis was then declared to be constituted. The proposed officers were appointed: Chairman: Rev. JL van Popta, Vice-Chairman; Brother J Spithoff; Clerk: Rev. G Bruintjes.

The chairman noted that Rev AB Roukema, of St. Albert Alberta, had recently accepted a call to Ebenezer church. Flamborough Church will be the only church in this classis without a minister. The chairman also remembered the retired ministers, Rev. C Bosch, Dr. J de Jong, and Rev. J Mulder.

The assembly adopted the provisional agenda. Since there were no instructions, reports, overtures, or other correspondence, the only matter on the agenda were the questions of Art 44 of the Church Order. The churches responded with their appropriate answers while mentioning that various appeals to General Synod 2016 had been submitted. The chairman noted that every church in this classis is appealing the 2013 decision concerning women's participation in the election of office-bearers (Art 110).

Arrangements for the next classis were made. After the Acts were adopted, the assembly assigned the chairman and vice chairman to prepare a press release.

The Chairman led in closing prayer.