

## **Press Release of Classis Pacific East Contracta at Aldergrove, June 16, 2016**

1. Opening. The chairman of the convening church, Rev. Arend Witten, called the meeting to order. He read Romans 15:22-33 and made a few pertinent remarks pertaining to the work of mission done by the apostle Paul. He then requested the singing of Hymn 46:1, 4 and led in prayer.
2. Examination of the credentials: Present for Classis Contracta were delegates of the convening church of Vernon (Rev. Witten, Elder Deboersap – these delegates were present by Skype), Chilliwack (Rev. Pol and Elder Steve VanOene) and Aldergrove (Rev. Schouten and Elder Brad VanOene). The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. Classis was constituted.
3. It was decided to appoint Rev. Witten as chairman, Rev. Pol as Vice-chairman and Rev. Schouten as clerk. The agenda was adopted.
4. The only item for the agenda was the approbation of the call (Article 5, Church Order) from the church at Aldergrove to Rev. J. Witteveen, missionary of the church of Smithers, B.C., to serve as missionary of the gospel in Brazil. Classis received and examined the following documents:
  - a. Letter of call from the Aldergrove Canadian Reformed Church to Rev. J. Witteveen with accompanying stipulations for support.
  - b. Letter of acceptance from Rev. J. Witteveen.
  - c. Certificate of release from Classis Pacific West (Contracta) of June 14, 2016.
  - d. Certificate of release from the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church dated June 2, 2016.
  - e. Letter from the Aldergrove Canadian Reformed Church to the Smithers Canadian Reformed church indicating agreement to take full responsibility for Rev. Witteveen and his family as of July 1, 2016.
5. Approbation: As all the necessary documents were present and found to be in good order, a motion was made and seconded to approbate the call of Rev. Witteveen. This was adopted.
6. Question Period: The church at Aldergrove informed Classis that Rev. Witteveen would be installed as missionary of the Aldergrove Church during the afternoon service of September 11<sup>th</sup>. A member of the Council of the Chilliwack church will represent Classis Pacific East at this event.
7. The Acts of Classis Contracta were read and approved. They will also serve as a Press Release.
8. Closing: The vice-chairman led in closing prayer and thanksgiving. The meeting was closed.