

## **ACTS of Classis Contracta for Classis Pacific West, held November 14, 2016, in Houston, BC**

1. On behalf of the convening church at Houston, BC, Rev. Carl Van Dam opened the meeting with reading of Acts 20:13-38, led in prayer and then invited the delegates to sing Psalm 48:1,4.
2. The credentials from the delegates were examined by the delegates from Houston. From Houston CanRC, the consistory delegated elder Henry Dykstra and Rev. Carl Van Dam. From Smithers CanRC, the council delegated Pastor James Slaa and elder Casey Stikma. The credentials were found to be in order.
3. Classis was declared constituted.
4. The following officers took their places: Pastor James Slaa as chair and Rev. Carl Van Dam as clerk.
5. The agenda was adopted.
6. The following correspondence was received in connection with the release of Rev. Anthon Souman from the church at Willoughby Heights in view of his acceptance of the call extended to him by the church at Kelmscott, Western Australia.
  1. Letter of call from the Free Reformed Church at Kelmscott, dated March 1, 2016.
  2. Letter of acceptance of the call, dated April 2, 2016.
  3. Letter from the church at Kelmscott, dated October 10, 2016 with agreement on the date of transition set to November 15, 2016.
  4. Certificate of release and ecclesiastical attestation from the consistory with the deacons of the church at Willoughby Heights, dated October 24, 2016.
7. Classis prepares and approves a classical certificate of release for Rev. Anthon Souman.
8. Rev. Ben Schoof is appointed as counselor for Willoughby Heights.
9. Personal question period was held.
10. The chairman ruled that censure Art. 34 of the C.O. was not necessary.
11. The Acts were adopted.
12. Pastor James Slaa gave thanks in prayer and closed the meeting.

For Classis contracta,  
Rev. Carl Van Dam, clerk at that time