

Press Release of Classis Alberta of March 7, 2017

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. C. VanderLinde opens the meeting by reading Psalm 139. We sing from the same Psalm. After some matters of memorabilia were noted, Rev. C. VanderLinde leads us in prayer. Credentials were found to be in good order and all the delegates were present. Also present were Rev. R. Pontier (as URCNA fraternal delegate), and Rev. J. Witteveen and br. H. Ludwig on behalf of the Aldergrove Mission Board. The following brothers were appointed as executive: Rev. J. VanSpronsen (chairman), Rev. T. Vandergaag (vice-chairman), Rev. R. Aasman (clerk). After a few additions, the provisional agenda was adopted.

The reports from the Church for the inspection of the Classis archives and from the deputy for contact with the provincial government are read and received with thankfulness. Church visitation reports for Edmonton Immanuel, Edmonton Providence, and St. Albert were also read and received with thankfulness. Rev. J. VanSpronsen reports on a visit to the URCNA Classis October 18, 2016.

Neerlandia North and Neerlandia South each request an additional Church visitation due to an ongoing difficult matter. Vacant churches in the Classis request pulpit supply. Classis grants each of these requests. St. Albert asks a question about Classis expenses for church visitors.

Question period according to CO article 44 was held. All the churches affirmed that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. No Church requested the judgement or help of classis for the proper government of the church.

Br. H. Ludwig and Rev. J. Witteveen gave a presentation on behalf of the Aldergrove Mission Board on the project, personnel and prospects of the mission work in Brazil.

Classis appointed the Church at Calgary to convene the next Classis on June 13, 2017 (alternate date Sept 19, 2017). The suggested officers are as follows: Rev. J. Huijgen, chairman; Rev. J. VanSpronsen, vice-chairman; Rev. T. Vandergaag, clerk.

Appointed as observer for the RCUS is Rev. C. VanderLinde and for the URCNA, Rev. J. Huijgen. Rev. G. Veurink is appointed as examiner in Church Polity (his favourite subject!).

Rev. R. Pontier addresses the Classis on behalf of the URCNA. The vice-chairman responds with some appropriate words.

Opportunity for questions was given. Information is received in regards to Video Conferencing for Classis. Brother Jake Leffers has retired as Church Archivist and is thanked for his 50 years of service. Brother Rod Kok has agreed to take his place.

The chairman judged that Christian censure was not necessary. The Acts and Press Release were read. After the chairman reads Psalm 48, leads in prayer, and we sing Hymn 75:1-3, the meeting is adjourned.

Rev. T. Vandergaag,

Vice-chairman at the time