

Press Release of Classis Niagara

March 22, 2017

held in the Vineyard Canadian Reformed Church of Lincoln

At the appointed time the chairman of the consistory of the convening church (Lincoln) opened the meeting in a fitting Christian manner. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. Classis was constituted, the executive was seated, and the agenda, duly modified, was adopted.

In agreement with the Church Order, the churches were asked whether the ministry of the office bearers was being continued, whether the decisions of the major assemblies were being honored, and whether assistance was required in any matter of church government. All churches answered satisfactorily. In two cases, concurring advice in matters of discipline was given.

An appeal was received from two members within the classical resort. Classis went into closed session, where the appeal was eventually declared inadmissible. An item of correspondence was received from the church of Tintern requesting that Rev Holtvluger be relieved of his duties within Classis Niagara due to their granting Rev Holtvluger a sabbatical from September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This request was granted, and necessary arrangements were made.

In closed session church visitation reports were received concerning visits made to the churches in Attercliffe, Dunnville, Grassie, Lincoln, Smithville and Tintern. Each report was received with gratitude.

Appointed as convening church for next classis is Smithville, on June 14, 2017 (with September 13 as alternative date). Suggested officers for next classis were also appointed. Several delegates use the opportunity provided in Question Period to table some questions. Of interest to the churches is one item reminding the assembly that the churches of Classis Niagara do have established borders that ought to be adhered to – be it that there will invariably exceptions. The chairman expressed that in his opinion the delegates had behaved in such a way that no censure was required. This was noted with gratitude.

The Acts of classis were read and adopted, as was the Press Release.

Rev Holtvluger led the assembly in concluding devotions and prayer, and closed the meeting.

For classis,
C Bouwman, vice chairman