

Short Report of Classis Pacific-East

Aldergrove, June 1, 2017

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Schouten welcomed the brothers and requested them to sing Hy 49. He read John 14:1-16 and led in prayer. After his opening remarks, the credentials were examined and found to be in good order. The churches were represented as follows: Abbotsford was represented by Elder Harry De Boer and Elder John Schouten. Aldergrove was represented by Rev. R. Schouten and Elder Fred Beintema. Chilliwack was represented by Rev. A. C. Pol and Elder Henk Timmerman. Lynden was represented by Rev. W. M. Wielenga and Elder Ray Buitenbos. Vernon was represented by Rev. A. Witten and Elder Ralph Leyenhorst. Yarrow was represented by Rev. R. Eikelboom and Elder John Schouten. Rev. R. Aasman and Rev. D. Vandeburgt were present as deputies on behalf of Regional Synod West.

The convening church declared classis constituted. Rev. Schouten was appointed chairman, Rev Pol vice-chairman, and Rev. Wielenga clerk. The agenda was adopted.

Rev. Eikelboom was honourably released from his call to the church at Yarrow in order to take up his call at the church at Byford, WA. Classis went into closed session to deal with Rev. J. Roukema's request to be released from the office of minister as per Article 12 of the Church Order. Upon due discussion and motion, and with concurring advice from the deputies of regional synod, classis decided to approve the decision of the church of Abbotsford to release Rev. Roukema according to Art 12 of the Church Order. Rev. J. Visscher was appointed as church counsellor. Monthly pulpit supply was granted.

The church visitors reported on visits to Chilliwack (Rev. Schouten and Rev. Janssen), Aldergrove (Rev. Eikelboom and Rev. Wielenga), Lynden (Rev. Schouten and Rev. Eikelboom), Abbotsford (Rev. Wielenga and Rev. Schouten), Vernon (Rev. Eikelboom and Rev. Janssen) and Yarrow (Rev. Janssen and Rev. Wielenga).

The classis treasurer reported on the treasury. All the assessments have been paid. The church at Chilliwack reported on its contact with the RCUS. Question per Art 44 of the Church order was made use of. Chilliwack requested advice in two matters of discipline.

The convening church for next classis is Chilliwack. Classis is to be convened on Sept 21, with Dec 7 as an alternate date. Chilliwack will provide the chair, Lynden will provide the vice chair, and Vernon will provide the clerk. Rev. Rob Schouten was appointed as the deputy for preaching arrangements. The Revs. Wielenga, Witten, and Schouten were reappointed as church visitors. Rev. Pol was appointed as a church visitor as well. The meeting was closed with the singing of Hy 50 and prayer.