

Press Release of Classis Central Ontario June 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by br B DeBoer of Bethel Church, who led the assembly in the opening devotion after some opening remarks.

The delegates of Fellowship examined the credentials of all delegates and found them to be in good order.

The executive suggested by the previous classis was appointed, with Rev. C Vandervelde of Rehoboth as Chair, Elder P DeBoer of Bethel as Vice-Chair, and Rev J Van Popta of Fellowship as Clerk. Classis was declared constituted.

Under memorabilia, Rev Mulder, recently called to the Lord, was remembered. The passing on to glory of Rev DeJonge was also remembered. The chairman reminded classis of their respective work in the churches over the years. We pray that their wives and families will be comforted by the Lord in this time.

Bethel presented a request for the honourable release of Rev Versteeg from the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments according to Article 13 of the Church Order. Classis and the deputies of Regional Synod concurred with the request and supported the financial arrangements proposed by Bethel, noting that these were subject to review as needed, and at least annually. The chairman brought this matter to the Lord in a prayer of thanksgiving, asking for a blessing over Rev & Mrs Versteeg in their retirement.

The reports of all churches in this classis were received in closed session. During question period according to Article 44 of the Church Order, one church requested advice which was given in closed session.

A proposal from Rehoboth to distribute the Acts of Classis Central Ontario electronically was approved.

Burlington Ebenezer was appointed to convene the next classis on September 15, 2017. The recommended officers are Rev J van Popta as Chair and Rev G Bruintjes as Clerk, with Burlington Ebenezer to provide an elder as Vice-Chair.

After question period, the chairman noted with thankfulness that Christian censure was not required.

The Acts and the Press Release were read and approved. Classis was closed in prayer by the chairman.

For Classis Central Ontario June 16, 2017,
Elder Philip DeBoer