

Press release of Classis Pacific East, September 21, 2017 in Chilliwack

On behalf of the convening church (Chilliwack) A. Pol called the meeting to order, opened in a Christian manner, and welcomed the delegates. The credentials were found to be in good order with all the churches duly represented. The officers were appointed for the meeting: A. Pol as chairman, B. Wielenga as vice-chairman, and A. Witten as clerk. L. Slagter, minister of the Immanuel Covenant URC (Abbotsford), was welcomed and seated as fraternal delegate.

The agenda was adopted. Correspondence received included an appeal; it was dealt with in closed session. Various reports were received: i) from the committee for needy churches—no meetings were needed; ii) church for auditing the books of the treasurer—Vernon could report that the books were found in good order; iii) contact with the RCUS Western Classis—a letter of greeting and encouragement was received with thanks; iv) contact with the URC—L. Slagter addressed the assembly with fraternal greetings. Our brother raised the matter that URC candidates for the ministry are not eligible for call in the CanRCs unless they take a year of studies in Hamilton at CRTS. Notice was made of an invitation to attend an upcoming classis of the URC; the church at Abbotsford is the contact church.

During question period ad Article 44 of the Church Order, it was confirmed that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued in all the churches; all the churches abide by the decisions of the major assemblies; none of the churches requested the assistance of classis in matters of church government.

Various appointments were made, among which: i) next classis is to be convened by the church at Lynden, on December 7, 2017 (alternate date: February 22, 2018); ii) delegated to Regional Synod West, November 6, 2017: elders: R. Aikema, P. Torenvliet, alternate elders (in order): J. Roukema and B. Vane; ministers: R. Schouten, B. Wielenga; alternate ministers (in order): A. Witten, A. Pol.

The chairman noted that there was no need for censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order. The Acts of classis were read and adopted; the press release was read and approved. The meeting was closed after thanksgiving and prayer.

B. Wielenga
for classis on September 21, 2017