

Press Release Regional Synod East, November 8, 2017, held in London, ON.

On behalf of the convening Church at Grand Rapids, Rev. R. Vermeulen opened the meeting in a Christian manner. The following were elected as executive: Rev. C. Bouwman as chairman, Rev. E. Kampen as vice-chairman, and Rev. R. Vermeulen as clerk. The agenda was adopted.

Synod dealt with appeals from two churches pertaining to decisions made by a classis. In closed restricted session, Synod dealt with a personal appeal.

An overture from CCO September 15, 2015 to overture General Synod 2019 to adopt the Trinity Psalter Hymnal for possible use in the churches was not adopted. A proposal from the Church at Grand Rapids to amend the regulations to cover situations where there was not enough material to warrant convening a Regional Synod was not adopted.

RS received reports from deputies who attended peremptory examinations, as well as reports pertaining to the work of the treasurer and the archives of Regional Synod. Synod appointed Deputies as specified in Article 48 of the Church Order. Appointments were also made pertaining to the finances and the keeping of the archives of Regional Synod. The Church at Smithville was appointed to convene the next Regional Synod, scheduled for November 14, 2018.

During the meeting, appreciation was expressed to the Church Grand Rapids for convening and to the Church at London for hosting this Synod.

At the end of the meeting, the chairman read a few words from Scripture and led in prayer. After the assembly sang a Psalm, the chairman closed Synod.

Rev. E. Kampen

Vice-chairman at that time