

## **PRESS RELEASE: CLASSIS ONTARIO WEST, JANUARY 10, 2018**

On behalf of the convening church, the Grace Canadian Reformed Church of Kerwood, Rev. R. Vermeulen began with the reading of Romans 5:1-5 and having the brothers sing Hymn 61:1, 2. He opened in prayer, remembering the needs within the classical region and the federation. After the examination of the credentials, Classis was declared constituted. It was noted that Rev. J. Poort was not present because of an urgent pastoral need in his congregation; he was properly replaced by an alternate delegate.

The brother suggested as chairman by the previous Classis, Rev. D. De Boer, had accepted a call and was no longer available to serve as chairman. Rev. R. Vermeulen volunteered to be chairman and this was acceptable to the body. The officers took their place: Rev. R. Vermeulen as chairman, Rev. K.A. Kok as vice-chairman, and Rev. J. Louwerse as clerk.

The chairman asked the questions set out in article 44 of the *Church Order*. The church at Chatham requested that Rev. J. Poort be appointed as counselor (art. 45 C.O.) and Classis agreed. The church at London requested that Dr. G.H. Visscher be appointed as counselor (art. 45 C.O.) and Classis agreed. The church at London also requested and was granted monthly pulpit supply through September, 2018

A proposal from the church at Glanbrook to invite the Classis Southwestern Ontario (URCNA) to hold concurrent classes in September, 2018 was tabled. This proposal was adopted and the clerk will send a letter to the stated clerk of the Classis Southwestern Ontario (URCNA) with the invitation.

A letter from Blessings Christian Church of Hamilton, Ontario was received for information.

The convening church for the next Classis will be London. The suggested date is March 21, 2018. The suggested officers are: Rev. K.A. Kok (chairman), Rev. J. Louwerse (vice chairman), and Rev. J.E. Ludwig (clerk).

The personal question period is made use of. The chairman determined that nothing censurable was said, or done in the meeting; he thanked the brothers for their cooperation. The Acts were read and adopted. The Press Release was read and approved.

Rev. J. Louwerse closed Classis in prayer.

For Classis Ontario West, January 10, 2018,

Rev. K.A. Kok, Vice Chairman (e.t.)