

Press Release of the March 6, 2018 meeting of the churches in classis Alberta

The chairman of the Convening Church of Coaldale called the meeting to order. We sang Hymn 25: 1 and 7. We read from Isaiah 42: 1-13. After a few reflections on the passage, the chairman led in prayer. The credentials were found to be in good order and Classis was constituted. All are welcomed including rev. John Vaneyk, representing the URCNA in Western Canada

The suggested officers take their place. Chairman, rev. G. Veurink, Clerk: rev. J. VanSpronsen, Vice-chair, rev. J. Huijgen. The agenda is adopted with a few additions.

The chair speaks in the memorabilia, about the call of Neerlandia-South of rev. E. Kampen, the ongoing vacancy in St. Albert and Neerlandia-south, the upcoming retirement of rev. R. Aasman; the first time delegation of rev. S. VanLeeuwen as minister of Calgary, the developments at the CRTS (the search committee for replacing prof. G. H. Visscher, the ongoing health concerns of dr. Gootjes, the widow of prof DeJong as well as prof Geertsema's frailty).

The following reports are received, 1) the inspection of the Classis Archives, which are in good order. 2) contact with Provincial Government. 3) The delegate of classis to the URCNA classis Edmonton February 13.14, 2018 reports. The delegate from the URCNA, rev. John VanEyck, is given opportunity to convey greetings on behalf of the URCNA. The vice-chair responds with some appropriate words.

The church of Coaldale seeks, per proposal, to clarify reimbursements. After some discussion, the proposal is taken back for further refinement.

In the ecclesiastical question period (Art 44, CO), the chairman asks the pertinent questions, which are answered by the churches. In closed session, four churches seek and are given advice in 6 matters of governing their church.

The church of Edmonton Providence has granted rev. R. Aasman retirement of active ministry, per art. 13 C.O., starting October 7, 2018. Classis concurs with this retirement, as do the deputies for Regional Synod via letter.

Then Classis deals with two appeals in closed session.

The Convening Church for the next Classis is Edmonton Immanuel, date June 12, 2018, alt. September 18, 2018. Suggested executive officers for next Classis are C. Vanderlinde, chairman, G. Veurink, Vice-chairman, J. Huijgen, clerk.

A letter has been received from rev. W. Slomp and an email from rev. R. Aasman, both requesting retirement from examinations and other designated tasks. This request is granted and as a result the following examination coordinators are appointed rev J. Huijgen and J. VanSpronsen.

Examiners:

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| 1. Exegesis Old Testament | Rev. J. VanSpronsen |
| 2. Exegesis New Testament | Rev. C. Vanderlinde |
| 3. Knowledge of Scripture | Rev. S. Vanleeuwen |
| 4. Doctrine and creeds | Rev. J. Huijgen |
| 5. Church History | Rev. T. Vandergaag |
| 6. Ethics | Rev. C. Vanderlinde |
| 7. Church Polity | Rev. G. Veurink |
| 8. Diaconiology | Rev. T. Vandergaag |

Personal Question Period is made use of. Brotherly Censure (Art 34, CO) was not needed.

The Acts were adopted and the Press Release approved.

In closing, the chairman requests the singing of Hymn 52: 1, 5 and leads in prayer. The classis is then closed.

Rev. J. Huijgen, clerk. e.t.