

Classis Central Ontario

Press Release – March 9, 2018

Opening:

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. John Van Popta welcomed all the delegates present; the delegates from Jubilee (Ottawa) participated via teleconference. Rev. Van Popta read from Matthew 27: 11 – 26 and lead in prayer. The delegates were asked to sing Hymn 28: 1 and 5.

Credentials, Constitution of Classis and Officers:

The credentials were examined by the delegates of Ebenezer and were found to be in good order, with all churches represented by their primary delegates. Classis was constituted. The officers proposed by Classis September 17, 2017 were seated: Rev. Gerrit Bruintjes as chairman, Elder John Jager of Fellowship as vice-chairman, and Rev. Anthony Roukema as clerk.

Memorabilia:

The following matters of memorabilia were noted:

- the church at Flamborough has adopted a new name, “Redemption”, and is worshipping at a new location; and
- Rev. John Van Popta has been granted early retirement, which will take effect later this year.

Agenda:

The proposed agenda was adopted.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Church at Smithville convening an early Regional Synod East on May 16th, 2018.

Question Period, Article 44 C.O:

The chairman asked the questions according to Art. 44 of the Church Order. Each of the churches answered in the positive when asked if the ministry of the office-bearers was being continued and if the decisions of the major assemblies were being honoured. To the question whether any church required the judgement and help of Classis for the proper government of their church, all churches responded in the negative.

Appointments:

Regional Synod East:

The church of Smithville has advised the churches that an early Regional Synod East will be convened on May 16th, 2018. The following were appointed as delegates to this Regional Synod:

- Ministers: as primary delegates, Revs. Winston Bosch and Gerrit Brintjes, and as alternates, Revs. John Van Popta and Clarence Vandervelde, in that order.
- Elders: as primary delegates, Brs. André Schutten and Aron Witten, and as alternates Brs. Ken VanderBoom and John Jager, in that order.

Next Classis Central Ontario:

Convening church: Rehoboth - Waterdown

Suggested Officers:

Chairman: Rev. Anthony Roukema

Vice-chairman: Elder delegate from Rehoboth

Clerk: Rev. Jake Torenvliet

Date: June 8th, 2018 with the alternative date of September 14th, 2018.

Question Period:

Personal question period was made use.

Censure, Article 34 C.O.:

The chairman deemed that meeting was held in good order and Christian censure was not necessary.

Acts and Press Release:

The Acts of Classis were adopted, and the Press Release was read and approved.

Closing:

Rev. Brintjes asked the delegates to sing Hymn 28: 6 and 7 led in closing prayer.

For Classis Central Ontario,
J. Jager (Vice-chairman at that time)