

Short Report of Regional Synod East May 16, 2018, in Smithville, Ontario

On behalf of the convening church of Smithville, Brian VanAndel opened the meeting of the delegates in a Christian manner. The meeting elected Rev. Matthew VanLuik as chairman, Rev. John VanWoudenberg as vice-chairman, and Rev. Peter Holtvluwer as clerk.

Synod dealt with submissions by the churches of Orangeville and Guelph-Emmanuel questioning some aspects of how this synod was convened and how its agenda was prepared. Synod decided to receive this for information.

Synod dealt with the request of Classis Ontario West to proceed with a preparatory examination of Dr. Jeffrey Temple for admission to the ministry as per C.O. 8. After reviewing the documents provided, synod interviewed Jeffrey Temple (as per. Synod Edmonton 1965 Article 22 (English translation). Synod thereafter granted approval to Classis Ontario West examining br. Temple in a preparatory examination as per C.O. 8.

In closed restricted session Synod dealt with a request for a revision from the Church of Lincoln and an appeal from an individual.

Synod appointed Burlington-Ebenezer as the convening church for the next Regional Synod to be held on Nov 14, 2018.

After adoption of the Acts, mandating the executive to finalize the Press Release, and closing devotions, Regional Synod was closed.

John VanWoudenberg, vice-chairman at that time.