

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario, June 1, 2018.

Classis Northern Ontario was convened on June 1, 2018, in the Canadian Reformed Church at Grand Valley. Rev. Visscher on behalf of the convening church of Grand Valley opened the meeting in a Christian manner. All the churches were properly represented and classis was constituted. Rev. Visscher served as Chairman, Rev. Pol as Vice Chairman and Rev. VanLuik as Clerk.

The chairman, Rev. Visscher welcomed Darren Feenstra and family to Classis. Note was also taken of the fact that the Kamphuis family in Orangeville has had a child that passed on to the Lord just before birth. The chairman reflected on the impact that this event has had on the family and the community and prayed that they may be comforted.

Classis proceeded with the Preparatory Examination of br. Darren Feenstra, for the purpose of becoming eligible for call, after finding that the necessary documents were in order. Br. Feenstra then presented his sermon proposal on Luke 16:19-31. Classis determined that he had sustained his sermon proposal and that the examination could proceed. At the conclusion of the examination on Old Testament, New Testament and Doctrine and Creeds, Classis judged that he had sustained the exam and declared him eligible for call in the Federation. Br. Darren Feenstra promised to abide by the Word of God as summarized in the creeds and confessions and the vice-Chairman, Rev. Pol gave thanks in prayer.

Reports were given on church visits to the following churches: Grand Valley and Owen Sound. These church visitation reports were received with thankfulness. The churches answered in the affirmative that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured (Art. 44 C.O.). The church at Fergus North asked for advice regarding a matter of discipline. Advice is given.

Classis dealt with a proposal from the Living Word Canadian Reformed Church at Guelph to establish a classical committee to review the classical regulations re: Examination Procedures.

Classis has adopted the proposal and has assigned Living Word Canadian Reformed Church to propose names for the committee.

The next Classis was scheduled for September 28, 2018, to be convened by Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church at Guelph and officers for the next Classis were appointed. Guelph Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church was appointed to respond to invitations to classis where feasible.

The chairman noted with thankfulness that the meeting could be conducted in brotherly harmony. After thanksgiving in prayer, the meeting was closed.

Rev. D Pol

Vice chairman at that time.