

Short Report of Classis Niagara June 13, 2018, held in Dunnville, ON

Rev. John VanWoudenberg, one of the delegates from the convening church of Dunnville opened the meeting of the delegates in a Christian manner. After the credentials were found to be in good order, classis was constituted. Rev. Clarence Bouwman served as chairman, Rev. Dick Wynia as clerk, and Rev. VanWoudenberg as vice-chairman. Rev. Ryan Kampen was seated as an observer.

After the agenda was adopted, the chairman asked each of the churches if the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued, and if the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. Each church answered in the affirmative. In closed session advice was asked for and received in two matters of discipline.

After examining the documents to ensure that all was in order, Classis approved the call that Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church extended to Rev. Ryan Kampen to serve in a “special ministerial task” (C.O. 6). Rev. Ryan Kampen is already labouring for the Reformational Study Centre in South Africa. The chairman congratulated Rev. Ryan Kampen, who was present, as well as Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church, wishing both the Lord’s rich blessings in the work for the gospel that will be done. The Church of Dunnville took the opportunity to invite the churches in Classis Niagara to the installation service of Rev. Ryan Kampen scheduled for June 24, 2018, beginning at 9:30 AM.

In closed session classis dealt with an appeal against a consistory and received a church visitation report to the Church of Dunnville.

Classis appointed Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie as the convening church for the next classis to be held on Sept 12, 2018.

After personal question period classis was closed.

John VanWoudenberg, vice-chairman e.t.