

## Press Release of Classis Alberta Edmonton-Immanuel September 18, 2018

On behalf of the convening church of Edmonton-Immanuel, Rev. J. Van Spronsen called the meeting to order by reading 2 Timothy 2 and leading in prayer, remembering the following: the ongoing vacancies of St. Albert and Neerlandia-South and the calls that have been declined, the start of the new season of instruction at CRTS, the ongoing health concerns of Professor Geertsma and Dr. Gootjes, as well as his wife and family, and also Sr. Margaret DeJong, widow of Dr. DeJong. He then asked those gathered to sing Psalm 48:3,4. All are welcomed including Rev. Bill Pols as observer from the URCNA.

The convening church examined the credentials and upon finding them to be in good order, declared classis constituted. The following officers suggested by the last classis took their place: Chairman: Rev. C. Vanderlinde, Vice-Chairman: Rev. G. Veurink and Clerk: Rev. J. Huijgen.

After the agenda was adopted the report of the Classis Treasurer was received with thankfulness. Church Visitors reports to several churches were also received with thankfulness.

The Providence Canadian Reformed Church requests pulpit supply during their upcoming vacancy and to have Rev. R. Aasman serve as their counsellor. These requests are granted. Also granted is the request of St. Albert and Neerlandia-South for continued pulpit supply. Rev. Vandergaag will draw up a schedule.

The chairman asked each church the questions from Article 44 of the Church Order to which each church answered: Yes, Yes and No.

A letter is received from Edmonton-Providence noting that the official date of Rev. Aasman's retirement is October 28, 2018.

The Convening Church for the next Classis is Edmonton-Providence with the following dates: December 11, 2018, alternatively March 12, 2019. Suggested officers for next Classis are Chairman: Rev. S. Van Leeuwen, Vice-Chairman: Rev. C. Vanderlinde, Clerk: Rev. G. Veurink.

Delegated to Regional Synod West are the following:

Ministers: Primary: Rev. J. Huijgen and Rev. G. Veurink  
Alternate: Rev. S. Van Leeuwen and Rev. C. Vanderlinde  
Elders: Primary: Br. John De Haas and Br. Charles DeBoer  
Alternate: Br. Bill Dekker and Br. Clarence Zeldenrust

Appointed to speak on behalf of Classis at the retirement of Rev. Aasman is Rev. C. Vanderlinde.

The observer from the URCNA, Rev. Bill Pols was given the opportunity to address Classis and pass on greetings. The chairman responded with some appropriate words.

Personal Question Period was made use of. Brotherly Censure, per Article 34 of the Church Order was deemed with thankfulness to not be needed. The acts and the press release were adopted and the chairman closed Classis by leading in prayer and requesting the singing of Psalm 122:1,3.

Rev. G. Veurink, Vice-chairman at the time