

**Press release of Classis Pacific East**  
Convened at Vernon on September 27, 2018

On behalf of the convening church of Yarrow, Rev. T. VanSpronsen welcomed all delegates, with special mention of those from the newly instituted American Reformed Church at Nooksack. He read from Eph 1:15-23 and requested the singing of Hy 40:4-5. He led in prayer. The credentials were examined by the delegates from Vernon and found to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted. Rev. Schouten served as chairman, Rev. Pol as vice-chairman, and Rev. DeBoer as clerk. The Rev. Jonathan Merica and br. Ryan Spitzer were seated as fraternal delegates from the RCUS.

The agenda was adopted. Chilliwack requested honourable release for their minister, Rev. A. C. Pol. After examination of the relevant paperwork this was granted. Chilliwack also requested monthly pulpit supply. This was granted. Upon request, Rev. D. DeBoer was appointed as church counsellor to the church at Chilliwack. The church at Nooksack requested bi-monthly pulpit supply. The church at Nooksack also requested classis to appoint Rev. Wielenga as church counsellor. Both requests were granted.

Rev. T. VanSpronsen was appointed to speak at the Pol family farewell evening on behalf of classis. A report was received from the Committee for Needy Churches. With gratitude it could be noted that no requests for support were received from any of the churches. The church for auditing the books of the treasurer reported that the books were found to be in good order. A church visit report to the church at Aldergrove was received. Rev. Jonathan Merica from the RCUS spoke words of fraternal greeting. In his comments he noted that at their previous synod, the RCUS terminated their fraternal relations with the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands (Liberated). Rev. Pol responded on behalf of classis. Question period according to Art 44 of the Church Order was made use of. It was noted with gratitude that no churches needed to request advice on any matters.

Abbotsford was appointed as the convening church for next Classis. The date for the next classis is Dec 13, 2018; the alternate date in case of cancellation is March 14, 2019. Suggested officers for the next Classis: Chairman from Abbotsford, Vice-chairman from Yarrow, and the clerk from Lynden.

Question period took place. The chairman judged that censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary. The Acts of Classis were read and adopted. The Press Release was approved. The meeting was closed in a Christian manner.

A. C. Pol  
Vice-chairman at that time.