

PRESS RELEASE: CLASSIS ONTARIO WEST, DECEMBER 19, 2018

On behalf of the convening church, the Trinity Canadian Reformed Church of Glanbrook, Rev. R. Vermeulen began with the reading of John 1:1-18 and asked those present to sing from Hymn 15. He led in prayer and remembered the following: Rev. Darren Feenstra was ordained into ministry in the Cornerstone Church, Candidate Arjen Vreugdenhil received and accepted the call to the Eben-Ezer Church, the Providence Church and the Ancaster Church remain vacant, Br. Jeff Temple is serving as an intern in the Providence Church and is preaching among the churches of Classis Ontario West, and CRTS is receiving a good response to an upcoming seminary day for potential students and to their annual conference scheduled in January 2019.

The brother suggested as chairman by the previous Classis. The officers took their place: Rev. R. Vermeulen as chairman, Rev. K.A. Kok as vice-chairman, and Rev. J. Louwense as clerk.

The chairman asked the questions set out in article 44 of the *Church Order*. The Providence Canadian Reformed Church of Hamilton requested that Rev. J. Louwense be appointed as counselor (art. 45 C.O.) and Classis agreed. Classis was asked to give advice in two matters of discipline. Advice was given.

A letter from Daniel Shin, a third year student at CRTS is received. He requested to be examined at the next classis scheduled in March 2019 in order to receive permission to speak an edifying word. His request is granted.

In closed session, Classis answered four appeals against a consistory. The answers will be sent by the clerk to the appellants and to the consistory.

Classis returned to open session. The Church visitation report to Ancaster for 2017-2018 was received.

The Classis appointed Revs. K.A. Kok and J. Louwense to the Committee for Examinations, with Rev. R. Vermeulen as alternate..

The convening church for the next Classis will be the American Reformed Church of Grand Rapids.. The suggested date is March 20, 2019. The suggested officers are: Rev. K.A. Kok (chairman), Rev. D. Feenstra (vice chairman), and Rev. J. Poort (clerk).

The use was made of the personal question period. Rev. Kok reminded the churches to send the evaluations of the sermons of Br. Temple to the Committee for Examinations.

The chairman determined that nothing censurable was said, or done in the meeting; he thanked the brothers for their cooperation. The executive was charged with finalizing the Acts and Press Release.

The chairman closed Classis in prayer.

For Classis Ontario West, December 19, 2018,

Rev. K.A. Kok, Vice Chairman (e.t.)