

Press release of Classis Pacific East, June 6, 2019, Aldergrove, BC

On behalf of the convening church of Aldergrove, R. Schouten called the meeting to order and opened the meeting in a Christian manner.

The delegates from the church at Abbotsford examined the credentials and found them to be in good order; all the churches were properly represented. Classis was constituted. The following officers, as suggested by the last classis, were appointed to serve the meeting: T. VanSpronsen chairman; B. Wielenga vice-chairman; and R. Schouten clerk. The agenda was established.

Letters were received from the churches at Yarrow and Chilliwack: Yarrow requested the advice of classis (Article 40, CO) for instituting a church in Sardis; Chilliwack's letter was in support of the request. Classis gave positive advice for the institution of a church in Sardis; the institution is anticipated sometime during the summer. In response to a related request from Yarrow, some discussion ensued regarding the best way for the constitution of a first council for Sardis. The chairman led in thanksgiving and prayer.

The church at Aldergrove submitted a letter requesting classis' concurring advice for the release of missionary K. Wieske from the church at Aldergrove; he has accepted a call to the St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church. The necessary documents were available for perusal and were found to be in good order. Classis approved of the release and a certificate of release was issued by classis. Thanksgiving was expressed for the years of Rev Wieske's service as missionary in Brazil for the church at Aldergrove.

A letter of greeting—with additional documents for information—was received and read from the RCUS Western Classis. A reminder was given at the meeting of 1) the need for the churches of Classis Pacific East to remember financial support for the RCUS churches while 2) attention was also drawn to the guidelines of Revenue Canada regarding churches sending charitable donations abroad.

Pulpit supply arrangements for vacant churches was discussed. Reports were received: 1) a report from the classis treasurer; there will be an assessment of \$.50 per

communicant member for 2019. 2) a report from the church at Vernon which reviewed the books of the treasurer and found them to be in good order. 3) a good report from the church at Yarrow which inspected the archives kept by the church at Abbotsford.

Under question period according to Article 44 of the Church Order, all the churches responded that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honored. No church needed the help of classis for the proper government of their church.

Various appointments were made, among which: next classis is scheduled to be convened by the church at Chilliwack; date: September 26 (alternate date: December 12). Opportunity was given for questions. The chairman determined that no censure (Article 34, CO) was needed. The Acts were read and adopted; the press release was read and approved. After the assembly sang, the chairman led in prayer and closed the meeting.

For classis,  
Bill Wielenga  
(vice chairman on June 6, 2019)