

Press Release of Classis Niagara

July 3, 2019

held in the Spring Creek Canadian Reformed Church of Tintern

At the appointed time the chairman of the consistory of the convening church (Tintern) opened the meeting in a fitting Christian manner. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. Classis was constituted, the executive was seated, and the agenda as presented was adopted with slight modification. Deputies from Regional Synod, present for the peremptory examination of Cand. Cody Swaving, were welcomed. In preparation for the examination, br Swaving and the consistory of Smithville presented the documents required for such an examination according to the Church Order. These documents were found to be in good order.

Br Swaving presented a sermon on 1 Corinthians 6:11. This sermon was found to be insufficient. With heavy hearts Classis instructed four brothers to share this conclusion with br Swaving and pray with him. As a body the meeting also laid the matter before the Lord in prayer.

In agreement with the Church Order, the churches were asked whether the ministry of the office bearers was being continued, whether the decisions of the major assemblies were being honored, and whether assistance was required in any matter of church government. All churches answered satisfactorily. Concurring advice in a matter of discipline was given. Another church advised Classis of difficulty they had with a decision of a major assembly. This church's explanation of the matter and what they intended to do about it was satisfactory to classis.

The church of Attercliffe supplied the documents required by the Church Order for the approbation of their call to Rev Rodney Vermeulen. The documents were found to be in good order and so classis approbated this call according to Article 5, CO.

Br Bert Gritter had served classis for some years as deputy for contact with neighboring classes and presbyteries. He asked to be relieved of this function due to age. This was granted, with appreciation expressed for the work he has done. Another brother will be appointed, DV, at the next classis.

Appointed as convening church for next classis is Attercliffe, on September 11, 2019 (with December 11 as alternative date). Suggested officers for next classis were also appointed. The chairman expressed that in his opinion the delegates had behaved in such a way that no censure was required. This was noted with gratitude.

The Acts of classis were read and adopted, as was the Press Release.

Rev Holtvluwer led the assembly in concluding devotions and prayer and closed the meeting.

For classis,
C Bouwman, vice chairman