

Press Release of Classis Pacific East – June 4, 2020

In place of the convening church, Rev. Rob Schouten called the meeting to order. He requested the singing of Psalm 47 and led us in reading Ephesians 4:1-16 and prayer.

He welcomed everyone. A special note of thankfulness was given for this opportunity to gather together both in person and virtually at this time.

The chairman welcomed Rev. Gerry Zekveld as fraternal delegate from the URCNA, two brothers as representatives for the proposed institution of Abbotsford North and br. Rodney den Boer who has begun an internship in Aldergrove.

The delegates from Aldergrove inspected the credentials of the delegates and found them to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted. The following were appointed as officers of Classis: Chairman: Rev. R. Schouten; vice-chairman: Rev. I. Borst; clerk: br. Ken Krabbendam.

Rev. G. Zekveld was welcomed with a seat at the table as a fraternal delegate and the agenda was adopted.

A letter was received from the church of Vernon with regards to adding the option of video conferencing to the regulations of classis. This proposal was adopted.

A letter was received from the Abbotsford requesting classis approval for instituting a new church as per Article 40 of the Church Order. Positive endorsement was given to the proposal to institute a congregation in Abbotsford North.

Correspondence was received from Classis Pacific West as a response to a request for aid with regards to pulpit supply for the vacant churches of Pacific East. This request was denied.

The church of Chilliwack requested monthly pulpit supply and this request was granted.

A report and letter from the treasurer were received and read.

Church visitation was reported on and received with thankfulness.

As per Article 44 of the Church Order, the chairman asked the churches whether the ministry of the office-bearers is being maintained and whether the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. All the churches responded in the affirmative. One church requested and received advice in a matter of Christian discipline.

The fraternal delegate from the URCNA, Rev. Gerry Zekveld, was invited to address the brothers. He brought Christian greetings and shared matters of thanksgiving and prayer with brotherly encouragement.

Appointments were made for the next convening church as Nooksack Valley

The next Classis will be convened, the Lord willing on September 17, 2020 (alternate date is December 10, 2020). Suggested officers for the next classis are: Chairman from Vernon, Vice-chairman from Nooksack Valley and clerk from Sardis.

Previous appointments for counsellors and deputy for pulpit supply were reappointed.

Question period was held. Censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order was deemed unnecessary. Classis agreed to have the Acts of Classis finalized by the executive and adopted by all shortly. The Press Release was read and approved. The chairman requested the singing of Psalm 68:1,2 after which he offered prayer and thanksgiving to God. The meeting was closed.

I. Borst, vice-chairman of the June 4, 2020 Classis Pacific East.