

Press Release of Classis Alberta, September 22, 2020

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Kenneth Wieske welcomed the delegates. He opened with the reading of Psalm 27 and asked the delegates to sing Psalm 27:1, 2.

In prayer, he gave thanks to the LORD for the presence of the newly instituted Devon CanRC in our classical region, for the progress in Rev. Calvin Vanderlinde's immigration process, for the faculty, staff at recent events at the CRTS, and for our fraternal relationship with the URCNA.

The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted. The following officers took their place: Rev. Gerard Veurink as chairman, Rev. Julius VanSpronsen as vice-chairman, and Rev. Tyler Vandergaag as clerk.

The reports of the treasurer and of the church for the inspection of the books of the treasurer were received with thankfulness.

A new classis deputy was appointed for contact with the provincial government. Rev. Tiggelaar is thanked for his many years of service.

Classis adopts a proposal to add an appointment of a church as contact for ecumenical relations to the regulations, and to remove this from the tasks of the convening church.

After reviewing the documents, Rev. Calvin Vanderlinde is presented a proper certificate of release (cf. Article 9, C.O.), and appropriate words of gratitude are spoken to him for the work that he has done. Rev. John Ludwig is appointed as counsellor for Barrhead CanRC. Pulpit supply for the vacant churches of Barrhead and Devon is arranged.

The chairman asked the questions in article 44 of the church order. With thankfulness all churches affirmed that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. Two churches made use of the opportunity to ask classis for advice regarding the proper government of the church.

Taber is appointed as the convening church of the next classis, to take place on Dec 8, 2020 (with March 9, 2021 as alternate date if there is no December classis). The suggested officers are: Rev. J. Huigen as chairman, Rev. G. Veurink as vice-chairman, and Rev. J. VanSpronsen as clerk.

Classis appointed the following brothers to Regional Synod West, November 2, 2020: Revs. John Ludwig and Julius VanSpronsen, with Revs. Steve Van Leeuwen and Tyler Vandergaag as alternates in that order, and elders Bert Wierenga, Joop Harthoorn, with elders Phil Geusebroek and Martin Bredenhof as alternates in that order.

Rev. Bill Pols addressed the churches of Classis Alberta on behalf of Classis Western Canada URCNA, giving updates on the work of the LORD in these sister churches. The vice-chairman responded with fitting words.

Question period was made use of and brotherly censure was judged to be unnecessary. The acts were read and adopted, and the press release was read and approved.

After singing from Psalm 84:5,6, the chairman Rev. Gerard Veurink gave thanks in closing prayer.

On behalf of classis, Julius VanSpronsen (vice-chairman at the time)