

Press Release (Classis Alberta Taber, March 9, 2021) Convened via Zoom

On behalf of the convening church at Taber, Rev. Tyler Vandergaag opened by reading from 1 Peter 5 and requesting the singing of Psalm 72:1,4 and led in prayer mentioning the following matters: vacant churches of Devon and Barrhead, who extended a to Rev. Joel Vanderkooi which was declined, the call to Rev. Tyler Vandergaag from Guelph-Emmanuel, the Theological College in Hamilton, also in light of the health concerns of Dr. Ted. Van Raalte and the upcoming retirement of Dr. A. De Visser, as well as the current situation in our province. All those present are welcomed, including Br. Lloyd Van Eeden Petersman from the Trinity URC in Lethbridge.

The convening church examined the credentials and found them to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted and the suggested officers from the last Classis took their place with Rev. J. Huijgen as chairman, Rev. G. Veurink as vice-chairman and Rev. J. Van Spronsen as clerk.

After the agenda was adopted, reports were presented from standing committees and deputies. Barrhead requests pulpit supply monthly, Devon requests the same beginning in July. The chairman asked the questions from Article 44 (CO), with each church affirming that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are upheld. 2 churches requested advice for assistance in the government of the church. A letter from the Classis Treasurer is received for information.

Appointed to convene the next Classis was the church at Barrhead. The suggested date is June 8, 2021 with September 14, 2021 as the proposed alternate. The following officers are suggested: Rev. J. Van Spronsen as chairman, Rev. J. Huijgen as vice-chairman and Rev. G. Veurink as clerk. Standing committees, classical deputies and church visitors are also appointed.

On behalf of the Trinity URCNA in Lethbridge and Classis Western Canada, Br. Lloyd Van Eeden Petersman took the opportunity to address Classis. Rev. Van Spronsen spoke fitting words of response.

Personal question was made use of. The chairman observed that brotherly censure (CO Art 34) was not necessary. The Acts were adopted and the Press Release was approved. The chairman requested the singing of Hymn 8 and closed in prayer.

On behalf of Classis,
Rev. Gerard Veurink
Vice-chairman at the time