

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario held via Zoom by the Canadian Reformed Church of Fergus Maranatha on the morning of June 11, 2021.

The meeting was opened by br. Rob VanTol. He read Psalm 46 and led in prayer. All the churches were properly represented, and classis was constituted. Rev. Matthew VanLuik served as chairman of classis, Rev. M. Jagt as vice-chairman and Rev. E. Kampen as clerk. Rev. E. Onderwater was present as an observer.

In his memorabilia the chairman mentioned Rev. Theo Wierenga's move to Elora, as their new minister of the Word, as well as the vacancies in the classis. He also gave thanks that the health of Dr. VanRaalte is improving.

There were no church visitation reports. Church visitations will be attempted, the Lord willing, in the fall of the year.

The churches answered in the affirmative that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured (Art. 44 C.O.). No churches requested the advice of Classis.

Classis discussed an overture regarding the use of the Forms of the sacraments. This was not adopted. An overture regarding the primacy of the psalms in the worship services was adopted and will be passed on to the next Regional Synod East.

Classis gave its approbation to the call extended by the church of Elora to Rev. T. Wierenga, of Fergus Maranatha. Rev. M. Jagt was appointed counselor for the church of Fergus Maranatha.

Classis received an overture regarding the training of elders and deacons. This was not adopted.

Classis decided it was unable to deal with an appeal.

The next Classis was scheduled for September 24, 2021, to be convened by the church at Fergus North.

The chairman noted with thankfulness that the meeting could be conducted in brotherly harmony. After thanksgiving in prayer, the meeting was closed.

Rev. M. Jagt

Vice chairman at that time