

Press Release – Classis Ontario West, September 8, 2021

On behalf of the convening church, the American Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, MI, Rev. K. Kok opened the Classis in a Christian manner. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted.

The executive suggested by the previous Classis were asked to take their place. These were: Rev. P. Holtvluwer, chairman; Rev. K. Kok, vice-chairman; and Rev. J. Poort, clerk. The chairman thanked the convening church for its work in preparing for this Classis

Classis proceeded to the preparatory examination of Candidate R. Offringa. In closed session, Classis determined that his sermon proposal was sufficient to continue and the brother was informed of this in open session. Br. Offringa was examined in Old Testament exegesis, New Testament exegesis, and Doctrine and Creeds. In closed session, Classis determined that the brother had sustained his examination. Br. Offringa was informed of this in open session and, upon giving his promise not to preach or teach anything contrary to the Word of God as confessed in the Three Forms of Unity, was declared eligible for call within the Canadian Reformed Churches.

The chairman asked the questions from article 44 of the *Church Order*. All the churches indicated that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the the decisions of the broader assemblies were being honored. No churches needed the advice of Classis.

The Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church as the church in charge of the Fund for Needy Churches proposes that the American Reformed Church in Grand Rapids receive support in the amount of \$30,000.00 (US) for 2022. This proposal is adopted.

The Report of the Fund for Needy Churches is received with thankfulness. The Report of the Classical Treasurer is received; he proposes a \$0.00 assessment for 2022 because of the funds on hand. This is adopted

Delegates for next Regional Synod were elected. They are: ministerial delegates – primary delegates: Rev. P. Holtvluwer and Rev. J. Temple; alternates: Rev. A. Witten and Rev. J. Louwse (in that order); elder delegates – primary: Br. A. Witten and Br. P. Engbers; alternates: Br. J. Van Popta and Br. G. Bartels (in that order).

The next Classis is scheduled for December 8, 2021 (with March 2, 2022 as alternate date). The convening church will be Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church of Hamilton, ON. The proposed executive are Rev. K. Kok, chairman; Rev. J. Poort, vice-chairman; and Rev. J. Temple, clerk.

The Acts were read and adopted. The Press Release was read and approved. The chairman closed the meeting with prayer.

For Classis Ontario West September 8, 2021 – Rev. K.A. Kok, Vice-Chairman, e.t.