

Press Release for Classis Pacific East held on Sept. 16, 2021, as hosted by the Yarrow Canadian Reformed Church, convening in Yarrow, BC.

The chairman opened the meeting with brotherly words of encouragement, along with the singing of Psalm 125 stanza 1,2 the reading of 2 Cor. 5:1-5, and prayer.

On behalf of the convening church at Yarrow, Rev Iwan Borst from Vernon called the meeting to order, opened in a Christian manner, and welcomed the delegates. The credentials were found to be in good order with all the churches properly represented, and classis was constituted. The officers were appointed for the meeting: brother Rev. Borst as chairman, brother Bert Kuik as vice chairman and brother Rev. Dave de Boer as clerk, with the agenda being adopted as presented.

Correspondence received included a letter from the church at Chilliwack re: the RCUS, and that the American Reformed Church in Nooksack Valley take the lead in supporting the Western Classis of the RCUS in a more effective manner moving forward. Names of brothers available to be delegated to Regional Synod West, scheduled for Nov. 1, 2021, were confirmed by all the churches. There were no proposals or instructions of the churches submitted for this classis.

The following reports were received:

- A.) Committee for Needy Churches: no reports have been received
- B.) Church for Auditing Books of the Treasurer: no report received from the church at Vernon
- C.) Church for Auditing the Archives of Classis: received from the church at Yarrow
- D.) Church Visitation Reports: no reports have been received

During question period as per Article 44 of the Church Order, it was confirmed that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued in all the churches; all the churches abide by the decisions of the major assemblies; there were no requests for advice from the delegates.

The following appointments were made:

- A.) The next classis is to be convened by the church at Abbotsford on Dec. 9, 2021, with March 10, 2022 as an alternate date.
- B.) Delegates for regional synod as elders will be brothers Bert Vane, Henry Schouten, with 1st alternate being brother Alex Meerstra and 2nd alternate being brother Otto Bowman.
- C.) Delegates for regional synod as ministers will be Rev. Schouten and Rev. de Boer, with alternates being Rev. Borst and Rev. Vanderlinde in that order.
- D.) Officers for next classis will be Rev. de Boer as Chairman from Abbotsford, vice chairman from Aldergrove, and Clerk from the church at Chilliwack.

Question period was made use of. The chairman noted with thankfulness that there was no need for censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order. The Acts of classis were read and adopted; the press release was read and approved. After the singing of Psalm 118: 1-2, and a closing prayer of thanksgiving, the chairman closed the meeting.