

**Press Release of Classis Contracta Central Ontario, Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

On behalf of the convening church, Burlington-Fellowship, Ed Aasman opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. The credentials were examined and the four primi delegates were present. Rev. Victor Atallah and his wife Lisa of Burlington/Waterdown-Rehoboth were also present as invited guests.

Classis contracta was constituted. The agenda was adopted.

Rev. Victor Atallah was welcomed into the classis as Minister of the Word at Rehoboth CanRC , set aside for mission work with Middle East Reformed Fellowship International. Rev. Atallah was given the opportunity to return the greeting. He thanked the classis for the official welcome and extended greetings from all the partners in mission through MERF around the world. He also shared a plea for the Canadian Reformed churches to take an active role in the leadership of MERF International to help secure a solid Reformed doctrinal footing for the future. The Form of Subscription for Ministers was read and signed.

The Acts and Press release were read and approved. John Harsevoort led in closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Rick Ludwig, Reporter