

Press Release of Classis Ontario West, March 2, 2022.

Opening of classis.

On behalf of the Cornerstone church at Hamilton, Rev. John Louwse opened the meeting in a Christian manner. In prayer he remembered the needs and significant events within the classical region and the federation.

The credentials were examined by the delegates from the convening church and found to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted.

The following brothers formed the executive of classis: chairman - Rev. K. Kok; vice-chairman – Rev. J.D. Louwse; clerk – Rev. J. Temple. Rev. Ken Kok thanked the church at Hamilton – Cornerstone for convening classis and completing all the preparatory work. The agenda was adopted.

Licensure examination.

Brother Taylor Bredenhof presented a sermon and it was deemed sufficient to proceed with the examination of doctrine and creeds. After being examined, Taylor Bredenhof was granted permission to speak an edifying word in the churches, upon the successful completion of his second year of study at CRTS.

Question Period ad Article 44 of the Church Order.

The three questions of article 44 were asked and all the churches indicated that they are continuing the ministry of the office bearers as well as honoring the decisions of the broader assemblies. One church sought the advice of classis. Pulpit supply was requested by the Pilgrim church at London and this was granted for one Sunday per month starting in May.

Church visitations reports.

The church visitations reports to the churches of Grand Rapids, London, Chatham, Kerwood, Glanbrook, Hamilton – Providence, Ancaster, and Hamilton-Cornerstone were received with thankfulness.

Appointments.

The Providence church at Hamilton was appointed to convene the next classis on May 25th 2022 and June 1. Suggested officers for the next classis are: chairman – Rev. Jeff Poort; vice chairman – Rev. Jeff Temple; clerk – Rev. Arjen Vreugdenhil.

Closing of Classis.

Personal question period was not made us of. The chairman declared that censure according to Article 34 CO was not necessary. The Acts and Press Release were each read and approved by the assembly. After the chairman led in thanksgiving prayer, classis was declared closed.

For Classis Ontario West March 2, Rev. J.D. Louwse (vice-chairman at that time)