

Press Release of Classis Central Ontario (Burlington Rehoboth),

Friday March 11, 2022, held at Redemption Canadian Reformed Church, Ontario

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Clarence Vandervelde welcomed the delegates, called the meeting to order, recalled the last two years of COVID and we can meet again as society is opening and restrictions are being removed. Rev. Vandervelde led opening devotions.

The report on the examination of credentials was received from Fellowship. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. All primary delegates were noted to be present, and the Rev. Clarence Vandervelde declared classis constituted. The officers suggested by the previous classis came forward to take their respective places: Rev. Tony Roukema as chair, Rev. Jake Torenvliet as clerk, and elder Henry Nieuwenhuis as vice-chair.

The agenda was adopted with changes to the order of examinations.

The following matters of memorabilia were noted: Pastor Tony Roukema recalled the needs of all the emeritus pastors and of their spouses and others of Classis Central Ontario. Mentioned the CTRS and needs of Dr. Gootjes, Dr. VanRaalte. Rev. B. De Jong mentioned that Blessings has taken over responsibility for Streetlight, and Rev Paul Aasman was extended a call to continue in his role, and the installation of Dr. Greg Davidson was remembered.

Rev H. Jagersma led in prayer for Brother Kevin Wattel before he delivered his sermon. He presented the required documents to undergo a licensure examination, and they were declared in good order. Kevin delivered his sermon proposal on Matthew 21:33-46. In closed session, the sermon proposal was deemed sufficient to proceed with the remainder of the examination. In open session, Kevin Wattel was informed of the decision. Kevin Wattel was then examined in Doctrine and Creeds. In closed session the examination was deemed sufficient. In open session Kevin Wattel was informed of the decision that he sustained the exam and classis grants him consent to speak an edifying word upon completion of his second year at CRTS. Dr. Greg Davidson led in a prayer of thanksgiving, and opportunity was given to congratulate Kevin.

Classis then proceeded to the examination of Brother Kevin Star. The documents required for the candidacy examination were reviewed, declared to be in good order and the examination began. Br. Aron Witten led in prayer for Kevin. Kevin Star delivered his sermon proposal on Psalm 1. In closed session, the sermon proposal was deemed sufficient to proceed with the remainder of the examination. Kevin Star was examined in Old Testament exegesis, New Testament, Doctrine, personal life, and Public Ministry. In closed session, classis discussed the examination, and deemed it insufficient to sustain the exam. Rev. Tony Roukema and Rev. Bill DeJong met with Kevin Star to inform of this decision and committed this to prayer.

Rev. Tony Roukema led in prayer for Brother Timothy Veenstra. He presented the required documents to undergo a candidacy examination. He delivered his sermon proposal on Matthew 20:20-28. In closed session, the sermon proposal was discussed and deemed sufficient to proceed with the remainder of the examination. Tim Veenstra was examined in Old Testament exegesis, New Testament exegesis, in doctrine, in personal life, and in Public Ministry. In closed session, classis discussed the examination and

deemed it sufficient. In open session, Br. Timothy Veenstra was informed of the decision that he sustained the exam, and that CCO declared him eligible for a call in the Canadian Reformed Churches. Br. Allard Gunnink led in a prayer of thanksgiving, and opportunity was given to congratulate Tim Veenstra.

According to Article 44, C.O. all the churches answered that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued, that the decisions of the assemblies were being honoured, and no advice of Classis was requested. No advise, proposals or instructions were requested.

The following appointments were made for next Classis:

- A) The convening church for the next Classis is Redemption, and hosted at Redemption
- B) Next Classis scheduled for June 10, 2022. Alternate date Sept 16, 2022.
- C) Suggested officers for next Classis are:

Chairman: Rev. Jake Torenvliet

Vice-chair: elder delegate from Rehoboth

Clerk: Rev. Clarence Vandervelde

Church visitation reports due next Classis

Question period was not utilized.

Christian censure according to Art. 34 C. O. was not deemed necessary.

The Acts were adopted, and the Press Release was approved.

Rev. Tony Roukema led in prayer and declared classis was closed.

For Classis Central Ontario,



Henry Nieuwenhuis (Vice-Chair at the time)