Classis (Contracta) Ontario West Held April 1, 2022 via Zoom

Opening

On behalf of the convening church of Pilgrim-London, Rev. A. Witten welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting in a Christian manner. The following matters were remembered in prayer: current vacancies in the churches, the acceptance of the call extended by Glanbrook to Rev. J. VanWoudenberg, wisdom for Br. T. Veenstra as he considers the call extended to him by Pilgrim (for the outreach ministry of Lighthouse), and the continued welfare of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The credentials from the three invited churches (London, Providence, and Ancaster) were found to be in good order. Classis was declared constituted. The body decided to appoint Rev. J. Temple as clerk and Rev. P. Holtvlüwer as chairman.

Honourable Release

Upon confirming receipt of all the relevant documents, the request of Rev. A. Witten of Pilgrim-London church for honourable release from his ministerial duties in Classis Ontario West was granted. Rev. Witten was thanked for his years of faithful service in Pilgrim and in Classis Ontario West. The delegates commended him into God's care as he takes up his new charge in the Free Reformed Church of Baldivis.

Upon confirming receipt of all the relevant documents, the request of Rev. P. Aasman, missionary of Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church, for honourable release from his missionary duties in Classis Ontario West was granted. Rev. Aasman was thanked for his years of faithful service at Streetlight Christian Ministries and in Classis Ontario West. The delegates commended him into God's care as he continues his labours at Streetlight under the care and direction of Blessings Christian Church in the classical district of Classis Central Ontario.

The meeting was concluded in a Christian manner and declared closed by the chairman.

On behalf of the meeting,

Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer (chair at that time)