

Press Release for Classis Pacific East held on March 31st, 2022, in Abbotsford.

On behalf of the convening church of Abbotsford, Br. Alex Meerstra 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 following officers were appointed for the meeting: Rev. Rob Schouten as chairman, Steve VanOene as vice-chairman, and Alex Meerstra as clerk.

The Council of the Yarrow Can. Ref. Church requested Classis to approve the early retirement of her minister, Rev. T. VanSpronsen, due to persistent illness. Classis granted concurring advice as did the deputies of Regional Synod. The chairman led in prayer for Rev. VanSpronsen and his family and for the Church at Yarrow.

The church in Vernon reported that the books of the Classis Treasurer were found to be in good order as of late 2021. Church visitors presented a report of their visit made with the church at Yarrow.

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 and that all the churches abide by the decisions of the major assemblies. The church in Yarrow requested and received advice from the delegates regarding the matter of members seeking to join a neighboring church without have moved into the vicinity of that church.

The following appointments were made:

1. The next classis is to be convened by the church in Aldergrove on June 9th, 2022 with September 8th, 2022 as an alternate date.
2. Appointment of Officers for next Classis: Chair- Pathway; Vice Chair- Lynden; Clerk- Nooksack Valley
3. The churches of Yarrow and Chilliwack requested and were granted Classis pulpit supply once per month.

Question period was held. 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 will be prepared and approved by the officers of this Classis. After leading in prayer, the chairman closed the meeting.

S. VanOene, Vice-chairman of this Classis.