

Classis Niagara, 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, was convened at Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church. Rev. John VanWoudenberg opened classis on behalf of the convening church by reading Numbers 27:1-11, leading in prayer and asking those present to sing Hymn 36:1-4. The following items were remembered by way of memorabilia: General Synod 2022 and particularly the appoint of Rev. Reuben Bredenhof to the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary; Rev. Ryan and Esther Kampen and their son Jared who remains in hospital; Rev. John VanWoudenberg's upcoming move to Trinity Canadian Reformed Church; the upcoming vacancy of Dunville congregation and the ongoing vacancies of Grassie and Smithville and the call of Smithville to Rev. Gerrit Bruintjes of Bethel Canadian Reformed Church. The credentials were found to be in order and classis was constituted. The officers suggested by the previous classis took their place. The agenda was adopted.

An appeal against the actions and decisions of Grassie consistory with respect to their response to the civil government regulations surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic was denied.

The churches were asked the three questions of CO Article 44. All churches confirmed that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured. Two churches requested the advice of classis for the proper government of their church. Advice was given.

Under the Lord's blessing Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church has grown necessitating a division into two congregations. All the relevant documents that demonstrate the viability of both congregations are presented, and as per CO Article 40 classis gave concurring advice. Classis agrees to provide both congregations with one service of pulpit supply per month if needed.

A letter received from Attercliffe congregation seeking cooperation in developing documents in response to Bill C-4 was deemed a matter best dealt with outside of classis.

In closed session a church visit report to the church of Niagara South was received with thankfulness.

Rev. John VanWoudenberg received and accepted the call extended to him by Trinity Canadian Reformed Church of Glanbrook. All the necessary documents were found to be in order and, as per CO Article 9, classis issued a certificate of release. Rev. John VanWoudenberg was thanked for his years of faithful service in the classis. He responded with words of appreciation expressing the wish of God's ongoing blessing on the work of the churches of Classis Niagara.

It was decided that the convening church of the next classis will be Grassie with the date set for September 14, 2022, with the alternate date of December 14, 2022. The suggested officers for the next classis are, for chairman: Rev. Ryan Kampen, for vice-chairman: Rev. Dick Wynia and for clerk: Rev. Rolf den Hollander.

Personal question period was made use of. Censure as per CO Article 34 was thankfully deemed to be unnecessary. The acts and press release were adopted. The chairman invited the delegates to sing Hymn 52:1,3,4, led in closing prayer and closed the meeting.

Rev. Rodney Vermeulen (Vice-chairman, at the time)