

## **Press Release of Classis Ontario West, September 14, 2022 (meeting through Zoom)**

On behalf of the convening church, the Grace Canadian Reformed of Kerwood, Br. Gary Wattel opened the Classis with Scripture reading and prayer. The credentials were found to be in good order. The officers were appointed: Rev. Temple, chairman; Rev. Vreugdenhil, vice-chair; Rev. Feenstra, clerk.

As a new minister in the Classis, Rev. John VanWoudenberg expressed his consent to the Form of Subscription, promising to preach and teach in agreement with the Reformed confessions. He will sign the Form at the next Classis.

Per Article 44 of the Church Order, all churches indicated that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and the decisions of the broader assemblies are being honoured. Upon the request of the Kerwood congregation, Classis committed to provide monthly pulpit supply to this church during their vacancy. Dr. G. Visscher was appointed as counselor to Kerwood.

The Pilgrim Canadian Reformed Church of London requested that Classis meet on November 2, 2022, to accommodate the peremptory exam of Candidate Timothy van Beek. This request was granted.

Upon his request, brother Dathan Pleiter was given an extension to his permission to speak an edifying word until December 2023.

The report of the classical treasurer was received. No assessments for classical expenses were set for the next year, due to the low expenses of Classis in the previous year.

The Ancaster church in charge of the Fund for Needy Churches proposes that the American Reformed Church in Grand Rapids receive support in the amount of \$20,000 (US) for 2023. This proposal was adopted.

Delegates for the next Regional Synod were elected. The ministerial delegates are Rev. Holtvlüwer and Rev. Van Woudenberg, with as alternates Rev. Louwense and Rev. Feenstra. The elder delegates are brs. Art Witten and Arie Den Hollander, with alternates br. Raoul Kingma and br. Joel Bouwman.

Rev. Van Woudenberg was added to the examinations committee. The Revs. Kok, Holtvlüwer, and Louwense were appointed as church visitors.

The next Classis is to be convened on November 2 by Pilgrim Canadian Reformed Church in London. The proposed executive are Rev. Vreugdenhil (chair), a delegate from Cornerstone (vice-chair), and Rev. Holtvlüwer (clerk).

The acts and press release were approved. The chairman closed the meeting with prayer.

On behalf of classis, Pastor Arjen Vreugdenhil (vice-chairman e.t.)