

Press Release of Classis Niagara September 14, 2022

On behalf of the convening church of Grassie, br. Ben Helder opened the meeting with devotions. After classis was constituted, the chairman, Rev. Ryan Kampen, thanked the convening church for its work.

Classis appointed Rev. Clarence Bouwman as counsellor for the church of Dunnville West, and Rev. Dick Wynia as counsellor for the church of Dunnville East.

Classis adopted a proposal from the Living Light church at Grimsby, which recommended some improvements to Article 10 (Appeals) of the Regulations of Classis Niagara. At the request of the church at Smithville, classis discussed various matters relating to the observation of the agreed upon borders between the congregations.

Classis received with thankfulness a report from the classical treasurer, br. D. VanAmerongen sr., who has served faithfully for more than thirty years in that capacity. Reports were also thankfully received from the church appointed to audit the books of the treasurer (Grassie), from the church appointed to inspect the classical archives (Dunnville), from the Deputies for Contact with Neighbouring Classes/Presbyteries, and from the Appeals Committee.

Classis appointed the Living Light church of Grimsby to convene the next Classis Niagara on December 14, 2022 (alternate date: March 15, 2023), and suggested officers for that classis.

Classis made the following appointments: br. Jason Tenhage as classical treasurer; the church of Grassie to audit the books of the classical treasurer; the church of Attercliffe to take care of the archives; the church of Dunnville East to inspect the archives; as church visitors Revs. Clarence Bouwman (convenor), Rolf DenHollander, Ryan Kampen, Rodney Vermeulen, and Dick Wynia, with Rev. Cody Swaving as alternate; Revs. Rodney Vermeulen and Dick Wynia as committee to arrange examinations, with Rev. Rolf DenHollander as alternate; brs. Frank Ludwig and John Witten as Deputies for Contact with Neighbouring Classes/Presbyteries; brs. Cornell Feenstra, Frank Ludwig and Rev. Ryan Kampen as Appeals Committee, with brs. Harold Olij and Hank VanderVelde as alternates.

The following elders were appointed to serve as delegates to Regional Synod East 2022: brs. Ken Jager and Carl Oosterhoff; with brs. John Witten and Ben Helder as alternates in that order. The following ministers were appointed to serve as delegates to Regional Synod East 2022: Revs. Rodney Vermeulen and Dick Wynia; with Revs. Rolf DenHollander and Cody Swaving as alternates in that order.

After the acts were adopted, and the press release was approved, Rev. Ryan Kampen led in closing devotions, and classis was closed.

Dick Wynia (vice-chairman of this classis)