

## Press Release of Classis Central Ontario September 16, 2022

Rev. Bill DeJong, on behalf of the convening church, welcomed all the delegates and opened the meeting with the Scripture reading from John 20, singing from Hymn 52 and prayer. It was noted that this was the first Classis for the representatives from Mercy Church since their institution.

Redemption Church reported that the primi delegates are in attendance with the exception of Pastor Winston Bosch who was ill.

Classis was constituted. Rev. Clarence VanderVelde was appointed as Chair, Mr. Matt Harsevoort as Vice Chair and Rev. Ian Wildeboer as Clerk.

The agenda is adopted.

Memorabilia: The chair noted that Rev Winston Bosh has accepted the call to Streetlight Church and the upcoming vacancy in Ottawa. Mercy Church was instituted on September 11, and Pastor Ian was installed as their pastor on the same day. The ongoing health concerns of Rev Chris Bosch, Rev John VanPopta, and Rev George VanPopta were noted. Mrs. Mulder was also remembered.

Reports: The church visitation reports for the Ebenezer, Fellowship, Jubilee, and Rehoboth churches were reviewed and prayed over. The churches in turn reported on their foreign and local mission activities and following each report their efforts were prayed over by a delegate from a neighbouring church.

Burlington-Fellowship church reported that the classis archives have been inspected and were found to be in good order except for a short list of items. The missing documents noted last year have been located and added into the archives.

The Treasurer's report was received and reviewed. The assessment proposal of \$3.50 per communicant member was approved, and Mr. John Hofsink was appointed as backup to the treasurer of Classis to replace Mr. Harry Sloots who is retiring from this position. Mr. Harry Sloots was thanked for his work. Rehoboth church reports that the financial records have been reviewed and are in good order. Mr. Jack Spithoff was thanked for his work. Burlington-Rehoboth reported that the financial records for the Fund for Needy Churches were reviewed and found in good order. Mrs. Aafke Spithoff, Mr. Fred Lodder, Mr. Ed Jans and Mr. Kent Baartman were thanked for their work.

Question period according to Article 44 C.O. was held. All churches answered yes, yes and no with the exception of 2 churches who plan to appeal decisions of General Synod 2022.

Appointments were made for the following:

Committee of Examiners: Rev. Clarence VanderVelde, Rev. Bill deJong, Alternate: Rev. Tony Roukema and Rev. Winston Bosch

Church Visitors: Rev. Clarence VanderVelde (Convenor), Rev. Bill deJong, Rev. Tony Roukema, Rev. Gerrit Brintjes, Rev. Winston Bosch (alternate), Rev Ian Wildeboer (alternate)

Church Archives: Burlington - Ebenezer

Church to inspect Archives: Burlington-Fellowship

Treasurer: Mr. Jack Spithoff, Mr. John Hofsink (back-up)

Church for inspecting Treasurer's books: Burlington-Rehoboth

Committee for Needy Churches: Mr. Ed Jans, Mr. Fred Lodder, Mrs. Aafke Spithoff.

Church for inspecting books of Fund for Needy churches: Burlington-Rehoboth

Committee for Appeals: Rev. J. deGelder (Convenor), Mr. Rick Ludwig, Mr. Andre Schutten, Alternates - Rev. Dr. Gijbert Nederveen, Rev. John vanPopta, Mr. Leo Kampen (in that order)

Delegates for Regional Synod East: (Ministers) Rev. Jake Torenvliet, Rev. Hilmer Jagersma (Alternates) Rev. Greg Davidson, Rev. Clarence Vandervelde (in that order) (Elders) Mr. Ron Bremer, Mr. Phillip deBoer, (Alternates) Mr. Henry Nieuwehuis, Mr. Dave Kampen (in that order).

Convening church for next Classis: Ottawa Jubilee

Suggested Officers for next Classis: Rev. Ian Wildeboer (Chair), Ottawa Jubilee Elder (Vice Chair), Rev. Paul Aasman (Clerk)

Date of next classis is set D.V. for Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church (alternate date March 3, 2023).

Question period was held. Censure according to Article 34 C.O. was deemed unnecessary. The Acts will be drafted by the executive. The Press Release was read and approved. Rev. Clarence Vandervelde led in closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Matt Harsevoort – Vice Chair