

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario September 22/October 21, 2022, held in the building of the Living Word Canadian Reformed Church in Guelph.

The meeting was opened in a Christian manner. After the examination of the credentials, classis was constituted. Classis gave advice in a matter of discipline to the Guelph-Emmanuel church. The Grand Valley Church requested Classis reconvene on Oct. 21 in order to examine their minister elect, br. Bryan Vanderhorst. Classis granted the request.

Classis appointed the following brothers to attend Regional Synod East scheduled for November 9, 2022, at the building of Redemption Canadian Reformed Church in Millgrove: Elders Kevin Vanderzwaag (alt. Duane Swaving) and John Vanderwoerd (alt. Jeff Endeman); Ministers: Rev. Eric Kampen and Rev. Matthew VanLuik (alt. Rev. Eric Onderwater and Rev. Theo Wierenga). As is customary for the September classis, the appointments to various tasks were reviewed and updated. After adopting the Acts up to this point, Classis was adjourned to October 21, 2022, 9:00 AM.

Classis reconvened on Oct. 21, 2022, for the examination of br. Bryan Vanderhorst. He delivered a sermon proposal on 1 Thessalonians 1. In closed session, classis judged the sermon to be sufficient to continue the examination. Classis proceeded to examine him in Exegesis Old and New Testament, Knowledge of Holy Scripture, Doctrine and Creeds, Church History, Ethics, Church Polity, and Diaconiology. In closed session, classis judged that br. Vanderhost sustained the examination. Classis approbated the call extended to him by the Church at Grand Valley. He was informed of this decision. After prayer of thanksgiving and the singing of Hy. 84:1, opportunity was given to congratulate him and his wife on reaching this milestone.

After adopting the Acts and approving the Press Release, the chairman led in prayer, and classis was closed.

Rev. E. Kampen, vice-chair at that time.