

Press Release for Classis Ontario West – November 2, 2022.

On behalf of the convening church of London, brother Frank Oostdyk welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting in a Christian manner. After the examination of the credentials, classis was constituted and those chosen to serve as executive, took their positions. The deputies of Regional Synod were also in attendance and were welcomed. The agenda was adopted.

The church of London requested a peremptory examination for candidate Tim VanBeek who had been called by the church to become their minister. The necessary documents were found to be in order and classis proceeded to the examination. In closed session classis judged the sermon proposal on Luke 16:1-13 to be sufficient to continue the examination; the deputies agreed. Classis proceeded to examine him in Exegesis Old and New Testament, Doctrine and Creeds, Church History, Bible Knowledge, Ethics, Diaconiology, and Church Polity. In closed session classis judged that br. Tim VanBeek sustained the examination; the deputies of Regional Synod agreed. He was informed of this decision. After singing and a prayer of thanksgiving, opportunity was given to congratulate him and his wife on reaching this important milestone. Classis approbated the call extended to him by the Pilgrim Church of London.

Question period as per article 44 of the Church Order was held. All the Churches answered the first two questions in the affirmative and last one in the negative, except for one church which requested advice on matter of discipline. Advice was given.

Opportunity was given for Rev John VanWoudenberg, minister of the Trinity Canadian Reformed Church of Glanbrook to sign the form for subscription. Updated Classis regulations as per May/June 2022 classis were received for information.

A letter was received from brother Jakob Mars, member of the Cornerstone Church in Hamilton and 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at CRTS, in which he requested permission to speak an edifying word within the Canadian Reformed Churches. Permission was given to his request.

The following appointments were made. The convening church for next classis: Ancaster. And the suggested officers for next classis: chairman: a minister from Cornerstone, vice-chairman: Rev. P.H. Holtvluwer, and clerk: Rev. K.Kok

After adopting the Acts and approving the press release, the chairman led in prayer and classis was closed.

Rev. John Louwerse, vice-chair at that time.