

Press Release of Regional Synod West, November 7 and 8, 2022

Upon request of, and on behalf of the convening church, Carman-East, Synod was opened by Rev. R. Schouten. He invited those present to sing Ps. 48: 1, 3, then read Galatians 5, and led in intercessory prayer.

The credentials of the delegates were examined and all the classes were properly represented. Synod was declared constituted and the following officers were elected: Chair: Rev. Rob. Schouten; Vice-chairman: Rev. John Ludwig; Clerk: Rev. Joe Poppe. The agenda was adopted.

Two appeals were received from the consistory of Grace-Winnipeg Can RC against a decision by Classis Manitoba, Mar. 25 and April 8, 2022. The appeals were denied.

An appeal was received from a brother and sister of Barrhead Can RC against a decision by Classis Alberta, March 8, 2022. The appeal was denied.

Deputies of Regional Synod according to Article 48 of the Church Order reported that they gave their concurring advice regarding the peremptory examination of candidate Tim Veenstra, and the retirement of Rev. Ted. Van Spronsen.

The report of the treasurer was received. It was noted that some assessments have not yet been paid.

The church at Coaldale tabled a report indicating that the books of the treasurer have been audited and are in good order.

The church at Edmonton Immanuel tabled a report indicating that the archives of regional Synod West are in good order.

Synod made the following appointments:

- a. J. Moedt as treasurer,
- b. the church of Coaldale to audit the books of the treasurer,
- c. the church of Edmonton Providence to care for the archives of Regional Synod West, and
- d. the church of Edmonton Immanuel for inspecting the archives.

Deputies ad Article 48 of the Church Order were appointed as follows:

Classis Pacific West: D. Vandeburgt (alt. R.C. Janssen, 2nd alt. H. Alkema)
Classis Pacific East: W.M. Wielenga (alt. R. Schouten, 2nd alt. D. Deboer)
Classis Alberta: J. VanSpronsen, (alt. J. Huijgen, 2nd alt. J. Ludwig)
Classis Manitoba: J. Poppe (alt. J. Slaa, 2nd alt. S.C. VanDam)

The next Regional Synod is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The church at Chilliwack is appointed as convening church.

Question period was held. The chairman judged that censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order was not necessary. The Acts of Regional Synod West were adopted and the press release was approved. Rev. R. Schouten invited the assembly to sing Ps. 124 and led in closing prayer.

For Regional Synod West Nov., 7 and 8, 2022
Rev. J. Ludwig (Vice-Chairman)