

Press Release of Classis Pacific West which met in Willoughby Heights on September 22, 2022

Rev. K. Janssen opened Classis on behalf of the convening church of Willoughby Heights. He led us in the singing of Psalm 93:1- 4 and read Psalm 11. In prayer we remembered the examination of Kevin Star, the installation of Rev. H. Lee in Houston, the departure of Rev. B. Schoof to Chilliwack, the desire for a second pastor in Smithers, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the ascension of King Charles III.

Classis was declared constituted and the following officers were appointed: Chairman Rev. D. Vandeburgt, Vice-Chairman Rev. R. Visscher, and Clerk Rev. H. Alkema. The agenda was adopted as presented. Rev. H. Lee signed the Form of Subscription.

Classis then proceeded to the preparatory examination of br. Kevin Star. Br. Star presented a sermon proposal on 2 Chronicles 32:24-26. Classis agreed that br. K. Star “rightly handled the word of truth” and the sermon was judged sufficient to continue with the examination. Br. K. Star was then examined in Old Testament exegesis using Psalm 45. This was followed by a New Testament exegesis examination on Mark 1:21 – 45 with a focus on Mark 1:40 – 45. Finally, there was an examination on doctrines and creeds which centered on covenant theology, with a focus on the interrelationship of the biblical covenants. Br. K. Star sustained his examinations and is now eligible for call within the Canadian Reformed Churches. Classis gave thanks in prayer.

A letter was received from the Appeals Committee regarding an appeal. Since the Appeals Committee could not complete their work before the convening of Classis, a motion was passed for Classis Pacific West to reconvene on a later date so that the Appeals Committee could finish their work.

The Chairman asked the questions specified in Article 44 of the Church Order. In response to a request for advice, advice was given.

The churches then apprised one another regarding their local and international mission efforts.

The convening church of the next Classis will be Cloverdale on Thursday, December 15th. The alternate date is Thursday, April 27th.

Classis appointed the following brothers to the Committee for Appeals: Rev. D. Vandeburgt (convener), J. Van Seters, R. Jacobi. Alternates: Rev. K. Janssen and J. Lengkeek.

Delegates for Regional Synod West 2022 were chosen. As ministers: Rev. H. Alkema and Rev. D. Vandeburgt. Alternates: Rev. R. Visscher and Rev. J. Segstro. As elders: N. Vanderhorst and S. Koat. Alternates: G. Gunnink and D. Driegen.

Opportunity was given for personal questions. There was an opportunity for Christian censure, in which the Chairman noted with thankfulness the conduct of the delegates. The Acts were approved up to that evening. Classis went into recess.

Classis Reconvened on November 3 and 4, 2022. Delegates from Houston and Smithers joined through digital conferencing. The Chairman read from Proverbs 18:1 – 10. The delegates sang from Psalm 72:1, 4 and the Chairman led in prayer. Classis dealt with an appeal in closed session. Following a power outage,

Classis agreed to have the executive finalize the Press Release and Acts of Classis. The Vice-chairman closed in prayer.

For Classis Pacific West (September 22, 2022; November 3 and 4, 2022), Rev. R. Visscher (Vice-chairman of that classis)