

Press Release of Classis Northern Ontario, at Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church at Guelph, September 27, 2018.

Rev. Peter Feenstra on behalf of the convening church of Guelph opened the meeting in a Christian manner. All the churches were properly represented, and classis was constituted. Rev. Theo Wierenga served as Chairman of classis, Rev. Matthew VanLuik as Vice-chairman and Rev. David Pol as Clerk.

Reports were given on church visits to the following churches: Brampton, Elora, Fergus Maranatha, Fergus North, Guelph Emmanuel, and Orangeville. The Church Visit reports were received with thankfulness.

Reports were received from the church at Orangeville that that archives of Classis kept by Owen Sound were found to be in good order. A report was received from the treasurer with the recommendation that there be no assessment this year. An audit of the books of the Classical treasurer indicated the financial books were in good order. A report from the Needy Churches Committee indicated that no churches in Classis asked for support and an audit of the books of this Committee indicated they were in good order.

The churches answered in the affirmative that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and the decisions of the major assemblies are being honoured (Art. 44 C.O.). No churches requested the advice of Classis.

The Church at Guelph Living Word proposed the names of three men to serve on a special committee to review Classical Regulations with regard to examinations. Rev. Theo Wierenga (convener), Rev. Jack Moesker, and br. Henk Nobel were appointed and are instructed to report to the March 2019 Classis.

An invitation was received from Rockford Springs Community OPC (Michigan) to attend a meeting of the Presbytery on September 15, 2018.

The next Classis was scheduled for December 14, 2018, to be convened by the Church at Guelph Living Word. Classis makes appointments to various committees and duties.

Classis delegated to Regional Synod East to be convened on November 14 by Burlington Ebenezer: as elder delegates the brothers Clarence VanRaalte and Bert VanderWoerd and as alternates, brothers Ed Groen and Kasper VanVeen. Rev. Randall Visscher and Rev. Theo Wierenga are appointed as minister delegates with Rev. Douwa Agema and Rev. Jonathan Chase as alternates.

The chairman noted with thankfulness that the meeting could be conducted in brotherly harmony. After thanksgiving in prayer and song, the meeting was closed.

Rev. M.H. VanLuik
Vice chairman at that time.