

Press Release Classis Central Ontario (Blessings), March 22, 2019

On March 22, 2019, Classis Central Ontario was convened by Blessings Christian Church at the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church. On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Hilmer Jagersma welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting. He invited the delegates to sing Hy 52 stanzas 1, 2, and 5, read John 10:11-18 and provided a short meditation on this passage, then led in prayer.

The credentials of all of the delegates were found to be in order, and Classis was constituted. Rev. Bill DeJong served as Chairman, Br. Pete Van Grootheest served as Vice Chairman, and Rev. Tony Roukema served as Clerk.

The agenda for Classis was adopted, with minor changes. The chairman remembered the retirement of Rev. John van Popta, as well as his celebration of 25 years in the ministry. Rev. Clarence Vandervelde has also celebrated 25 years in the ministry. The CRTS will celebrate 50 years as the seminary of the Canadian Reformed Churches this year. Rev. Bert Nederveen has celebrated 35 years in the ministry. Rev. Ian Wildeboer and Blessings have begun preparations to launch an East Hamilton church plant.

There were no reports to be dealt with.

Jubilee Church sought advice from Classis on a matter regarding pulpit supply. After some discussion, Classis provided some general input and comments.

An overture from Ebenezer Church regarding a previous Classis decision was received. This overture was not adopted.

Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church will convene the June 2019 Classis. The following officers are suggested: Rev. Gerrit Bruintjes as Chairman, the elder from Blessings as Vice-Chairman, and Rev. Winston Bosch as Clerk.

Next Classis is recommended to convene on June 14, 2019. If this Classis is postponed, the alternate date would be Sept 13, 2019.

An opportunity was given for questions. A question was asked and answered.

Censure ad Art 34 (C.O.) was not deemed necessary

The chairman, Rev. Bill DeJong, closed classis inviting the delegates to join in singing Hy 45, and then leading them in prayer