

Press release for Classis Pacific East held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Abbotsford.

On behalf of the convening church, D. deBoer called the meeting to order, opened in a Christian manner, and welcomed the delegates. The credentials were found to be in good order with all the churches duly represented and classis was constituted. The officers were appointed for the meeting: D. deBoer as chairman, T. VanSpronsen as vice-chairman, and B. Wielenga as clerk.

B. Berends as guest examiner, J. VanSpronsen and R.C. Janssen as deputies of the regional synod, and fraternal delegates from the United Reformed Churches (URC) were welcomed and seated at the classis table. And finally, candidate Iwan Borst along with his wife, Debbie, were also welcomed.

Classis then proceeded with the examination of candidate Borst. With much thankfulness, classis found the result of the examination to be satisfactory, and the deputies of regional synod could give concurring advice. The documents from candidate Borst were found to be in good order, and classis could approve the call after which the form of subscription for ministers of God's Word was signed.

During a break in the examination, fraternal delegate, J. vanderHorst, offered a few words of greetings and some information regarding the latest and ongoing discussions being held at Classis Western Canada of the URC.

Correspondence received included a request from the church at Vernon that candidate Borst be examined by Classis as well as a letter from candidate Borst regarding the same peremptory examination; and a letter from the Aldergrove Mission Board requesting some time on the agenda in order to update the churches on the work in Brazil (B. Vane and K. vanDelden presented this updated information to classis.)

The following reports were received: (a) From the church visitors, B. Wielenga and A. Pol, reporting on their visit with the church at Vernon; (b) From D. Flokstra, reporting on his visit to Classis West of the RCUS on behalf of the church at Chilliwack.

During question period as per Article 44 of the Church Order, it was confirmed that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued in all the churches; all the churches abide by the decisions of the major assemblies; none of the churches requested the assistance of classis in matters of church government.

The following appointments were made:

- i) Next classis is to be convened by the church at Aldergrove, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (alternate date: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019);
- ii) The church at Yarrow was appointed to represent Classis Pacific East at candidate I. Borst's ordination scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Question period was made use of.

The chairman noted that there was no need for censure according to Article 34 of the Church Order. The Acts of classis were read and adopted; the press release was read and approved. The meeting was closed after thanksgiving and prayer.

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for Classis Pacific East