

Press Release Classis Central Ontario, June 14, 2019

On Friday, June 14, 2019, Classis Central Ontario was convened by Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church at the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church. On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Winston Bosch welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting. He read from John 17:20-26 and provided a short meditation on this passage, after which he invited the delegates to sing Hymn 4 stanzas 1, 2, and 3, and then led in prayer.

The credentials of all the delegates were found to be in good order; all the churches were properly represented. Classis was constituted. The following officers, as suggested by the last classis, were appointed to serve the meeting: Rev. Gerrit Bruintjes chairman; Br. Anson van Delden vice-chairman; and Rev. Winston Bosch clerk.

The agenda for Classis was adopted. In memorabilia, the chairman remembered that several emeritus ministers are busy in God's service throughout the world, and also those ministers with ongoing health concerns and Rev. George van Popta.

The classis moved into closed session for the reporting, discussion and prayer of each of the following Church Visits; Blessings Christian Church; Fellowship Canadian Reformed Church; Redemption Canadian Reformed Church; Rehoboth Canadian Reformed Church; Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church; Bethel Canadian Reformed Church and Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church.

The classis continued in open session. A proposal was received from Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church regarding amendments for the Regulations for Classis Central Ontario, specifically with regards to the appeals process. A committee was formed and recommended some amendments to the proposal. After some discussion, the classis adopted this amended proposal.

All churches affirmed that the ministry of the office-bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honored as per Article 44 C.O. Further, no churches had any matters which required the help of classis.

No incoming correspondence was received.

Bethel Canadian Reformed Church will convene the September 2019 Classis. The following officers are suggested: Rev. Winston Bosch as Chairman, the elder delegate from Bethel Canadian Reformed Church as Vice-Chairman, and Rev. Hilmer Jagersma as Clerk.

Next Classis is recommended to convene on September 13, 2019.

An opportunity was given for questions, and no questions were asked.

Censure according to Art. 34 C.O. was not deemed necessary

Motion was made and approved to have the executive finalize the Acts of Classis. The Press Release was read and approved. The chairman invited the delegates to sing Psalm 131 stanza 1, 2 and 3, after which he led in prayer and closed the meeting.

For classis,
Anson van Delden