

Press Release for Classis Pacific East held on June 10, 2021 as hosted by the church at Vernon via Zoom.

On behalf of the convening church at Vernon, Rev Iwan Borst 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 properly represented, and classis was constituted. The officers were appointed for the meeting: Brother Carl Nienhuis as chairman, brother Dick Schouten as vice chairman and brother Len Stam as clerk.

Correspondence received included a request from the church at Abbotsford (Pathway) to conduct a colloquium for Rev Phil Grotenhuis in accordance with Article 5 of the Church Order, with a view to the approbation of his call. After reviewing the appropriate documents the colloquium proceeded and could be completed with the end result that approval of the call was given.

A letter was received from the church at Chilliwack regarding the RCUS, requesting that one of the American Reformed Churches become the contact church for this federation. Nooksack Valley indicated consideration would be given to this proposal. A decision would be made at the next classis.

A request was received from the church at Sardis to update the Regulations for Classis Pacific East, to include in Article 1 all the churches presently included in Classis Pacific East.

The following reports were received;

- A) A verbal report by Vernon on behalf of the treasurer, with the full report to be presented at next classis
- B) A report on the inspection of the archives will be presented by the church at Yarrow at the next classis.
- C) Church visitation reports were presented on visits to the churches at Chilliwack, Sardis, Vernon and Yarrow.

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; there were no requests for advice from the delegates.

The following appointments were made;

- A) The next classis is to be convened by the church at Yarrow on September 16, 2021 with December 9, 2021 as an alternate date.
- B) Officers for next classis will be Rev Iwan Borst as chairman, vice chairman from Pathway, and clerk from Abbotsford
- C) Other appointments as previously made in June 2019 were reviewed and updated

Question period was made use of. The chairman noted with thankfulness 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. After prayer of thanksgiving, the chairman closed the meeting.

