

Press Release of Classis Central Ontario September 17, 2021

Rev. Anthony Roukema, on behalf of the convening church, welcomed all the delegates and opened the meeting with the Scripture reading from Psalm 131 and prayer.

Burlington-Fellowship reported that the primi delegates are in attendance. Additional instructions were read into the meeting.

Classis was constituted. Rev. Winston Bosch was appointed as Chair, Mr. Ivan Tiggelaar as Vice Chair and Rev. Hilmer Jagersma as Clerk.

The agenda is adopted with the addition of one item.

Memorabilia: The chair noted Rev. DeGelder's work on publishing a book on Revelations. Also mentioned was Rev. Dick De Jong recently being called to the Lord, the health concerns of Rev. John vanPopta and Rev. Chris Bosch.

Classis remembered Blessings Christian Church search for a second pastor. The churches encouraged them in their continuing search for a pastor and for the ministry of the church during the ongoing vacancy.

Reports:

The churches in turn reported on their foreign and local mission activities and following each report their efforts were prayed over by a delegate from a neighbouring church. We then sang Hymn 8. Burlington-Fellowship church reported that the classis archives have been inspected and were found to be in good order except for a short list of items. The missing document list was reviewed in respect to the classis guidelines. A proposal was made for Rev. John vanPopta be appointed to correct these noted deficiencies, including preparing a guideline document for future clerks. Proposal was accepted. The Treasurer's report was received and reviewed. The assessment proposal of \$2 per communicant member was approved.

Rehoboth church reports that the financial records have been reviewed and are in good order. Mr. Jack Spithoff was thanked for his work.

The Committee for Needy Churches reported on its activities for the past year. There has been no activity for the fund in the past year. Mr. Kent Baartman's retirement from the committee and appointment of Mrs. Aafke Spithoff as his replacement was missed. Burlington-Rehoboth reported that the financial records were reviewed and found in good order. Mr. Kent Baartman was thanked for his work.

Question period according to Article 44 C.O. was held. Blessings Christian Church requests the advice of classis regarding calling a pastor from a non-sister church.

- 1) Classis advises that Blessings is able to present the candidate to the next classis, according to article 4 CO, and that they include corresponding testimonies of his life, conduct, and doctrine (i.e., Church Order, Article 4.B.2)
- 2) After considering previous precedents, classis unanimously advises that the brother be examined in accordance with the candidacy and ordination exams. This will include sermon evaluation, Old and New Testament exegesis, Knowledge of Scripture, Ethics, Ecclesiology (Church history and church polity), Doctrine, Personal Life, and Public Ministry. Specific attention will be paid to areas of denominational differences between the church where the brother previously served and the Canadian Reformed federation. This examination shall take place with the cooperation and concurring advice of the deputies of Regional Synod.

Correspondence received:

A letter was received from the Canadian Reformed Church at Orangeville. Classis appoints a committee

to formulate a response to the letter and submit to the next classis.

Appointments were made for the following:

Committee of Examiners: Rev. Clarence VanderVelde, Rev. Bill deJong, Alternate: Rev. Tony Roukema and Rev. Winston Bosch

Church Visitors: Rev. Clarence VanderVelde (Convenor), Rev. Bill deJong, Rev. Tony Roukema, Rev. Gerrit Bruintjes (alternate)

Church Archives: Burlington - Ebenezer

Church to inspect Archives: Burlington-Fellowship

Treasurer: Mr. Jack Spithoff

Church for inspecting Treasurer's books: Burlington-Rehoboth

Committee for Needy Churches: Mr. Ed Jans (Chair), Mr. Fred Lodder, Mrs. Aafke Spithoff.

Church for inspecting books of Fund for Needy churches: Burlington-Rehoboth

Committee for Appeals: Rev. J. deGelder (Convenor), Mr. Rick Ludwig, Mr. Andre Schutten, Alternates - Rev. Dr. Gijsbert Nederveen, Rev. John vanPopta, Mr. Leo Kampen (in that order)

Delegates for Regional Synod East: (Ministers) Rev. Winston Bosch, Rev. Bill DeJong, (Alternates) Rev. Jake Torenvliet, Rev. Ian Wildeboer (in that order)

(Elders) Mr. Barry Hordyk, Mr. Walter Smeding, (Alternates) Mr. Andy Baartman, Mr. Chris vanPopta (in that order).

Convening church for next Classis: Burlington - Fellowship

Suggested Officers for next Classis: Rev. Hilmer Jagersma (Chair), Burlington - Fellowship Elder (Vice Chair), Rev. Tony Roukema-Clerk

Date of next classis is set D.V. for Friday, December 10, 2021 at 9 a.m. at Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church (alternate date March 11, 2022).

Classis Contracta for Rev. Victor Attalah has been requested by Burlington Rehoboth for October 4th.

Classis appoints Rev. Ian Wildeboer to represent Classis at the installation service of Re. Attalah on October 3rd

Question period was held. Censure according to Article 34 C.O. was deemed unnecessary. The Acts were reviewed and approved. The Press Release was read and approved. Rev. Winston Bosch led in closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Ivan Tiggelaar – Vice Chair