

Press Release of Regional Synod East Nov 10, 2021, convened by and held in Spring Creek Canadian Reformed Church

The meeting of the delegates was called to order by Rev. Daniel Shin, minister of the Spring Creek Canadian Reformed Church. After opening devotions, the examination of credentials, and the election of officers, Regional Synod was declared constituted.

After discussion and work by advisory committees, synod made the following decisions:

1. To adopt an overture to General Synod Guelph-Emmanuel 2022 (GS 2022) which will ensure that preparatory examinations of students of the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (CRTS) happen in the classis of the church to which the student belonged when applying for admission to CRTS.
2. To adopt an overture to GS 2022 to test and adopt additional, shorter Lord's Supper liturgical forms to accommodate the desire in the churches for more frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper.
3. To not adopt overtures from 3 classes to add the following sentence to CO 55: "The 150 Psalms shall have the principal place in the singing of the churches."

The treasurer's books were found to be in good order and the recommended assessment of \$1.00 per communicant member was adopted. Special thanks was expressed for the many decades of faithful service by br. Dave VanAmerongen, sr.

The archives were also found to be in good order.

The various Regional Synod Deputies reported on the work that they did in classical colloquiums and examinations in this past year.

Synod made the following regular appointments:

Church to care for the treasury	Grassie-Covenant
Church to review the treasury books	Lincoln-Vineyard
Church to maintain the archives	Toronto-Bethel
Church to inspect the archives	Brampton-Grace
Convening Church and date for the next RSE	Burlington-Fellowship, Nov 9, 2022

Synod appointed the following ministers as synodical deputies (CO 48) for the upcoming year:

From Classis Central Ontario as deputy to Classis Northern Ontario and Classis Niagara	Clarence Vandervelde; First alternate: Bill DeJong; Second alternate: Anthony Roukema
From Classis Northern Ontario as deputy to Classis Central Ontario and Classis Ontario West	Eric Kampen; First alternate: Marc Jagt; Second alternate: Matthew VanLuik
From Classis Niagara as deputy to Classis Central Ontario and Classis Ontario West	Dick Wynia First alternate: Rodney Vermeulen Second alternate: John VanWoudenberg
From Classis Ontario West as deputy for Classis Northern Ontario and Classis Niagara	John Louwerse First alternate: Ken Kok Second alternate: Arend Witten

Synod appointed the following as delegates to GS 2022:

Elder Delegates	Minister Delegates
George Bartels	Eric Kampen
Peter Engbers	Jeff Temple
Cornell Feenstra	Clarence Vandervelde
James Jonker	John VanWoudenberg
Carl Oosterhoff	Rodney Vermeulen
Art Witten	Dick Wynia
First alternate: Rick Ludwig	First alternate: Theo Wierenga
Second alternate: Ben Harsevoort	Second alternate: Winston Bosch
Third alternate: Brian Niezen	Third alternate: John Louwerse
Fourth alternate: Gary Wieske	Fourth alternate: Peter Holtvlüwer
Fifth alternate: Bruce DeBoer	Fifth alternate: Douwe Agema
Sixth alternate: Allard Gunnink	Sixth alternate: Marc Jagt

Synod drafted a list of suggested names for possible appointment by GS 2022 to the board of the CRTS.

After devotions synod was closed.

Rev. John VanWoudenberg (vice-chairman)