

Press Release of the March 8, 2022 meeting of the churches in Classis Alberta

The chairman of the Convening Church of Calgary called the meeting to order. We read from Romans 12 and sang Psalm 133. After a few reflections on the passage, the chairman led in prayer remembering the following memorabilia: Devon and Barrhead Canadian Reformed churches remain vacant, Rev. Steve Swets declined the call extended to him from Devon, Rev. Dirk DeJong (former pastor of Calgary) has passed away, General Synod in Guelph on May 10, Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (CRTS), Rev. T. VanRaalte is back to teaching full time, the weakening of the COVID-19 virus and the subsequent easing of mask mandates and gathering restrictions.

The credentials were found to be in good order and Classis was constituted. All are welcomed. The suggested officers take their place. Chairman, Rev. M. ten Haaf, Vice-chair, Rev. J. VanSpronsen and Clerk: Rev. J. Huijgen. The agenda is adopted with a few additions.

The following reports are received: 1) The inspection of the Classis Archives, which are in good order. 2) Contact with provincial government; 3) Church visitors' report on visits made to the churches of Immanuel and Devon (Art. 46, C.O.); 4) The delegate for contact with URCNA gave a positive and encouraging report of a visit on October 6, 2021

The church at Barrhead requests and receives monthly pulpit supply to assist them during their time of vacancy.

In the ecclesiastical question period (Art 44, CO), the chairman asks the pertinent questions, which are answered by the churches. In closed session two churches seek and are given concurring advice in two matters related to the exercise of ecclesiastical discipline in their churches.

The churches of Classis Alberta received an appeal which was dealt with in closed session.

The Convening Church for the next Classis is Coaldale, date June 14, 2022, alt. September 13, 2022. Suggested executive officers for next Classis are J. Ludwig, chairman, M. ten Haaf, Vice-chairman, J. VanSpronsen, clerk.

Delegates were given an opportunity for personal questions and for brotherly censure (Art. 34, CO). Classis agreed that the Acts and the Press Release could be approved by the moderamen after classis was adjourned. In closing, we sang Psalm 107:1, 2, the chairman led in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Rev. J. VanSpronsen, clerk. e.t.