

**Press Release of Classis Central Ontario (Redemption),
Friday June 10, 2022, held at Redemption Canadian Reformed Church, Ontario**

On behalf of the convening church, Rev. Jake Torenvliet welcomed the delegates, and called the meeting to order. Rev. Jake Torenvliet led opening devotions.

The report on the examination of credentials was received from Rehoboth. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order.

All primary delegates were noted to be present, and Rev. Jake Torenvliet declared classis constituted.

The officers suggested by the previous classis came forward to take their respective places: Rev. Jake Torenvliet as chair, Rev. Clarence Vandervelde as clerk, and elder Niels Heerema as vice-chair.

The agenda was adopted with some minor changes.

The following matters of memorabilia were noted: The retired ministers in the classis and their spouses. The Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary and the many summer internships. Bethel hired Kwanyoung Park as a part time mission worker.

Rev. Clarence Vandervelde read the Classis Subscription form and Rev. Paul Aasman and Rev. Ian Wildeboer signed the subscription form.

Anson VanDelden presented himself for his candidacy exam. All the documents were found to be in good order. Rev. Ian Wildeboer prayed for Anson van Delden before he delivered his sermon. Anson delivered his sermon proposal on 1 Timothy 3:14-16. In closed session, the sermon proposal was deemed sufficient to proceed with the remainder of the examination. In an open session, Anson van Delden was informed of this decision. After that, he was examined in Old Testament exegesis, New Testament, doctrine, personal life, and public ministry. In a closed session, classis discussed the examination and deemed it sufficient. In an open session, Br. Anson van Delden was informed of the decision that he sustained the exam, and that Classis Central Ontario declared him eligible for a call in the Canadian Reformed Churches.

The reports of the church visitations that have taken place in the congregations of Bethel, Redemption, and Blessings churches were discussed. Rev Paul Aasman offered a prayer of thanksgiving for harmony within these congregations.

The delegates from the churches were asked whether the ministry of the office beares is being continued, whether the decisions of the major assemblies were being honored, whether there is any matter in which the consistories need the help of classis. All churches answered yes, yes, and no, respectively, with the exception that two churches sought advice from classis.

In closed session, the church of Bethel requested and received advice in a matter of discipline. Blessings Christian Church addressed classis to seek advice on its proposal to constitute a Consistory at Mercy Christian Church (per C.O. Art 40). The documents were found to be in good order. The classis is thankful for this wonderful development, endorsed the request, and provided advice to the Blessings delegates. Classis appointed Fellowship to represent Classis Central Ontario at the institution service, which is scheduled to take place on September 11, 2022.

Classis adopted sections of Bethel's overture concerning the Regulations of CCO pertaining to candidacy and ordination examinations. The CCO Treasurer requested to change the mileage remuneration. Classis agreed to tie the mileage remuneration rate to the annual CRA rate.

Classis received a letter from Ebenezer regarding the retirement of br. Klaas Spithoff as the classis archivist, and his replacement, Matt Vandermooren. Classis agreed to submit a letter to Klaas Spithoff expressing gratitude for his many years of faithful service as archivist.

The following appointments were made for next Classis:

- A. The convening church for the next Classis will be Hamilton Blessings, and hosted at the convening church.
- B. Suggested officers for next Classis are:
 - a. Chairman: Rev. Clarence Vandervelde
 - b. Vice-chair: elder delegate of the convening church
 - c. Clerk: Rev. Ian Wildeboer

Next Classis scheduled for September 16, 2022. Alternate date December 9, 2022.

Question period was not utilized. Christian censure according to Art. 34 C. O. was not deemed necessary.

The Acts will be finalized by the executive team, and a draft of the Press Release was read and will be finalized by the executive.

Rev. Jake Torenvliet led in prayer and declared classis closed.

For Classis Central Ontario,

Niels Heerema (Vice-Chair at the time)