

**Press Release of Classis Contracta of Ontario West convened by Trinity Canadian Reformed Church on August 4, 2022.**

Classis Ontario West was convened on August 4, 2022 by Trinity Canadian Reformed Church. On behalf of the convening church, Brother Shawn Dejager welcomed the participants and opened the meeting in a Christian manner

This is a “Classis Contracta” hosted by Trinity as the convening church, with delegates from Cornerstone and Providence Canadian Reformed Churches representing the neighboring churches in accordance with the Church Order. The sole item on the agenda is the approbation of the call extended by Trinity Canadian Reformed Church to Rev. John Van Woudenberg of the Dunnville Canadian Reformed Church.

Elder Shawn Dejager served as Chairman and Elder James Meerveld as Vice-Chairman / Clerk. The credentials of the attending delegates were found to be in good order.

Trinity has provided the relevant documents required to approbate the call to Rev. John Van Woudenberg. The documents are found to be in good order, the proper announcements have been made, and Lord willing, Rev. Van Woudenberg is scheduled to be installed as the Minister of the Word and Sacraments on August 14, 2022 in the morning worship service with Dr. Van Vliet presiding.

Brother Dejager notes with thankfulness that the Lord has provided Trinity with a pastor after a vacancy . He also expresses appreciation for the addition of another minister to Classis Ontario West before closing the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Elder James Meerveld (Clerk at the time)