

Press Release, Classis Niagara (Contracta), 1st November 2023

Br. Ben Helder, chairman of convening church, Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie led in opening devotions. He read 1 Cor. 1:18-31 and led in prayer. He then invited those present to sing Hymn 65:1-4. The credentials were found to be in good order and classis was constituted. The following officers were appointed: Chairman – Rev. Rolf den Hollander; Vice Chairman – Br. Ben Helder; Clerk – Rev. Rodney Vermeulen.

The purpose of the meeting was to seek classis approval (as per C.O. 4) to extending a second call to Rev. John Louwarse of Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church to serve at Covenant Canadian Reformed Church of Grassie. The council of Grassie had provided delegates with a written rationale for extending the second call. After a brief discussion approval was given.

Personal question period was made use of and no censure as per Art. 34 was necessary. The acts and press release were adopted. The chairman invited the delegates to sing Psalm 134 and led in closing prayer.