

Press Release
Classis Alberta of the Canadian Reformed Churches
held in Coaldale, Alberta
on December 12, 2006

The minister of the convening church, Rev. D. Poppe, opened the meeting with the reading of Luke 1:57-80, singing and prayer. He welcomed the delegates, as well as Rev. Jelle Tuininga of the Trinity URC of Lethbridge; br. Richard Horlings, who is doing an internship in Edmonton-Immanuel; and br. Dong-Woo Oh, who is helping out the church of Taber. After the credentials were examined and found to be in good order, classis was constituted. In accordance with the rotation, Rev. D. Poppe was appointed as chairman, Rev. R. Bredenhof as vice-chairman, and Rev. J.P. Kalkman as clerk. The agenda was adopted.

Reports from the Classis Treasurer, the Committee for Financial Aid to Needy Students for the Ministry, the Committee for Aid to Needy Churches, and the church visitors (on their visit to Neerlandia) were given, discussed, and received by classis with thankfulness. Rev. Tuininga addressed classis, expressing thankfulness for the relationship that continues to develop between the URCNA and the CanRC, and also the hope that these two federations soon become one. Rev. R. Aasman responded with appropriate words, voicing gratitude for the shared desire for unity.

Edmonton-Providence received advice concerning international mission. Taber asked for and received the promise of continued pulpit supply during their time of vacancy. The questions outlined in Art. 44 (CO) were asked and answered.

Edmonton-Immanuel was appointed as convening church of the next classis, to be held on March 13, 2007, d.v., with alternate date as June 12. Suggested officers of the next classis, according to the rotation, are Revs. W.B. Slomp (chairman), D. Poppe (vice-chairman), and R. Bredenhof (clerk). The following appointments were made: as Classis Treasurer, John Buitenbos; as church for auditing the books of the treasurer, St. Albert; as church for taking care of the archives, Edmonton-Providence; as church for inspecting the archives, Edmonton-Immanuel; as church visitors, Revs. R. Aasman, J. Louwerse, W.B. Slomp, E.J. Tiggelaar (coordinator); as committee for examinations, Revs. R. Aasman and W.B. Slomp; as examiners, various ministers of the classis; as Committee for Financial Aid to Students for the Ministry, brs. J. Moedt, M. Tams, and A. Leffers; as Committee for Aid to Needy Churches, brs. C. DeBoer, W. Noot, and J. Vanderdeen; as Deputy for Contact with the Provincial Government, Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar; as contact person/observers to RCUS and URCNA, Revs. R. Aasman and R. Bredenhof (D. Poppe as alternate); as pulpit supply coordinator, Rev. W.B. Slomp.

Various personal questions and comments were made and responded to. The Acts and Press Release were adopted. The vice-chairman closed the meeting with prayer.

Reuben Bredenhof, vice-chairman at that time