

Press Release Classis Central Ontario, held December 8, 2006 in the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church building.

On behalf of the convening church rev. J. VanPopta called the meeting to order and read from Matthew 23: 23b and Matthew 1: 1-6, 17. A few meditative words are offered concerning mercy, justice and faithfulness. After which he led in prayer. The delegates then sing Hymn 14: 2 and 4. We were welcomed. Rev. R. Lankheet of the URC in Etobicoke is present and welcomed.

The credentials were examined by the delegates of the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church and found to be in good order.

Classis was then constituted with the following officers. Rev. M. Jagt, chairman, Rev. J. Huijgen vice-chairman and Rev. W. DenHollander clerk.

The agenda is adopted as per provisional agenda.

In the memorabilia it is observed that generally speaking the churches are doing well under the blessing of the Lord. Rev. Bosch is remembered as he is struggling with health concerns.

In the question period for the churches the appropriate questions of article 44 CO are read and answered.

The Fellowship Canadian Reformed Church seeks the judgement of Classis re. a decision to allow sisters to vote. It is considered unwise to proceed with the decision already made. Classis advises the Fellowship Canadian Reformed Church to rethink its approach and follow the way of art. 31 CO, appealing the decisions the decisions made by major assemblies and interact with them.

There are no proposals or instructions of the churches.

Rev. R. Lankheet, pastor of the Etobicoke URC, in the classis of Southern Ontario is given the floor as fraternal delegate for the URC. He brings personal greetings. He reflects on his learning curve getting to know the Canadian Reformed churches and heritage. As member on the committee for the common song book, he has experienced unity in origin and purpose in Jesus Christ, while identifying 'cultural' difference and diversity.

The Chairman responds in kind, observing the grace of God and wishing the blessing of God. We sang together Psalm 133: 1 expressing the unity, which we experienced.

An appeal from a brother in one of the churches is dealt with in closed session. After the midday meal the chairman invites all to sing Psalm 133:2. Classis continues to deal with the appeal. Classis adopted a response.

The following appointments are made. The convening church for the next classis is Burlington-Waterdown, for a classis on March 09, 2007 D.V.

Place of meeting will be: Ebenezer Church.

The following officers are suggested: Rev. G. Nederveen, Chairman, Rev. M. Jagt, vice-chairman, Rev. J. Huijgen Clerk.

The question period is not made use of.

Censure according to article 34. C.O. is not deemed necessary.
The Acts are read and adopted. The Press Release is approved for publication.
In closing the chairman offers words of thanks, we sing of Psalm 135: 2, 6. The meeting is closed with prayer.

Rev. J. Huijgen, vice-chair eo tempore