

Press Release of Classis Pacific East,  
held in Abbotsford on June 14, 2007

On behalf of the convening church of Aldergrove, R. Schouten called the meeting to order. Portions from Luke 7 and 8 were read and prayer was offered up, after which Psalm 103 stanzas 4 and 5 were sung. Some events and matters of interest among the churches were mentioned.

The delegates of the church at Abbotsford reported that the credentials were in order and that the churches were duly represented. Classis was declared constituted. The following officers were appointed to serve classis: J. Moesker as chairman, B. Wielenga as vice-chairman, and C. Bouwman as clerk. The agenda was adopted.

The church at Chilliwack requested a colloquium (Article 5, Church Order) for Rev. Ijbema at the next classis. The committee for examinations was alerted to this in order to make the necessary preparations. In connection with the desire to install Rev. Ijbema at the earliest opportunity, the church at Chilliwack requested September 6 as the date for the next classis. Because of the absence of some examiners at that time, it was deemed not prudent to set that date for the next classis. The church at Chilliwack also requested further advice from classis in a matter of church discipline. Advice was given.

A report was heard and received with thankfulness from the classis treasurer and the treasurer was thanked for his work. The following church visitation reports were received thankfully: visits to the church at Yarrow (April 6, 2007), to the church at Lynden (June 5, 2007), to the church at Aldergrove (June 6, 2007), and to the church at Abbotsford (March 23, 2007). A report was heard of a visit made to the Classis Western Canada of the United Reformed Churches, held on June 13, 2007—this in response to an invitation from the stated clerk of the URC classis sent to the ministers of Classis Pacific East to attend the classis. The report was received with thankfulness.

The chairman asked the questions stipulated in Article 44 of the Church Order. All the churches affirmed that the ministry of the office bearers is being continued and that the decisions of the major assemblies are being honored. No church requested the judgment and help of classis for the proper government of the church.

Various appointments were made, among which the following: The convening church for next classis is the church at Chilliwack, and the date for next classis is set for September 13, 2007—with December 6, 2007 as the alternate date.

The chairman noted the good order in which the meeting could be conducted. The Acts were read and adopted; the press release was approved for publication. The church at Abbotsford was thanked for the use of its facilities. After the assembly sang Psalm 103 stanzas 7 and 8, the chairman led in prayer and thanksgiving. The meeting was closed.

For classis on June 14, 2007  
Bill Wielenga