



THE CLASSIS OF ONTARIO, INC  
MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS STUDENT EXAMINATIONS

May 27, 2000 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was hosted by the Bethel Reformed Church of Exeter, for the purposes of examining two of our students: Peter Burrill and Jim Vellenga, and for a discussion on the report of the ad-hoc committee of the Classis dealing with the issue of the overture of Woodstock congregation.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Worship Service**

Peter Burrill led the Classis in worship. We began with the hymn, "Praise the Lord, the Almighty", and Mr Burrill led us in prayer. His Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. He spoke of the theme, "How to Build the Church". Mr Burrill led us the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", and closed this time with prayer.

The members of Classis were given opportunity to evaluate the sermon preached through a form that was given to all.

**2. THE ROLL CALL:**

**The following Churches were represented by:**

Brantford		
Cambridge	Rev Siebrant Wilts	Elder John Hunneren
Chatham	Rev John Kapteyn	Elder Henry Dekker
Drayton	Rev. Dirk Jan Kramer	Elder Albert Nykamp
Exeter	Mr Jim Vellenga	Elder Bert Brand
		Elder Gerben Wijnja
Grimsby		
Guelph	Rev Henry DeKorte	
Hamilton		Elder Adriaan Van Drongelen
Harriston		
Kingsville		
London	Rev Art Vander Meulen	Elder Ron Steensma
Maitland		
Mississauga		
Sheffield		
Springford		Elder Van Ittersum
		Elder J. Koetsier
St. Catharines		
Stevensville		

Stoney Creek	Rev Abram Blaak	
Thorold Grace	Rev Leslie Boyd	Elder Ron Brix
Toronto		
Tory Hill		
Wainfleet		
Welland		
Whitby		Elder Ray Van Slageren
Woodstock Em	Rev Jeff Kingswood	Elder Ken Turner

**The following Unorganized Churches were presented by:**

New Life Church of Toronto  
North York Christ the King  
Toronto LaSenda Del Amor

**Other Members of Classis Present were**

Rev Will Kroon, Rev Thomas Meyer (Classis Treasurer), Rev Jim Moerman, Rev Calvin Ver Mulm.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

Rev Winnefred Bridges, Rev Joe Veldman, Mr Don Waterhouse,, Rev Martyn Van Essen, Rev Charles Webster.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:**

**GUESTS OF THE CLASSIS:**

Mrs Bylstra was also here at the meeting, and was welcomed by the Rev Thomas Meyer who led this part of the meeting as the chair of the Student Care and Examination Committee.

**AGENDA FOR CLASSIS MEETING:**

1. The Examination of the Peter Burrill and Jim Vellenga.

**THE SCHEDULE FOR EXAMINATIONS**

Rev Meyer, introduced the schedule for the day. Examinations of the Mr Peter Burrill and Jim Vellenga were in sequence as the following Minutes illustrates. Before the examinations commenced, Rev Meyer led the Classis in prayer for grace and wisdom for the students.

Theology Proper	Jim, Pete	Rev. Les Boyd
Theology of Scripture	Jim	Rev. Les Boyd
Soteriology	Jim, Pete	Rev. Dirk Kramer
Views of Ministry	Pete	Rev. Siebrand Wilts
Church History	Pete	Rev. Ken Ramsay

Hebrew  
Preaching

Jim  
Jim

Rev. Perry Brackin  
by the Classis as a whole

**M.S.** to move into Executive Session to discuss the above examinations. **Carried.**

For Mr Pete Burrill:

- **M.S.** to the sustain examination in Theology Proper. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Soteriology. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Views of Ministry. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Church History. **Carried.**

For Mr Vellenga:

- **M.S.** to the sustain the sermon preached in worship. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to the sustain examination in Theology Proper. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Theology of Scripture. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Soteriology **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Hebrew. **Carried.**
- **M.S.** to sustain the examination in Preaching. **Carried.**

**Motion** that we move out of Executive Session. **Supported and Carried.** Both students were made aware of the results above by rev Thomas Meyer. The Rev John Kapteyn closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing on the candidates and the members of Classis.

THE CLOSING OF THE SESSION OF CLASSIS

The motion that we adjourn the meeting was supported and carried.

Humbly submitted,

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(Rev) Abram Blaak  
Stated Clerk.

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Rev Jeff Kingswood  
Vice-President