

Classis North of the Free Reformed Churches of Australia – Southern River 28 July 2023

1. On behalf of the convening Church, the church of Southern River, Rev. D. Poppe opened the meeting in a Christian manner.
2. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order.
The classis was constituted. Chairman was Rev. S ' t Hart, clerk Rev. D. Poppe, vice-chairman Rev. A. Souman. The chairman congratulated Rev. Poppe with his call from the church of Albany and wished him wisdom to come to a decision.
The delegates all indicated their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity.
3. The agenda was adopted.
4. After the required documentation was presented and found to be in order, brother Dathan Pleiter was invited to present his sermon proposal to classis. The text of his proposal was Daniel 2:24-49.
Classis deemed this sermon proposal sufficient, and the examination continued.
Brother Pleiter was examined on exegesis OT, Amos 9, by Rev. D. Poppe.
Rev. W. Bredenhof examined him on exegesis NT, Colossians 1.
Rev. A. Souman led the examination in doctrine and creeds.
After each examiner had finished his examination, other delegates received an opportunity to ask questions.
In closed session classis discussed the examination and determined that br. Pleiter sustained his examination.
5. After br. Pleiter promised not to teach anything which is not in accordance with the reformed confession, the classis declared him eligible for call within the Free Reformed Churches of Australia and brother Pleiter was provided with a certificate of eligibility of call in the Free Reformed Churches of Australia.
6. The chairman asked the questions in article 41 of the Church Order and all the churches responded that the ministry of the office bears is continued, the decisions of major assemblies are honoured and none of the churches required the help or judgment of the classis for the proper government of the church.
7. As convening church for the next classis the church of Kelmscott was appointed. The date is 13 October. Suggested officers are: Rev. W. Bredenhof, chairman, Rev. S.' Hart, vice-chairman, Rev. A. Souman clerk.
8. 25 November the church of Southern River hopes to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Rev. A. Souman is appointed to represent the classis at this meeting.
9. Question Period was not made use of.
10. Censure according to art. 47 CO was not needed.
11. The Acts were adopted and the Press Release approved.
12. The vice-chairman led in prayer and the meeting was closed.

Re. Anthon Souman
Vice-chairman e.t.