

Press Release of Classis Central – 11 April 2025

On behalf of the convening church of Rockingham, Rev. D. Anderson welcomed all of the delegates to classis. He then opened the meeting with reading and singing from Psalm 108 and prayer. The credentials were examined and found to be in good order. All of the delegates stood to indicate their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity.

As suggested by the previous classis, Rev C. Vermeulen was appointed as chairman, Rev D. Poppe as vice-chairman. Br Jongeling was appointed as clerk and sr. Slobe was also willing to serve as the clerk's assistant. The brothers of the convening church were thanked for their work in preparing for the classis, and the agenda was adopted with minor emendations. The classis was declared constituted.

The questions outlined in Article 41 of the Church Order were asked, and all of the churches answered that the ministry of the office bearers was being continued, and that the decisions of the major assemblies were being honoured. In closed session, one church requests and receives advice from classis about a pastoral matter.

Classis received a letter from FRC Rockingham requesting classis to endorse the method they propose to use to call Rev. Anderson under Article 12, ensuring this initiative is in harmony with our Church Order. After asking numerous questions of clarification, in general classis endorses the method they propose. Classis endorses the following elements of the proposal:

1. FRC Rockingham will call Rev. Anderson to the extraordinary task of “Languages Teacher – Pre-Seminary training.”
2. FRC Rockingham will be responsible for the oversight of the doctrine and life of Rev. Anderson.
3. FRC Rockingham consistory will assume responsibility for implementing and overseeing this training through an oversight committee, which will be tasked with supervising the teachers, ensuring accurate reporting and managing financial matters. This committee will be appointed by and answerable to FRC Rockingham consistory.
4. While FRC Rockingham will seek support from other churches within the federation to subsidise his support, as calling church they will retain responsibility for the finance and eventual retirement of Rev. Anderson.

Classis would also suggest to FRC Rockingham that they have clarity about the nature of the relationship between FRC Rockingham and Rev. Anderson, giving consideration to things such as expectations of his work load within the congregation, particularly during times of vacancy. Classis would encourage FRC Rockingham to appoint to a committee which is capable of giving good oversight to Rev. Anderson in his role as language teacher – pre-seminary training. Classis would expect that when FRC Rockingham comes to a following classis seeking approbation for a letter of call, all these above matters will be clearly stated. Classis further suggests that FRC Rockingham present this proposal at it's convenience to a full classis due to the extraordinary nature of the proposed call.

Classis received a letter from br Bill Rotteveel asking to be relieved from his appointment as a deputy for Needy Churches. Classis agreed to release this brother from his appointment, thanking him for his service. Classis received an audit letter from FRC Mundijong informing us that the books of the treasurer are in good order. Classis received a report from the Deputies for Needy Churches noting that none of the churches require assistance.

Classis also made the following appointments:

- Committee of Examiners Coordinator: Rev D. Anderson
- Appointment of neighbouring churches: Armadale – Byford; Byford – Cardup Brook; Cardup Brook – Darling Downs; Darling Downs – Mundijong, Mundijong – Rockingham, Rockingham – Armadale.
- Deputy to arrange pulpit supply for vacant churches: Rev. D. Poppe
- Church visitors: Revs D. Anderson, R. denBoer, A. Pol, D. Poppe, C. Vermeulen (convenor)
- Classical Archivist: Br. Oreel
- Church for keeping the archives: FRC Darling Downs
- Church for inspecting the archives: FRC Darling Downs (fox guarding hen house??)
- Treasurer: Darren Bonker
- Church for auditing the books of the Treasurer: FRC Mundijong
- Committee for Needy Churches: brs James Versluis, Henk Eikelboom, Brad Spaanderman
- Church for auditing fund for Needy Churches: FRC Byford
- Convening church for next classis: FRC Byford
- Date for classis: 24 October 2025, DV
- Suggested officers for next classis:
 - chairman: Rev. R. denBoer
 - vice-chairman: Rev. C. Vermeulen
 - clerk: to be elected by the meeting
 - clerk assistant: to be provided by FRC Byford

One distinguished brother made use of personal question period, and censure according to Article 47 of the Church Order was considered unnecessary. The Acts were adopted and the press release was approved. The press release will be published in Una Sancta as well as on the FRCA website. Rev. C. Vermeulen closed the meeting with singing and prayer.

For Classis Central,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dirk Poppe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rev. Dirk Poppe