

Press Release of Classis North April 11 2025 -- convened by FRC Launceston

On behalf of the convening church of Launceston, Rev. W. Bredenhof welcomed the delegates. He read from 1 John 4:7-21 and the gathering sang Psalm 133:1,2. Prayer was offered up for the Lord's blessing on the meeting.

Elder John Coles was welcomed as an observer from the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Some items of memorabilia were mentioned: the continuing vacancy of the churches of Seville Grove, Melville, and Mount Nasura; the call extended by Mount Nasura to Rev. A. Plug from the Langley CanRC; the call extended by the Grace CanRC of Winnipeg to Rev. W. Bredenhof; the call extended by Melville to Rev. K. Dekker; Rev. D. Pol and his wife Erika received a healthy baby boy from the Lord on April 9. Since the last classis, Seville Grove was instituted and delegates are present at this classis for the first time.

The delegates from Southern River reported that all the churches were duly represented by two delegates. Classis was declared constituted and the executive took their seats. Rev. A. Souman served as chairman, Rev. W. Bredenhof as vice-chairman, and Rev. S. 't Hart as clerk.

All the delegates rose to affirm their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity.

The chairman asked the delegates the questions from article 41 of the Church Order. The ministry of the office bearers is being maintained and the decisions of the assemblies are being honoured. Advice on discipline was sought and received by one of the churches.

Elder John Coles presented greetings from the Southern Presbyterian Church. The chairman responded in kind.

Kelmscott presented some proposals related to the classis regulations. Classis decided to change articles 1 and 10 to include the church of Seville Grove as well as to make a change to article 6 of the regulations to clarify that appeals must be submitted four weeks prior to classis.

Kelmscott was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, scheduled for July 25, 2025 (if required), otherwise October 24, 2025. The suggested executive: Rev. A. Van Delden, chairman; Rev. A. Souman, vice-chairman; Rev. W. Bredenhof, clerk. Various other appointments were made.

Opportunity was provided for personal questions. Censure was deemed unnecessary. The Acts and Press Release were approved and the assembly concluded in the usual Christian fashion.

Wes Bredenhof
Vice-chairman of that classis