

Press Release of Classis North September 26, 2025 -- convened by FRC Seville Grove

On behalf of the convening church of Seville Grove, Elder Jack Van Dongen welcomed the delegates. He opened the meeting by reading from Revelation 1:9-20. We sang Hymn 41:1-2. Prayer was offered up for the Lord's blessing on the meeting.

Some items of memorabilia were mentioned: Mount Nasura continues to be vacant; Rev. Kelvin Dekker will soon take up his call to serve the Melville congregation; and Candidate Mitchell Bosveld was called to Seville Grove – he is present to be examined.

The delegates from Kelmscott reported that all the churches were duly represented by two delegates. Melville sent a deacon as one delegate – this brother's delegation was accepted. Classis was declared constituted and the executive took their seats. Rev. Stephen 't Hart served as chairman, Rev. Wes Bredenhof as vice-chairman, and Rev. Anthon Souman as clerk.

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

Classis took up the ordination exam of Candidate Mitchell Bosveld. He delivered a sermon proposal on Matthew 9:9-13. Classis considered this sermon proposal in closed session and decided that it was sufficient for the exam to continue. Cand. Bosveld was examined in Old Testament, New Testament, Knowledge of Scripture, Doctrine and Creeds, Church History, Ethics, Church Polity, and Diaconiology. In closed session, classis discussed the examination and decided that it had been sustained. Opportunity was given to congratulate Cand. Bosveld and his wife Katie and he signed the Form for Subscription. Prayer was offered up to God thanking him for his blessing over this examination.

Church visitation reports were received for the churches of Launceston, Legana, Mt. Nasura, and Seville Grove. Classis noted with gratitude that these churches continue to maintain their commitments within the bond of the Free Reformed Churches. Various other annual reports were also received.

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. No churches required advice.

Melville requested approbation of their call to Rev. Kelvin Dekker. After examining all the relevant documents, classis decided to approbate the call.

Legana was appointed as the convening church for the next classis, scheduled for April 24, 2026. The suggested moderamen: Rev. A. Van Delden, chairman; Rev. S. 't Hart, vice-chairman; Rev. W. Bredenhof, clerk.

Opportunity was provided for personal questions. Censure was deemed unnecessary. The Press Release was approved. The Acts will be finalized later by the moderamen. The assembly concluded in the usual Christian fashion.

Wes Bredenhof

Vice-chairman of that classis