

Press Release of Classis South-West, convened on 24 April 2026 in Bunbury, W.A.

Classis South West of 24 April 2026 was convened by the Free Reformed Church of Bunbury, at the South West John Calvin Christian College in Capel. A dozen delegates were in attendance, lawfully representing the churches of Albany, Baldivis, Bunbury, Busselton, Comet Bay, and West Albany. Rev. R.E. Pot opened the meeting by inviting the delegates to sing Ps 127:1,2, after which he read Psalm 127, reflected on our dependence on God's blessing, and led in prayer. Remembered in memorabilia and in prayer at the start of the meeting were the ongoing vacancy of the church of West Albany, the decline of a call from the church of Byford by Rev R.E. Pot, the way the Lord has been blessing the church of Bunbury in seeking new property following the burning of their church building, and the imminent conclusion of another academic year at CRTS.

After the delegates rose to indicate their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity, classis appointed Rev. A. Witten as chairman, Rev. R.E. Pot as vice-chairman, and Br. R. Van der Heide (from FRC Bunbury) as clerk. Classis being constituted, the agenda was adopted. Question period according to Article 41 of the church order was held, with all the churches of classis affirming that the ministry of the office-bearers was being continued, and the decisions of the major assemblies were being honoured. One church requested and received the advice of classis to proceed in a matter of church discipline. A positive report on the archives of classis was received.

Various appointments were made, including the church of Busselton as convening church of the next classis, scheduled for 23 October 2026 DV, with the suggested officers being Rev. J. Baijal as chairman, Rev. A. Witten as vice-chairman, and the clerk from the church of Busselton. After personal question period, the chairman judged that no censure was needed (Art. 47 C.O.). The Acts were adopted, the press release was approved, and following the singing of Hy 54:5,6,7,8, the chairman closed classis in prayer.

For classis, R.E. Pot (vice-chairman at that time)