

Press Release - Classis North April 2026

On behalf of the convening church, the FRC Legana, Rev. Anson van Delden invited those present to sing from Psalm 121:1,2 after which he read from the same psalm.

Delegates from the church of Seville Grove examined the credentials. Classis was constituted with Rev. A. van Delden being appointed chairman, Rev. S. 't Hart as vice-Chairman and Rev. W. Bredenhof as clerk.

After all delegates rose to indicate their agreement with the Three Forms of Unity, the agenda was adopted.

Classis received reports from the Deputies for Needy Churches, the Archives' report, and Church Visitation reports from Southern River, Melville, and Kelmscott. Discussions were held around aspects of these reports, including the safe church policies of these churches.

Question Period according to C.O. 41 was held, with two churches advising Classis that they requested help from Classis, which was then dealt with later in the Classis agenda.

Br. John Coles, representative of the Southern Presbyterian Church, was received and welcomed as a guest, and he gave greetings from those churches. In his address Br. Coles reflected on the long and ongoing connections between members of their churches and ours. An update on their ecumenical contact with the FRCA and other churches was provided.

The FRC Mt. Nasura tabled a proposal with respect to the process of selecting delegates to Synod. After discussion it was agreed to ask Mt. Nasura to take the matter back for further reflection.

Classis went into closed session to give advice to the churches requesting it. Classis also considered an appeal from a brother.

Various Classical appointments were made.

Next Classis is proposed to take place on July 24 if required; alternatively 23 October 2026 with Melville appointed as convening church. Suggested officers: Rev. K Dekker (Chair), Rev. van Delden (vice Chairman), Rev. S. 't Hart (clerk).

During Question Period there was some discussion on what the convening church for Classis is encouraged to do with respect to billeting Classis delegates.

The Acts and Press Release were adopted. The Chairman invited the delegates to sing Hymn 8, prayed for His blessing upon the deliberations and decisions of the day, and Classis was closed.

S. 't Hart
Vice-chairman