

Press Release - Classis North Melville 2026

On behalf of the convening church, the FRC Melville, Rev. Dekker read from 1 Chron 29:10-22, led in prayer, and then invited those present to sing from Psalm 145:1, 4.

(It is noted that three delegates (two from Launceston and one from Legana) participated in this classis via Zoom.)

Memorabilia included the call extended to Candidate J. Lemos by FRC Mt Nasura, the declining health of Rev Bredenhof, and also the recent furlough of Ryan Dejonge and family in Australia.

Delegates from the church of Legana examined the credentials. Classis was constituted with Rev. Dekker being appointed chairman, Rev. van Delden as vice-Chairman and Rev. 't Hart as clerk.

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

Question Period, according to C.O. 41, was held. FRC Launceston requested Classis help in the light of the declining health of Rev. W. Bredenhof. Classis agreed that each minister in the classis would be made available to serve FRC Launceston for two Sundays per year.

The FRC Kelmscott tabled a proposal requesting that Classis North overture Synod to grant a mandate to the Deputies for Interchurch Relations to re-establish contact with the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA). After several rounds of discussion, the proposal was revised and approved.

Further, the FRC Melville tabled a proposal comprising 5 overtures regarding amendments to the Regulations for Classis North. After discussion, all overtures were defeated.

Classis then considered an appeal from a brother. The appeal was denied.

Next Classis is proposed to take place on 30 October 2026 with Mount Nasura appointed as convening church. Suggested officers: Rev. Souman (Chair), Rev. Dekker (vice Chairman), Rev. van Delden (clerk).

Classis also made the following changes to examiners; Coordinator: Rev. van Delden; Sermon proposal: Rev. 't Hart and Rev. Dekker; Old Testament: Rev. Bosveld; New Testament: Rev. Dekker; Doctrine and Creeds: Rev. Souman; Church History: Rev. Dekker; Knowledge of Scripture: Rev. Bosveld; Ethics: Rev. 't Hart; Diaconiology: Rev. van Delden; Church Polity: Rev. Souman.

Question Period was made use of.

The Acts and Press Release were adopted. The vice-chairman led in prayer, and Classis was closed.

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Vice-chairman