

Highlights of Classis Chatham meeting of  
September 22, 2009 at Covenant Christian Reformed Church,  
Woodstock, Ontario

- Rev. Bob Loerts of the host church led delegates in opening devotions
- 67 delegates from 27 churches were in attendance, including 11 first-time delegates.
- Rev. Rich deLange of Aylmer and Rev. Frank de Boer of Blenheim were seated as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.
- Retirement requests by Rev. John de Vries and Rev. Bob Haven were granted by classis.
- Licences to Exhort for Mr. Martin Bosveld, Mr. Jerry Reukema, Mr. Randy VanStempvoort, Mr. Louis Bosma and Mr. Richard Poortinga were extended for an additional three years to Sept. 2012.
- The budget for 2010 was accepted. It shows a decline of 7 per cent to \$50.75 per professing member.
- Rev. Bruce Adema, director of Canadian Ministries, CRCNA, addressed classis. He is excited about the future of the CRC.
- Rev. John VanTil led a small group session on prayer and appealed to all churches to take part in the 40 Days of Prayer beginning on Nov. 15.
- Rev. William Koopmans led a discussion by classis on work of the Form of Subscription Committee. A synopsis of the discussion will be sent to the committee.
- Classis will meet next on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at Strathroy-Westmount CRC at 9:00 a.m. D.V.