

**Highlights of Classis Chatham meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at
Living Hope CRC, Sarnia, Ontario**

- Pastor Ralph Wigboldus of the host church led delegates in opening devotions.
- All churches, with the exception of London-Forest City, were present. 16 first-time delegates signed the Form of Subscription.
- Classis was declared constituted and Rev. George Rowaan of Tillsonburg CRC took his place as Chairman for the day and welcomed all. Rev. Jim Poelman of Sarnia-Redeemer CRC was the Vice-Chairman.
- Classis accepted the resignation of Barry Wright as Classical Ministry Developer effective September 2008.
- Classis thanked Jack Geschiere for his years of service on the CRCNA Board of Trustees
- Classis passed a motion to allow Elder Peter Spoelstra of London-Good News CRC to officiate over the Lord's Supper, Profession of Faith services and Installation of office bearers at his church until the end of this summer.
- Classis passed a motion to appoint Ms. Amy Vanvalkenburg and Rev. Frank deBoer to the London Campus Ministry Committee and Rev. Eric Groot-Nibbelink to the Classical Home Missions Committee. It was also noted again that new members are needed for the Classical Youth Ministry Team.
- Classis was informed that the role of Church Visitors will be reviewed by the Classical Nominating Committee with suggestions for change, if any, coming back to classis in September.
- Classis referred a decision to hire a full-time chaplain for Fanshawe College in London back to the CMC for more discussion.
- Classis defeated a motion to send a communique on behalf of Strathroy-East CRC discouraging Synod 2008 from adopting the "Doctrinal Covenant for Officebearers in the CRCNA" However, classis suggested the church should send the communique on its own behalf.
- Classis discussed the issues of Baptized Children at the Lord's Supper and recruiting officebearers. No specific recommendations or motions were made on either topic.
- Classis chairman, Rev. George Rowaan, thanked everyone and closed in prayer
- The next classis meeting will be held at Aylmer CRC on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 D.V.