

## Day 1 Report of Synod 2014

Last night Rev. Ronald Van Overloop led the pre-synodical service preaching on Is. 61:8b-9. The service was a call to worship for Hope PRC of Walker, MI and attended by the delegates of Synod. During the service prayer was made for our denomination, giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us, asking Him to maintain the unity we have and to continue to bless the various works we do together as churches.



This morning Rev. Van Overloop, last year's president, opened the meeting of Synod 2014 with devotions. Letters were read from Classis East and Classis West that authorized the 5 elders and 5 ministers from each classis to be seated at synod. The next order of business was the selection of officers for this year's synod. The following men were selected:

**President: Rev. K. Koole**

**Vice President: Rev. G. Eriks**



**1<sup>st</sup> Clerk: Rev. D. Kuiper**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk: Rev. C. Spronk (Picture Unavailable)**



After taking over as chairman, Rev. Koole welcomed Rev. Martyn McGeown and Elder Lee Kong Wee. Rev. McGeown is officially representing the Covenant Protestant Reformed Church in Northern Ireland at synod. And Elder Lee Kong Wee is officially representing the Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church in Singapore. It is a joy for the delegates of synod to experience unity with our sister churches in a concrete way by fellowshiping with their representatives.

The highlight of the day was the specimen Sermon preached by Seminarian Joshua Engelsma on Psalm 139:23, 24 under the theme “Search Me, O God!” Synod unanimously approved Sem. Engelsma’s sermon, determining that he had displayed the ability to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Synod will proceed with his oral examination tomorrow. The exam will begin a little after **8:00 AM** tomorrow at Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School.



Synod appointed 5 committees of pre-advice. Synod adjourned for the day a little after 11:00 AM. Mr. Don Doezema, the stated clerk and photographer of synod, made the delegates pose for pictures. Then committees of pre-advice met to do their work.

**Committee 4 at work:** Elder Leon Uittenbogaard, Rev. Carl Haak, Rev. Steven Key, and Elder Harry Langerak.



*Rev. Spronk*

2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk of Synod 2014