

**CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES**  
OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

HOSTED BY ANAHEIM CRC , ANAHEIM , CA

2009-01-20:1. The Classis gathered to begin the new year with prayer and worship.

2009-01-20:2. The scheduled president, Dan Brink was called away with an emergency and Brent Wassink, Chair of the Classical Leadership Team fulfilled the duties of president.

2.1. Rick Westra was appointed vice-president.

2.2. Brent Wassink opened the meeting with a reading from Scripture and prayer.

2.3. The clerk called the roll with the following present:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
Anaheim	Elder Leonard Nagel	Bill Postma	None
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe	Eddy Ramos	None
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga	Henry Olivarez	None
Hope International Chinese	None	None	None
Artesia, First	Ron Goudzwaard	Tom Kamstra	None
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Clarence De Vries	None
Artesia, Spirit Filled	None	None	None
Bellflower, First	Paul Hoekstra	Mahlon Pelham	None
Bellflower, Bethany	Elder Lon Wagner	Howard Tazelaar	None
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	None	None	None
Bellflower, Rosewood	Bonny Mulder-Behnia	None	None
Burbank, Bethany	David Kong	None	None
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	None	None	None
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu	None	None
Covina, Bridge	None	None	None
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford (see 2.4)	Fatu Auau (see 2.4)	None
Guam, Faith Presbyterian	Excused	Excused	Excused
La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission	None	None	None
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	None	None	None
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	Ken Grasmeyer	None
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Daniel Mendez	None
Los Angeles, Community	Tom Doorn	None	None
Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest	None	None	None
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong	Peter Tong	None
Sun Valley, Bethel	Gary Stevens	None	None
Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	None	None	None
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le	Nhan Nguyen	None

2.4. Also present as a delegate was Emerging Church Pastor Jonas Muljo hosted by the Council of Hope International Church.

- 2.5. **Motion** to seat Matt Ford and Fatu Auau without credentials. **Supported. Passed.**
- 2.6. The Credentials Committee reported that all credentials were in order and there were no communications for Classis included.
- 2.7. First time delegates signed the Form of Subscription.
- 2.8. Visitors and guests were welcomed including:
  - 2.8.1. The members present from Anaheim CRC;
  - 2.8.2. Synodical Deputies Paul Im from Classis Pacific Hamni, Bruce Persenaire from Classis Central California, and Wil Verhoef from Classis California South;
  - 2.8.3. Ministers from Classis not delegated but present to observe.

2009-01-20:3. Introduction of New Candidates.

- 3.1. The New Church Development Team introduced to Classis Rev. Rich Kim from All Nations Church who is beginning the process of ordination through Article 8 of the Church Order.
- 3.2. The New Church Development Team introduced to Classis Rev. Tim Kwon of God's Dream Center, a congregation seeking affiliation with the CRCNA, who is beginning the process of ordination through Article 8 of the Church Order.
- 3.3. Also present at Classis were Richard Jones, Christina Kang, and Peter Kang all currently in the candidacy process.

2009-01-20:4. Examination of Mr. Joel Van Soelen according to Article 10 of the Church Order.

- 4.1. Bill Postma introduced Joel to the Classis. Joel has received and accepted a call to serve as Minister of the Word and Sacraments in Anaheim CRC.
- 4.2. Rev. Paul Hoekstra conducted the practica examination.
  - 4.2.1. Opportunity was given to the delegates and Synodical Deputies to question Joel from the floor.
  - 4.2.2. **Motion** to continue the examination. **Supported. Passed.**
- 4.3. Rev. Daniel Mendez presented the clerk with a copy of the report made by Sid Sybenga and himself on the candidates sermons and preaching. Rev. Mendez made a summary report to the members of Classis.
  - 4.3.1. Opportunity was given to the delegates and Synodical Deputies to question Joel regarding the sermon manuscript he submitted to Classis.
  - 4.3.2. **Motion** to continue the examination. **Supported. Passed.**
- 4.4. Rev. Ron Goudzwaard conducted the Biblical / Theological examination.
  - 4.4.1. Opportunity was given to the delegates and Synodical Deputies to question Joel further on his theological positions.
  - 4.4.2. **Motion** to approve Joel Van Soelen for ordination to the office of Minister of the Word and Sacraments according to Article 10 of the Church Order. **Supported.**
  - 4.4.3. President Wassink declared executive session.
    - 4.4.3.1. The delegates of Classis were given opportunity to discuss the motion.
    - 4.4.3.2. Prayer was offered for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
    - 4.4.3.3. The Synodical Deputies were invited to leave the floor to discuss the motion while the delegates voted by ballot.
    - 4.4.3.4. Carl Kromminga and Matthew Le were appointed as Ballot Committee.
    - 4.4.3.5. The motion **Passed.**
    - 4.4.3.6. The Synodical Deputies concurred.
  - 4.4.4. President Wassink ended executive session and Mr. Van Soelen, his wife and children were invited to rejoin the meeting.

4.5. Classis published the affirmative result of the motion and congratulated Mr. Van Soelen and his family.

4.5.1. Mr. Van Soelen was presented with a Classical Diploma.

4.5.2. The members of Classis gathered laying hands on the Van Soelen and prayers were offered on their behalf.

4.5.3. Mr. Van Soelen will be ordained and installed at Anaheim CRC in their worship service on February 1, 2009.

2009-01-20:5. President Wassink closed the meeting of Classis inviting all the members and guests to fellowship over lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary M. Stevens, stated clerk