

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

MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

HOSTED BY ROSEWOOD CRC, BELLFLOWER, CA

1. Opening of meeting
- 1.1. President Henry Lengkeek welcomed everyone.
- 1.2. Vice-president Melvin Jackson led in devotions.
- 1.3. Interim Clerk Sid Sybenga called the roll and recognized visitors.
- 1.4. President Lengkeek declared Classis constituted and appointed credentials and balloting committees.
- 1.5. Those credentialed delegates recorded present included:

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Elder</u>
1.	Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Bill Postma
2.	Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe	
3.	Arcadia Hope International	Adriana Sybenga	Sid Sybenga
4.	Arcadia Hope Int. Chinese		Charles Ho
5.	Artesia, First		Rich Haagsma , Steve Van Noord
6.	Artesia, Trinity		Randy Van Essen
7.	Artesia, Spirit Filled	Absent	
8.	Bellflower, First	Paul Hoekstra	Cecil Algra
9.	Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek	Mark Hugen (Lon Wagner)
10.	Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Dionisio Aguhob	Mario Dogelio
11.	Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink	Art Lapre; (Bonny Mulder-Behnia)
12.	Burbank, Bethany	Absent	& David Kong Santa Clarita Community
13.	Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Absent	
14.	Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu	& Zacharius Patimukay Monclair Indonesian
15.	Covina, Bridge	Sae Jung Chang	
16.	Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford	John Chenot & Fatu Auau Samoan
17.	Guam, Faith Presbyterian	Absent	
18.	La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission	Absent	
19.	Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Young Kim	Rich Kim
20.	Long Beach	Brent Wassink	David Haberbush
21.	Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Maria White, Daniel Mendez
22.	Los Angeles, Community	Tom Doorn	Richard Jones & Melvin Jackson Grace Unlimited
23.	Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest	Absent	
24.	Monterey Park, Chinese	Absent	
25.	Sun Valley, Bethel	Absent	
26.	Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	Carlos Aranguiz	
27.	Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le	Nhan Nguyen, deacon Lennox Vu
	attendance: 19 established 3 emerging		37 delegates

2. Examination of Lon Wagner as an article 23 candidate

2.1. Tom Doorn, of the Classical Credentials Team, introduced Lon Wagner, the discipleship pastor of Bethany CRC, Bellflower and conveyed that all paperwork and assignments were complete.

2.2 Brent Wassink, on behalf of Elder Bill Mulder and himself, presented the sermon evaluation report (attached). The floor is opened for questions. Motion to proceed PASSED

2.3. At 9:27 AM Matt Ford prayed and examined Lon in Practical Matters, Doctrine, Scripture, and the CRC Church Order until 10:05 AM. The floor was opened for questions from delegates.

2.4. President declared executive session and opened the floor for further discussion.

2.5. Motion to declare Lon Wagner eligible for Ordination as a Ministry Associate as Discipleship Pastor in Bethany CRC Bellflower was made and seconded.

2.6. Tom Doorn prayed for the Spirit's guidance, and President Lengkeek requested a vote by ballot. Motion PASSED.

2.7. Executive Session was declared ended, and President Lengkeek presented Lon and his wife, Liz, with the Classical Certificate.

2.8. Classis prayed over Lon and Liz. Prayer was led by Fatu Auau.

2.9. Classis took a break at 10:20 AM.

3. Synodical Deputies Bruce Persenaire of Classis Central California, Neville Koch of Classis California South, and John J. Berends of Classis Arizona were welcomed and introduced by President Lengkeek.

4. Motion to approve the Korean CRC of Orange County from Classis California South as the calling church for Rev. Tim Kwon, and the sponsoring church for God's Dream Center as they enter the CRC was supported and PASSED.

5. Examinations of Richard Jones, Tim Kwon, Rich Kim as article 8 candidates.

5.1. Tom Doorn of the Classical Credentials Team introduced the three candidates and informed Classis that the paper work and assignments required by the Denominational Candidacy Committee have been completed. He also informed Classis that the denominational Candidacy Committee has endorsed their credentials and gave permission for Classis GLA to proceed with their Colloquium Doctums.

5.2. At 10:50 Carl Kromminga engaged these three candidates in their Colloquium Doctum conversation. Jonathan Kim served as a translator for Rich Kim. After the discussion with Carl finished the floor was opened for questions from the delegates and deputies.

5.3. President Lengkeek declared executive session at 12:05 PM and further discussion ensued.

5.4. A motion to declare Richard Jones, Tim Kwon, and Rich Kim eligible for call in the CRCNA as Ministers of the Word was made and seconded. Richard Jones will serve as associate pastor in LA Community, Rich Kim as associate pastor of people with disabilities in All Nations CRC of Lake View Terrace, and Tim Kwon as church planter and pastor of God's Dream Center in Cerritos under the supervision of his calling church, the Korean CRC of Orange County.

5.5. Paul Hoekstra offered a prayer for guidance, and the President called for a ballot vote on the motion.

5.6. Motion PASSED and the Synodical Deputies CONCURRED with the decision.

5.7. President Lengkeek declared executive session ended, congratulated the candidates, and presented them with their Classical certificates. Carlos Aranguiz led the Classical prayer over them.

5.8. The calling churches were requested to organize an installation service for these pastors and to inform the denomination of their action so that these pastors will have access to denominational benefits.

6. Peter Holwerda informed Classis of the work of the West Coast Regional Ministry Team (RMT) and its Classis GLA members Mirtha Villafane, Sid Sybenga, and Elmer Tandayu. The RMT serves the churches in the five Classes along the US west coast. Peter encouraged delegates to pick up the RMT brochure and a membership statistics fact sheet about the Classis GLA churches.

6.1. Classis took break for lunch.

7. Examination of Bonny Mulder-Behnia as an article 6 candidate.

7.1. President Lengkeek introduced Bonny and invited Norberto Wolf to present the sermon evaluation report on behalf of himself and Elder David Haberbush. Questions from the floor were entertained, and a motion to proceed with the "practica" part of the examination is PASSED.

7.2. At 1:20 PM Adriana Sybenga engaged Bonny in a conversation relating to the call to ministry and practical ministry matters. The floor was opened for delegates and deputees to ask further questions, and a motion to proceed to the Biblical and Theological part of the examination PASSED.

7.3. At 1:50 PM Daniel Mendez engaged Bonny in a conversation relating to Biblical and Theological matters. At the completion of this conversation the floor was opened for further questions from the delegates and the deputees.

7.4. At 2:30 President Lengkeek declared executive session and further discussion ensued.

7.5. A motion is made and seconded to admit Bonny Mulder-Behnia into the ministry as a Minister of the Word in the CRCNA. President Lengkeek calls for a ballot vote.

7.6. The prayer for guidance was offered by Matthew Le. The motion to admit was PASSED and the Synodical Deputees CONCURRED.

7.7. President Lengkeek ended executive session, offered congratulations to Bonny and her husband, Jahan, presented her with the Classical diploma; and Carl Kromminga led Classis in a prayer over Bonny and Jahan.

7.8. Dan Brink of Rosewood CRC, Bellflower announced that the ordination service will take place June 28, 2009 at 4 PM. Rosewood was encouraged to send the ordination date to the denomination.

8. A written request by Bethany CRC, Burbank to loan Pastor Hyuk Soo Kwon to the LA Sa-Rang Community Church of Los Angeles PASSED and the Synodical Deputees CONCURRED.

9. Retirement request for Rev. Tom Doorn of LA Community CRC of Los Angeles.

9.1. The council of LAC CRC requested "that Classis GLA concur with LA Community CRC's approval of the retirement of Rev. Tom Doorn from the ministry of the Word in the CRCNA on January 16, 2010." The request was so moved, seconded and PASSED.

9.2. The LAC CRC council also requested "that the CLT of Classis GLA send a written notice to the CRCNA Pension Committee stating that both the church and the Classis approved the retirement" of Tom Doorn. The request was so moved, seconded, and PASSED.

9.3. Classis will acknowledge Tom Doorn's retirement at its next Classis meeting in October.

10. New Church Development Team (NCDT) report

10.1. Tom Doorn, chair of NCDT, made the motion to "approve the Health Insurance grants for Zacharias Pattimukay, Jonas Muljo, and Wallace Williams." This is the common practice for Home Missions funded church planters. Motion was seconded, discussed and PASSED.

10.2. Tom Doorn made the motion to "approve the Health Insurance grants for Richard Braaksma and Elmer Tandayu." This is an exceptional action since these two pastors are no longer Home Mission funded. Motion was seconded, discussed and PASSED.

11. Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report

11.1. Motion to approve David Haberbush to serve on the CLT PASSED.

11.2. For information: Irma Mendez has agreed to lead the Classis Prayer Team and Ken Choe resigned from the CLT.

11.3. Sid Sybenga reported for the credentials committee two items from the submitted credentials - both from Long Beach CRC. i) a request that Classis consider providing book keeping and accounting program support to all churches in Classis GLA. Response: This request will go to the Leadership Development Team and the Finance Team to make it happen. ii) For the information of Classis: the CLT approved a request from the Long Beach CRC Executive Committee for Classical endorsement of the LB CRC's application to the CRC Loan Fund.

12. Classis Leadership Development Team (LDT) report.

12.1. Mirtha Villafañe announced the "In One Voice" concert to be held June 28 in Anaheim CRC. This is a Hispanic Fraternity sponsored event open to everyone.

12.2. Sid Sybenga announced the start up (in September) of a new season of the Logos Leadership Development Network (LDN) and encouraged pastors and councils to invite gifted leaders in their congregations to consider this two year on the job training that could lead to ministry associate work. He also announced the retirement of Norberto Wolf from the position Director of Race Relations for Southern California. A more extensive celebration of Norberto's ministry is planned at the All Nations Heritage Worship service October 4.

13. President Henry Lengkeek entertains motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. PASSED

13.1. Henry Lengkeek closed in prayer.

Meeting Follow-up

Letters to All Nations CRC, LA Community, Orange County Korean CRC, Bethany CRC Bellflower, Rosewood Bellflower re decision to declare candidates eligible for call and installation/ordination.

Letter to Pension Committee of CRCNA regarding Rev. Tom Doorn's retirement.

Email notice to drecker@crcna.org regarding the examination results and the pastor loan we made.

Support material is attached to physical copy of minutes in file.