

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2010

Hosted by Ttokamsa Mission Church, Los Angeles, CA
President: Henry Lengkeek Vice-President: David Haberbush Clerk: Sid Sybenga

- 102010:1. President Henry Lengkeek opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.
 102010:1.1. Solomon Li of Ttokamsa Church led the worship singing, Bonny Mulder-Behnia led a reflection on the GLA Fellowship Covenant, scripture and thoughts on unity and team in the mission.
 102010:1.2. The Stated Clerk called the roll.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon or other</u>
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Steve Nyenhuis	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe	<i>absent</i>	
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga	David Ma	
Arcadia Hope Int. Chinese	Faith Lim (candidate)	Charles Ho	
Artesia, First	Elder John Fey	Tom Kamstra	
Artesia, Trinity	Erick Westra	Randy Van Essen	
Bellflower, First	Paul Hoekstra	Tom Byma	
Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek	Charles Boerigter	Hank Vanden Berg
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Dionisio Aguhob	<i>absent</i>	
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink	Art Lapré	Bonny Mulder-Behnia
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang	<i>absent</i>	
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	<i>absent</i>	<i>absent</i>	
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu	Marites Schinden	
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Chang	<i>absent</i>	
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford	Scott Clair	
La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission	<i>absent</i>	<i>absent</i>	
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Young Kim	Rich Kim	Christina Kang
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	David Haberbush	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Daniel Mendez	
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones	Mattie Young	
Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest	Ron Black	Ed Mouton	
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian	<i>absent</i>	<i>absent</i>	
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong	Matthew Ma (candidate)	
Sun Valley, Bethel		Frank de Haan	Katie Vanhuizen
Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	Carlos Aranguiz	Abelardo Gonzalez	
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le	Nathan Tong	

- 102010:1.3. The following pastors of emerging churches were seated by credentials according to the Rules of Classis GLA:

Artesia, City Church	Wallace Williams	Bethany Bellflower
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee	Bethany, Bellflower
Cerritos, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	<i>Absent</i>	Fountain Valley Fellowship
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited	Melvin Jackson	Los Angeles, Community
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Charles Oh, Solomon Li	
Santa Clarita, Valley Community	David Kong	Bethany CRC, Burbank
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC	<i>Absent</i>	Hope International, Arcadia

102010:1.4. Other visitors were recognized. Maged & Mary Dakdouk, Fernando & Miriam Valencia, Peter Holwerda (West Coast Ministry Team Leader), Moses Titipa and Joe Jerruratanakua of the Sila Thai Church in Bellflower.

102010:1.5. The President declared Classis constituted.

102010:1.5.1. Carl Krominga and Daniel Mendez were appointed to the Classical Ballot Committee, and Paul Hoekstra and Tom Byma were appointed to the Classical Credentials Committee.

102010:1.5.2. Synodical Deputies John Berends from Classis Arizona, Peter Ryu from Classis Pacific Hanmi, and William Verhoef from Classis California South were introduced.

102010:2. Reports of Classical Teams and Functionaries

102010:2.1. Report of the **Stated Clerk** by Sid Sybenga (pages 5 & 6 of the agenda)

102010:2.1.1. **Motion** to change the status; accept, and recognize the Ttokamsa Mission Church of Los Angeles as an “established church” in the CRCNA; and to accept the Minister of the Word credentials for Rev. Ken Choi, their lead pastor from the Spring Fountain Church of Classis Pacific Hanmi. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.1.2. **Motion** to transfer the “Ministry Associate” credentials of Charles Kim from Bethany Bellflower to Ttokamsa Mission Church. **Supported. Passed.** After reviewing Charles Kim’s “ministry description” in Ttokamsa Mission Church as Pastor of Second Generation Ministries the Synodical Deputies **Concurred**

102010:2.1.3. **Motion** to receive the “Minister of the Word” credential for Rev. Charles Oh as transferred from Bethany Burbank to Ttokamsa Mission Church. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.1.4. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Classis meeting. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.1.5. **Motion** to approve the work of the Stated Clerk. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.2. **Classical Credential Team** Report by Erick Westra (pages 7 & 8 agenda)

102010:2.2.1. **Motion** to accept the official introduction of Rev. Kwangchul Seung (Jim) and Rev. Kyung Hong (Ken) as the first step toward being declared eligible for call as a Minister of the Word in the CRCNA according to Article 8 of the Church order. **Supported. Passed**

102010:2.2.2. **Motion** to accept the official introduction of Faith Lim Goek Keng as the first step toward ordination as a “Ministry Associate” in the CRCNA according to Article 23 of the Church Order. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.2.3. Motion to proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Maged Fayeze Dakdouk. **Supported. Passed.**

- 102010:2.2.4. The Colloquium Doctum discussion was led by Paul Hoekstra. Further questions were received from the delegates and the Synodical Deputies.
- 102010:2.2.5. President Lengkeek declared executive session. **Motion** to declare Maged Fayed Dakdouk eligible for call in the CRCNA according to Article 8 of the Church Order. **Supported. Passed.** Synodical Deputies **Concurred.** Rev. Dakdouk will be installed October 31 in the Fountain of Life Fellowship CRC of Fountain Valley.
- 102010:2.2.6. President Lengkeek adjourns executive session, welcomes back Rev. Dakdouk and other guest. Classis prays over Maged and Mary.
- 102010:2.2.7. Motion to proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Fernando Valencia. **Supported. Passed.**
- 102010:2.2.8. The Colloquium Doctum discussion was led by Erick Westra and translated by Daniel Mendez. Further questions were received from the delegates and the Synodical Deputies.
- 102010:2.2.9. President Lengkeek declares executive session. **Motion** to declare Fernando Valencia eligible for call in the CRCNA according to Article 8 of the Church Order. **Supported. Passed.** Synodical Deputies **Concurred.** Rev. Valencia will be installed November 21 in the Rosewood CRC of Bellflower as their Spanish Pastor.
- 102010:2.2.10. President Lengkeek adjourns executive session, welcomes back Rev. Valencia and other guest. Classis prays over Fernando and Miriam.
- 102010:2.2.11. **Motion** to examine Bryan Branderhorst of Long Beach CRC for a license to exhort according to Article 43 of the Church Order. **Supported. Passed.**
- 102010:2.2.12. Sermon evaluation report and “establishment of need” given by Erick Westra of the CCT. Classis approved proceeding with examination. Doctrinal conversation was led by Joel Van Soelen after which all delegates were given an opportunity for further questions. **Motion** to grant Bryan Branderhorst a license to exhort in Classis GLA for a period of two years is **Supported. Passed.**
- 102010:2.2.13. Classis accepts the rest of the CCT for information.
- 102010:2.3. **New Church Development Team (NCDT)** report by Tom Doorn (pages 9-11 agenda)
- 102010:2.3.1. Tom Doorn presents new NCDT goals for the next ministry year designed to help the churches of Classis discover the Lord’s will for reaching the lost, to find how church planting fits into this will, and how the NCDT can resource the churches better. **Motion** to accept these goals and support them, including the agreement of all church leaders to meet with the NCDT before May 1, 2011 to discuss how Classis can best resource them in the multiplication aspect of their ministries is **Supported. Passed.**
- 102010:2.3.2. Mirtha Villafañe reports on her work as Hispanic Ministry Developer.
- 102010:2.3.3. New Church Development Specialist Elmer Tandyu reports on his work, and announced and invited everyone to a Classis wide Thanksgiving worship service for the harvest of souls on November 14, 2010 at Anaheim CRC at 5 PM. He also invited Maged Dakdouk and one of the Arab leaders to share about their ministry among Arab and Muslim people.
- 102010:2.3.4. West Coast Regional Ministry Team member, Sid Sybenga, gave an update on the Regional Ministry Team’s continuing discussions with Home

Missions and Classical team leaders as to how they relate to one another and organize together as partners in resourcing the churches of Classes in the best possible ways.

102010:2.3.5. Lunch is provided by Ttokamsa Mission Church and a tour of the facility is given. Classis reconvenes at 12:50 PM

102010:2.4. **Leadership Development Team (LDT)** report is given by Carl Kromminga (pages 12 & 13 agenda)

102010:2.4.1. **Motion** to discontinue the Logos LDN by December 31, 2010.

Supported. Passed. Motion assumes a fair severance agreement within the 2011 budget for the Logos director and continued \$7500 support for our Evangelist Training Program in 2011.

102010:2.4.2. LDT report is received for information with the added suggestion from the delegates for the LDT to consider supporting the Calvin Seminary “Facing Your Future” program for high school students contemplating pastoral ministry.

102010:2.4.3. **Motion** to support and constitute the GLA Race Relations Team was **Supported.**

102010:2.5. **Race Relations Team (RRT)** report is presented by Mattie Young (pages 14 – 17 agenda)

102010:2.5.1. **Motion** to constitute the RRT as a reporting team of Classis GLA includes accepting the mandate and the team members as presented. **Motion Passed**

102010:2.5.2. The RRT strategic directions and the Ministry Description of the CRCNA Race Relations Advocate for California, Rudy Gonzalez, was received for information.

102010:2.6. **Classical Leadership Team (CLT)** report was presented by Brent Wassink (pages 18 – 28 agenda).

102010:2.6.1. CLT shared plans and actions taken to reduce the yearly deficit of \$26,000 between income and expenditures. This included reducing some ministry team budgets and reducing the Peer Relations Pastor’s hours and adding the Stated Clerk duties to his responsibilities. Churches were reminded that 100% of Classical ministry shares are to be given before the denominational shares are given. Four Churches agreed to increase their “Ministry Share” giving next year. Received for information

102010:2.6.2. **Motion** to approve the revised ministry descriptions of the Peer Relations Pastor and the Stated Clerk of Classis. **Supported. Passed**

102010:2.6.3. **Motion** to approve Peter Kang as a member of the CLT. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.6.4. **Motion** to approve Paul Hoekstra to serve as Synodical Deputy for Classis GLA and Erick Westra as the alternate **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.6.5. Classis received as background information from the CLT the details of Classis GLA’s probational three year rental agreement between Classis GLA and the New Ground Harvest Church struck in February 2008. Delinquency would result in the Finance Team of Classis terminating the lease and selling the property. The Finance Team reported delinquency and proceeded with the terms of the rental agreement to terminate the lease and sell the property. New Ground Harvest Church

appealed the process to sell and was given an opportunity to overture Classis with a solution proposal at its October 19, 2010 meeting. Motion to entertain the overture from New Ground Harvest was **Supported**.

102010:2.6.6. David Haberbush, who was involved in many aspects of these Classical actions, continues as the CLT reporter. **Motion:** New Ground Harvest (NGH) overtures Classis GLA to accept NGH's offer to purchase the Crenshaw Property for approximately \$108, 050.00. This amount was calculated to cover the back rents, loans and expenses paid by Classis over the years of NGH's occupancy of this building. Discussion proceeds. Question was called and a vote by ballot was requested. **Motion is defeated.**

102010:2.7. **Finance – Resource Team** Report by Goldene Byma (pages 29 – 21 agenda; the long version is available on the web at www.classisgla.org)

102010:2.7.1. **Motion** to approve the income & expenses of the January – June 2010 Treasurer's Report. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.7.2. **Motion** to approve the proposed Health Insurance Grant as listed:

Name	Total Cost	Individual	Classis GLA	Sponsoring Church	Home Missions
Richard Braaksma	\$ 9,630	\$ 5,618	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,605	\$ 802
Elmer Tandayu	\$11,670	\$ 6,808	\$ 1,945	\$ 1,945	\$ 972
Jonas Muljo	\$11,970	\$ 5,985	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995
Wallace Williams	\$11,970	\$ 5,985	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995
Total	\$45,240	\$24,395	\$ 7,540	\$ 7,540	\$ 5,764

Supported. Passed. It is noted that the Braaksma & Tandayu grants were approved by exception and that this is the last year of their support (see NCDT report).

102010:2.7.3. **Motion** to approve Proposed Budget below **Supported. Passed.**

Classical Leadership Team	\$ 37,680
Prayer Communication Team	\$ 500
New Church Development Team	\$ 27,000
Classical Credentialing Team	\$ 500
Leadership Development Team	\$ 30,100
Race Relations Team	\$ 5,500
Finance – Resource Team	\$ 15,500

Total **\$116,780**

Contributing Members **2284**

102010:2.7.4. **Motion** to maintain the per member contribution at the 2010 level of \$ 62.00, resulting in a deficit to the budget of \$ 14,040. **Supported. Passed.** It is noted that God's Grace (Carson), Faith Presbyterian (Guam), All Nations (Lake View Terrace) and New City (Long Beach) have finished their seven year phase-in period and will be listed among the Organized Churches who pay the per member ministry share as list in this minute.

102010:2.7.5. **Motion** to cover the deficit by transferring money from the Church Growth Fund (see CLT report). **Supported. Passed.**

102010:2.8. **Credentials Committee** Report by Paul Hoekstra

102010:2.8.1. The Council of First Christian Reformed Church of Artesia announced they have extended a call to Rev. Bob Johnson of the Reformed Church of America. Received for information.

102010:2.8.2. Request from Bethany Burbank to extend the loan period of Rev. Hyuksoo Kwon results in the following motion: **Motion** to approve the loan of Rev. Hyuksoo Kwon to the Sarang Korean Church of Los Angeles for another two years. **Supported. Passed. Synodical Deputies Concurred.**

102010:2.8.3. **Motion** to approve the work of the Credentials Committee. **Supported. Passed.**

102010:3. **Motion** to adjourn the meeting of Classis. **Supported. Passed.** President Lengkeek closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sid Sybenga
Stated Clerk