

Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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Tuesday, February 22, 2011

All Nations Church

10 000 Foothill Blvd, CA 91432 (directions: Wheatland exit off the 210, right at Foothill)

Please print a copy of this agenda and bring it to the meeting or download it to your computer and use your computer at the meeting.

(this agenda and the full financial report are available on the web at www.classisgla.org)

Also bring a signed copy of your Classical credentials.

(blank pdf copy attached – print & fill out)

(emerging churches get your sponsor church to include you on their credentials or to sign yours)

8:00 – 8:25 AM Welcome reception

8:30 AM Worship & Business begins at 9:00 AM

Chairperson: David Haberbusch Vice Chair: TBA Clerk: Sid Sybenga

Agenda

1. 8:30 AM Devotions
2. 9:00 AM Introductions, Credentials, and approving the Minutes of October 19, 2010 and the non-action part of Clerk's report (see pages 4-7)
3. Choosing Synodical Delegates for Synod 2011 (June 10 – 16) first ballot
4. 9:15 AM Classical Credentialing Team Report (see pages 8 - 10)
Motion to approve the "Ministry Description" of Faith Lim Geok Keng
5. 9:20 AM Doctrinal Conversation (Colloquium Doctum) for
Rev. (Ken) Kyung Hong and Rev. (Jim) Kwangchul Seung
6. 11:00 AM Second ballot for Synodical Delegates
7. 11:05 – 11:15 Break
8. 11:15 AM Doctrinal Conversation (Colloquium Doctum) for Pablo Sang Won Lee
9. 12:15 am Clerk Report and team reports (pages 11- 17): Four motions
 - a. Approve Merger of three Hope Int'l Church congregations
 - b. Approve Rev. Tom Doorn as counselor for Faith Pres CRC (Guam)
 - c. Approve \$2000 of Student fund for Facing Your Future program at Calvin Sem.
 - d. Approve the removal of Rev. Ron Black from membership of the NCDT
10. Classical Examination of Faith Lim Geok Keng as "Ministry Associate".
11. Lunch, Camp Dunamis Report and CRWRC Report will fit into the agenda at the discretion of the meeting Chairperson.
12. 2:00 PM Closing
13. All Nations Pastors challenge Classis delegates to a game of indoor soccer.

GLA FELLOWSHIP COVENANT

Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit. Ephesians 4:3

Prepare God's people for works of service. Ephesians 4:11

Be above reproach. 1 Timothy 3:2

Train yourself to be godly. 1 Timothy 4:7

We are a family of diverse Christian Reformed congregations,
whose pastors, elders, and deacons covenant together
to encourage and empower each other
to more effectively lead our congregations in the mission of God
in the greater Los Angeles region—a gathering place of all nations.

We believe we are ... Better Together

THE GLA PURPOSE

is to develop healthy congregations that work together and
encourage one another in making disciples for God's Kingdom in our region.

THE GLA WAY

1. Discerning together God's leading in our region
2. Developing healthy leaders for healthy congregations
3. Demonstrating CRC hospitality to all nations
4. Discipling new congregations effectively

GLA GOALS for 2013

- a. Create Learning, Encouragement, Accountability, Dreaming (LEAD) teams in which all pastors want to participate
- b. Train new leaders together in our multi-ethnic Leadership Development Network
- c. Provide resources and support for measurable growth in congregational health
- d. Provide our healthy congregations resources and support to birth or adopt new congregations
- e. Raise up multi-ethnic lay leaders who will participate in the teams of Classis.

Classis GLA Roster of Churches

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafaie		
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga, Adriana Sybenga		
Arcadia Hope Int. Chinese	Sherman Lii (Elder)		
Artesia, First			
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Paul Hoekstra		
Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek, Lon Wagner (MA)		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Dionisio Aguhob		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu		
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission			
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Jin So Yoo, Tae Young Kim (MA) Rich Kim, Jin Phil Huh Peter Kang, Christina Kang		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga, Daniel Mendez		
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones		
Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest	Ron Black		
Los Angeles, Tokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, Charles Kim (MA)		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian			
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong (emeritus)		
Sun Valley, Bethel			
Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	Carlos Aranguiz		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
	MA = Ministry Associate		

Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church
Arcadia, Indonesian	Leonard Siregar - O	Hope International
Artesia City Church	Wallace Williams - MA	Bethany Bellflower
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations		All Nations Church
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	Bethany, Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	Ryan Ver Wys - MA	New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon - O	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Andrew Choh - MA	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Jerry Kraesig - MA	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau - MA	FoL Fountain Valley
Journey Christian Fellowship (ANC)	David Lee (elder - C)	All Nations Church
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Montclair Indonesian	Sarah Manapa (C)	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	David Kong - O	Bethany Korean
Venice Beach, Talking Stick	Rich Braaksma - MA	Trinity, Artesia
Thousand Oaks Community Church	Jeong Jin Yoo - O	All Nations
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC	Jonas Muljo - O	Hope International
Whittier, Ephesus Church	James Lee - O	Urim Church (Cal South)
<i>MA = Ministry Associate O= Minister of the Word</i>		<i>C=Candidate</i>

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Clerk's Report

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting of Classis

Correspondence & Notes for information

2. Notice to proceed with Colloquium Doctum for Rev. (Ken) Kyung Hong and Rev. (Jim) Kwangchul Seung from David Koll
3. Request from Hope International Church to merge the English, Indonesian and Chinese congregations into one CRC. See letter below. Request requires Classis approval CO article 38e .
4. Email correspondence with our Synodical Deputies about reducing the time at Classis meeting for Colloquium Doctums and Classical Examinations. For our information Colloquium Doctums need to be done in a full Classis meeting to get concurrence of the Synodical Deputies. Classical Examinations for Ministry Associates can be done as determined by the CCT.
5. Request from Faith Presbyterian CRC in Guam for counselor during their search for a new pastor. CLT recommends Rev. Tom Doorn. He agreed, but needs Classis approval.
6. Request 2010 Synodical Delegates to submit a report on their work. (See report below)
7. A request from Rev. Hyuksoo Kwon for a denominational certificate of ordination (for those ordained through article 6). Certificate provided.
8. Classis GLA has the opportunity to nominate non-clergy people to serve on the CRCNA Board of Trustees and the Calvin Theological Seminary Board. If you have non-clergy people in your congregations who are able and willing to serve on these important direction setting boards please contact me at glaclerkss@gmail.com before our February 22 meeting so we can get Classis support for his or her nomination.
9. At our February 22 meeting we will elect delegates to serve at Synod 2011 (June 10 – 16). Each congregation has the opportunity to nominate an elder to serve as a Synodical Delegate. Please let the clerk know of nomination before the February 22 meeting by email. Also pastors who are not able or willing to serve as Synodical Delegates please let the clerk know before the February 22 meeting by email (glaclerkss@gmail.com). This will help streamline the election process.

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Reflections on Synod 2010: Report to Classis GLA January 25, 2011

Synod 2010 was once again held at Trinity Christian College, in Palos Heights, Illinois.

Classis GLA sent two elders; Art Lapre from Rosewood, and Rich Haagsma from First Artesia, and two ministers; Richard Jones from L.A. Community, and Rick Westra from Trinity Artesia.

Last year's Synod had one of the heaviest agendas in the church's history, which made for a very fast moving week. Fortunately, no flu virus made the rounds and all delegates remained in good health. Hours of meetings during the day were followed by evening presentations about topics relevant to ministry in the CRC. Thankfully, there was also time to watch the Lakers defeat the Boston Celtics on the big screen TV. in the campus bookstore. Classis should be aware however, that delegate Richard Jones, is an avid Boston Celtics fan. Who knew? Those watching the Lakers go down to defeat in game five witnessed the Rev. Jones, in his Celtics jersey, perform celebratory gyrations in front of the big screen. Fortunately for Classis GLA, and all true Lakers' fans, *our* weeping was later turned to dancing in this instance.

Yes, there were moments of joy and lightheartedness, but mostly it was hard work.

Here is a summary Synod 2010 activity and a couple of other things happening in our denomination.

1. In 2009, Synod proposed that we adopt the Belhar Confession as a fourth confession for our denomination, alongside the Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, and Canons of Dordt. An official decision will not come until Synod 2012. Until that time congregations are strongly encouraged to study and reflect on the Belhar Confession so they might provide input on whether it should be adopted as a confession.
2. The following key reports were presented and merit further attention.

Abuse Victims Task Force Report

Important and helpful guidelines were accepted as to what church councils should do when allegations of abuse arise. Of special importance is making sure the one making a claim of abuse is adequately heard and cared for. A small group should be appointed to insure the person is properly cared for.

The Immigration/Migration Report

This well-received report encourages all churches to take seriously the need to practice hospitality to all in our communities. This is a great resource that would be helpful in getting church members to think about ministry to immigrants.

Faith Formation: Children at the Lord's Table

Synod agreed on a process that could lead to the adoption next year of new, expanded guidelines on allowing children to take part in the Lord's Supper. The final report will be presented in 2012.

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Form of Subscription Report

In 2011, a revised form of subscription will be up for approval. An effort has been made to update the form and make it more positive. Councils should review it in anticipation of this year's synod.

Church Order Revision

Certain changes were made to the church order. Some proposed a complete rewriting of the order, but because of cost and time involved that was not agreed to.

3. The Rev. Julius T. Medenblik was appointed the new President of Calvin Seminary.
4. Young Adult advisers will be appointed to future synods. For the past couple of years we have had young adult observers. Now they will be permitted to speak on the floor of Synod. The General Secretary will select a number of college age young adults through a nomination process.
5. According to our Executive Director, Jerry Dykstra, "the greatest challenge facing the CRC today is diversity at all levels... I'm extremely disappointed that this year we have half the number of ethnically diverse delegates that we had a year ago." While classis GLA is very diverse, many of our other classis remain quite homogenous, especially at leadership levels.

This makes it all the more important that Classis GLA continue its policy of sending ethnic leaders.

6. The ministry share was set at \$316.76 per member. The breakdown is as follows.

a. Back to God Ministries International	\$43.97
b. Calvin College	\$31.60
c. Calvin Theological Seminary	\$35.91
d. Faith Alive Christian Resources	\$12.49
e. Home Missions	\$44.24
f. World Missions	\$59.93
g. Denominational Services	\$46.69
h. Congregational Network	
i. Sustaining Congregational Excellence	\$10.56
j. Specialized Ministries	\$31.01
k. Special Assistance Fund	\$00.36

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee receives no ministry share.

7. Two churches requested the permission of Synod to transfer from their current classis to join one in which the ordination of women is not practiced. After an emotional debate, Synod did not accede to this request.

A brief summary of these decisions provided by the Executive Director can be found at <http://www.crcna.org/site/uploads/uploads/resources/synodsummary2010.pdf> And of course, the full report is found in the Acts of Synod 2010, which is available in print and on the web at the denomination's website, www.crcna.org

Respectfully submitted in Christ, *Rev. Rick Westra*

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Hope International Church
1741 S. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91007

January 12, 2011

Request for action at February 22, 2011 Classis meeting.

The councils of Hope International Church English Congregation and Hope International Church Chinese Congregation and the leadership team of the Indonesian Christian Reformed Church request that Classis GLA approve the merging of their separate CRC identities as CRC churches into one. From this date, February 22, 2011 these congregations will merge as Ministries of Hope International Church and become one Christian Reformed Church.

Grounds:

1. On October 3, 2010 after a 5 month process of evaluation and adjusting the understandings and commitments these congregations signed a covenant to this effect.
2. These ministries have in fact operated under the banner of Hope International Church since October 2003. They pay their ministry shares and denominational commitments a one church. They operate under one set of Articles of Incorporation.
3. Hope International Church is governed by one board of directors (council).
4. This action requires Classis approval according to Article 38-e.
5. This written request to Classis GLA was approved by the Hope International Board January 12, 2011.

Sincerely,

Charles Ho,
Secretary of the Board.

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Classical Credentialing Team (CCT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

February 22, 2011

Team: Rick Westra, Daniel Mendez, Richard Jones

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS

- A. To accept the introduction of Charles Ho as the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as a Ministry Associate according to Article 23 of the Church Order.
- B. To accept the introduction of Suni Tsai as the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as a Ministry Associate according to Article 23 of the Church Order.
- C. To accept the introduction of Kathy Xu as the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as a Ministry Associate according to Article 23 of the Church Order.
- D. To accept the introduction of the Rev. Peter Jin to be the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as Minister of the Word and Sacraments according to Article 8.

Grounds: They all have submitted their initial paperwork, and have met with the CCT.

- E. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Pablo Sang Won Lee
- F. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Ken Kyung Hong
- G. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Jim Kwangchul Seung

Grounds: Permission has been granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee to proceed.

- H. To proceed with the Classical Examination for Faith Lim Geok Keng

Grounds: Faith has completed her learning covenant and met the requirements set by classis.

Provided the above exams are completed successfully, the following motions may be made

- I. To declare Pablo Sang Won Lee eligible for call as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the CRC.

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J. To declare Ken Kyung Hong Lee eligible for call as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the CRC.

K. To declare Jim Kwangchul Seung eligible for call as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the CRC.

L. To declare Faith Lim Geok Keng eligible for call as a Ministry Associate in the CRC.

II. FOR INFORMATION

Ken Kyung Hong is originally from Seoul, South Korea and is ordained by the Evangelical Church Alliance. His grandfather was brought to Christ through an American missionary. He received his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. He first served part-time at Hankuk Presbyterian Church but since 2006 he has been serving at All Nations Church. He oversees Adult Education and as an assistant to the Lead Pastor. He is married to Youn, and together they have three children, Shauna (5), Jeanna (3), and Timothy (1).

Jim Kwangchul Seung is originally from South Korea and is ordained by the The Evangelical Church Alliance. He received his M.Div. from Azusa Pacific University. His undergraduate degree is in music composition and he has served a variety of churches a choir conductor and worship leader. Since 2008 he has been on staff at All Nations Church serving as Assistant Pastor and Worship Director. He is married to Ki Sun, and together they have four children, John (18), Timothy (17), David (12), and Jonathan (12).

Pablo Lee was born into a Buddhist family in Seoul, South Korea in 1967. He became a Christian while in high school and later immigrated to Argentina with his parents. After sensing a call into the ministry he completed study at the Instituto Biblico Buenos Aires. He then spent the next seven years planting a church and serving as associate pastor. He then attended Calvin Theological Seminary and received his M.Div. He currently serves as rector of All Nations Seminary in Juarez, Mexico, on behalf of All Nations Church in Lake Terrace. His ordination is with the Presbyterian Church of Korea. He is married to Eun Hee, and together they have three kids, Gabriel (13), Jonathan (10), Ethan (2).

Faith Lim Geok Keng was born in West Malaysia and went to school in Singapore. She came to Christ through involvement in Sunday School. She has worked as a secretary and book keeper and has graduated from Singapore Bible College. Her husband is a pastor and together they have served in a variety of contexts including the Philippines. A year ago she completed her M.Div. through Logos Evangelical Seminary of El Monte, CA. Hope International Church supports her desire to be ordained as a Ministry Associate/ Congregational Life Pastor via Article 23. She is married to Paul and together they have three children, Jireh (28), Joel (25), and Jane (15).

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Suni Tsai was born in Taiwan and grew up as the daughter of a pastor. At age 12, her family immigrated to Brazil where she eventually studied Business and Music. She later moved to the U.S. now works as an office manager of a private realty firm. She is a member of Hope International of Arcadia and seeks to be ordained as a minister of worship. She has completed almost all of Classis GLA's LOGOS program. She is married to Hsien, and together they have Nathaniel (19), and Wesley (16).

Charles Ho grew up in Taiwan and came to California in 1977 to pursue a Master's degree in engineering from Cal State Long Beach. It was during his time as a student here that he began to search and seek for the truth until finally becoming a Christian. Since then he has been very eager to introduce others to the Savior. He is part of Hope International Church of Arcadia and desires to be ordained in the area of evangelism and discipleship. He has already completed the Evangelist Training Program offered by Al Breems. He works as a civil engineer for CalTrans and is married to Angela. Together they have Howard (29), Sam (15), Lois (14).

Peter Yanghai Jin grew up in inner Mongolia, China and came to Christ along with his family during his father's extended illness and subsequent healing. He attended Yan Jing Theological Seminary and served as an ordained pastor in the Three Self Church of China. He later came to the U.S. and has completed his M.Div. at International Theological Seminary. He along with his wife Kathy are planting a new Chinese fellowship as part of the ministry of Hope International. Together they have two kids, Tianen (9), and Tianlin (2).

Kathy QiaoHong Xu was born into a Christian family in part because of the influence of her godly grandmother. She attended Yan Jing Theological Seminary and has served as a preacher in the Three Self Church and later as an instructor of English and Greek at the Yan Jing Seminary. She has received her M.Div. from International Theological Seminary and works alongside her husband Peter in planting a Chinese church as part of Hope International's Ministry. She seeks ordination as Ministry Associate.

B. The following people are currently in the "CCT Pipeline"

Matthew Ma of Monterey Park Chinese Church (Working on Learning Covenant Article 8)

Shannon Theule of Hope International (Completing Learning Covenant Article 23)

Tim Becksvoort of Bethany CRC (Applied for License to Preach Article 43)

Jeremy and Jan Koh

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Motion to approve the Ministry Description for Faith Lim Geok Keng

Ministry Title: Minister of Congregational Life	Faith Lim Geok Keng, M.Div
Position Type : “Ministry Associate”	Ministry Description for Classis GLA
Serving in the Chinese Ministry of Hope International Church, Arcadia, CA	
<p>Ministry Purpose: Promotes and nurtures the health and vitality of the Chinese Ministry of Hope International Church by playing a key role on the co-workers ministry group and being responsible for the faith nurture of the children, the pastoral care of the members and the resource support to the Chinese cell group ministry.</p> <p>Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversees the children’s ministry of the Chinese Ministry by planning and developing courses of study that foster faith development and Bible knowledge.• Develops and presents lesson plans for the Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday children’s classes and communicating with the parents.• Provides support and direction for the Wednesday Prayer meeting and speaks occasionally.• Provides pastoral counseling for Chinese church members.• Does the pastoral care and sick visitation among the Chinese HIC members.• Leads several small cell group Bible studies; and mentors and trains the leaders of other cell groups.• Serves as a link with the other language ministries of Hope International Church and is the person available in the Chinese Ministry office on a daily basis. <p>Accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministers under the supervision of and reports to the Chinese Ministry Council of Hope International Church (HIC) and the Chinese Lead Pastor.• Ministers in cooperative partnership with the Lead Pastor of Hope International Church and is mentored by him.• Attends a LEAD team for mutual support and fosters connections with other CRC pastors. <p>Skills/Qualifications: Love for children and the church, able to speak Chinese and English, grounded in Reformed/Presbyterian teaching and practice, able to teach and mentor, able to provided holistic counseling, desire to support the lead pastors of HIC and foster team work, have a passion and vision for multi ethnic ministry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faith Lim Geok Keng: faith_huang@hotmail.com: 626-400-9858</i></p>	

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New Church Development Team (NCDT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

February 22, 2010

Team: Tom Doorn (leader), Rachel Van Dyk (secetrary), Mirtha Villafane (staff), Elmer Tandayu (staff), David Kong (Staff), Sid Sybenga (CLT Liaison), Ron Black.

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS
Remove Ron Black as a member of the NCDT
2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NCDT) PROPOSAL

Approved at the October 19, 2010 meeting

NCDT Goals for October, 2010 – September, 2011:

To help the churches of Classis Greater Los Angeles discover the Lord's will for reaching the lost of Southern California, to find how church planting fits into this will, and to define how the New Church Development Team can resource churches.

1. The New Church Development Team (NCDT) will assist classis in enhancing the passion of its churches for reaching the lost and fulfilling the Great Commission by:

a. Working with the stated clerk to send out or post a monthly prayer newsletter by January, 2011. This newsletter would share stories of individuals who have come to know the Lord, prayer requests for our churches to reach the lost, etc.

b. Asking the Classical Leadership Team to begin (in February, 2011) holding 45-minute worship services at the beginning of each classis meeting. These services would include worship music, stories of those who have been led to the Lord by our churches, prayer for the lost, prayer for our church planters, and prayer for wisdom on how to work together to reach the lost.

c. Taking the lead in working with other classis teams to hold a Spring, 2011 event for all church members. This event would focus on the need to reach the lost in Southern California and would include such things as workshops, a concert, a plenary speaker, etc.

2. The NCDT will actively learn and implement a better church planting process by:

a. Reviewing and analyzing the past fifteen years of church planting and growth in Greater Los Angeles in order to gauge what worked and did not. This would include sending out a questionnaire by January 1, 2011 to church pastors and key leaders with questions about understanding our unique faith climate in Southern California,

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the commitment level toward reaching the lost, feelings about reaching out to ethnic groups, understanding the role of new church plants, commitment levels toward serving as a parent church, comfort factor in sharing church facilities, etc. A review of the data collected would be completed by February 28, 2011.

b. Meeting with leaders of the individual churches by May 1, 2011 to learn from them and find out how the NCDT can best resource them. These meetings would be with current church planters, current and former parent churches, emerging churches, churches who might be interested in planting a church, and churches who do not currently feel comfortable planting a church.

3. The NCDT will actively learn from the next generation how it feels about implementing the Great Commission and how it views church planting as part of this by:

- a. Holding a day meeting in Spring, 2011 with key youth leaders of all G.L.A. churches to discover how they feel about reaching the lost and to brainstorm ideas for reaching the next generation, including through church planting.
- b. Identifying youth leaders that would become members of the NCDT.

4. The NCDT will gather the above information and put together a new strategic plan for 2011-12.

NCDT assumptions for 2010-2011

1. NCDT will not actively recruit or fund new church planters for October 2010- September 2011. Any church planters who come to the NCDT and want to start a church plant will be encouraged to start the church on their own, develop funding on their own, participate in LEAD Teams, attend classis meetings, and tap into other non-monetary resources that our denomination and classis offers. After a year of successful church planting, the NCDT will look at the possibility of bringing the new church plant into the denomination.
2. NCDT will assist established churches of classis who want to start their own new church plant.
3. NCDT will work with existing established churches from other denominations or non-denominational churches who want to join the CRC.

NCDT will continue to do the following work through 2010-2011:

1. The New Church Development Specialist (NCDS) will continue to work with parent churches and church planters to evaluate and improve church planters, selecting target areas for church planting, hold "incubator" meeting of church planters, etc. The Specialist will also follow up on all evaluations of church planters and will be part of the WCRMT.
2. The Hispanic Developer will continue to resource Hispanic church plants and parent churches, continue to hold "incubator" meetings of Hispanic church planters, evaluate all Hispanic church plants, etc. This person will also be part of the WCRMT.
3. NCDT will look for best ways to assess new church planters, as well as have every current church planter go through a refocusing process.
4. NCDT will continue to offer Body Builders, a workshop for raising funds, for all church planters.
5. NCDT will sponsor events that stimulate parenting.
6. NCDT will continue to provide continued education opportunities for church planters.
7. NCDT will host a "New Churches Gathering Celebration" in the Fall, 2010.
8. NCDT will develop with WCRMT and HM new ways of relating together.

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Leadership Development Team (LDT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

www.classisgla.org

Our purpose is to help all Classis GLA churches become healthy ministries by identifying, training, and supporting leaders for effective service. We also process home mission grants for established churches.

Team members: Daniel Mendez; Dick Van Eck (CRWRC); Mirtha Villafaña (Hispanic Ministry); Carl Kromminga (Evangelist Training Program, Project Timothy); Sid Sybenga (Mentoring, Peer Relations, etc.); Bill Postma (Scholarship Fund, Student Fund) – team chairperson

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a. That Classis approve the use of the Student Fund to support the tuition of GLA high school seniors (up to a total of \$2000 a year) to attend Calvin Theological Seminary's annual three week "Facing Your Future" program, held each July.

2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Preparation for Synod 2011: LDT is soliciting suggestions from recent Synod delegates as to how to prepare new delegates for a productive time at Synod. The suggestions will be posted at www.ClassisGLA.org.
- b. Hispanic Ministry: We are assessing the training needs of Spanish speaking church leaders to see how we can support them. Hispanic congregations need trained leaders, not necessarily church planters or co-pastors, so ETP and Logos are not the vehicle to pursue. The Hispanic LEAD team is working to present a program proposal to LDT which will draw on the gifts of the Hispanic pastors in our classis.
- c. LDN/ETP: We are working with Al Breems to provide English speaking men and women avenues to become ordained Ministry Associates.
- d. The Scholarship Fund: We have \$7500 for scholarships available for 2011. In 2010, we did not distribute all the available funds due to a lack of applications. We did provide \$3527 in scholarships.
- e. The Student Fund is not presently financially supporting any student pursuing an M.Div for Minister of the Word due to a lack of qualified applicants.
- f. Timothy Project: We were greatly encouraged by the participation of 6 churches with over 30 participants in 2010. We have again scheduled for Friday – Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2011 at Rosewood CRC and are presently looking for a main speaker. We are looking to increase the number of churches and participants.
- g. Classis GLA website (www.ClassisGLA.org) is a great vehicle for promoting your classis ministry. A short note on the home page can provide a link to the details of your event (send details and/or questions to Bill.Postma@gmail.com).

3. PRAISES

- a. We thank God for the students and leaders that have participated in Logos and Leadership Institutes and for Pastor Daniel Mendez, director of the program.

4. PRAYER NEEDS

- a. Men and women to pursue the calling of Minister of the Word. The LDT (Leadership Development Team) has funds allocated for assistance in the Student Fund.
- b. We thank God for modern communications technology that allows us to inform and stay informed with the Church, independent of geographical location. May we avail ourselves of these tools (e.g. CRCNA Network, Classis GLA website) and use them for His kingdom.
- c. Cultural diversity for classis committee membership – LDT desires to have Korean representation on its team.

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GLA Race Relations Team

2015 Strategic Plan

Mandate

Promote ministry that is racially and culturally inclusive in congregations and their local communities.

Strategic Directions

1. Promoting Reconciliation & Communication
2. Empowering Teamwork
3. Advancing Ethnic Leadership

Vision Statement 2015

All CRC congregations are intentionally multicultural and highly regarded in their city.

Results by February 2011

1. A web communication system
2. An organized & functioning team
3. Two RR Classis events:
Worship & Training

Race Relations Team

1. Ruth Palma
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Classical Leadership Team (CLT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

February 2011

Team: Brent Wassink (leader) Bonny Mulder-Behnia, David Haberbush, Melvin Jackson,
Staff: Mirtha Villafañe, Sid Sybenga

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. CLT is discussing ways for Classis Teams to work together so that we are able to carry out our Fellowship Covenant in a more purposeful, coordinated way. Between now and the October 2011 meeting of Classis, CLT will refine its ideas and then get feedback from representatives of Classis Ministry Teams. We hope to have something for Classis to consider at its October meeting.
2. We responded to the New Church Development Team proposal to have a more extended time of worship/sharing/prayer by consulting with a member of NCDT and agreeing to what we tried today. We welcome your feedback.
3. We are in the process of finding a church counselor for Faith Presbyterian in Guam and recommend Rev. Tom Doorn.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. We ask Classis GLA to approve the appointment of Rev. Tom Doorn as the counselor for Faith Presbyterian CRC in Guam.

FOR PRAYER:

1. Thanks for the fine work of Sid and active engagement of CLT members.
2. For God to guide CLT in its work on item #1 above.

For the CLT,
Brent Wassink

Finance Resource Team

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOSANGELES

February 22, 2011

Team members: Jim Zoetewey-chairperson, Rich Hoeksema, Don Mulder, and Goldene Byma

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS:

2010 Treasurer's Report (See full report at www.classisgla.org)

2010 Treasurers Report Summary

January-December 2010

INCOME

Ministry Shares:	\$ 126,256
Home Missions:	\$ 13,316
LDN fees:	\$ 2,983
Transfer from General Fd prior yr-NCDT:	\$ 3,000
Transfer Church Growth Fund-CLT:	\$ 12,018
Transfer from 2009 - CLT:	\$ 511
Interest-FRT:	\$ 451

Total Income:..... \$158, 535

EXPENSES

Classical Leadership Team:	\$ 37,753
Prayer Communication Team:	\$ 0
New Church Development Team:	\$ 28,284
Classical Credentialing Team:	\$ 140
Leadership Development Team:	\$ 47,035
Finance Resource Team:	\$ 15,256

Total Expenses:

CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARES RECEIVED AT \$62 per adult confessing member

JANUARY through DECEMBER 2010

FROM ESTABLISHED CHURCHES (more than 7 years old)

Anaheim (146 members)(1956)	\$11,873 = 131%
Anaheim, Latin Am. (24 members)(1983)	1,200 = 81%
Arcadia (39 members)(1941)	\$4,500 = 186%
Artesia, First (132 members)(1938)	\$7,626 = 93%
Artesia, Trinity (57 members)(1954)	\$3,968 = 112%
Bellf., Bethany (404 members)(1943)	\$25,110 = 100%

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Bellf., First (208 members)(1927)	\$10,850 = 84%
Bellf., Rosewood (180 members)(1950)	\$11,346 = 102%
Bellf., God's Grace Chr Ch (22 members)(1997)	\$1,050 = 77%
Burbank, Bethany (70 members)(2000)	\$1,000 = 23%
Camarillo, Hispanic (? Members)(1993)	\$1,500 = ??%
Long Beach (204 members)(1953)	\$12,339 = 98%
L. A. Community (89 members)(1988)	\$5,518 = 114%
Monterey Pk. Chinese (32 members)(1991)	\$3,984 = 201%
Sun Valley, Bethel (60 members)(1932)	\$1,120 = 30%
Sun Valley, Sol De Valle (30 members)(1996)	\$0 = 0%

Total members 1730 total ministry shares \$103,766 = 97%

FROM ESTABLISHED CHURCHES - 7 YEARS OR LESS -10% TITHE

Covina, Bridge (113 members)(2007)	\$3,000
Carson, God's Grace (77 members)(2003)	\$0
Fountain of Life Fellowship (43 members)(2006)	\$2,880
Faith Pres-Mangilao, Guam (36 members)(2003)	\$ 3,000
Lake View-All Nations Ch. (300 members)(2003)	\$4,000
Little Saigon (60 members)(2006)	\$930
L.B. New City (84 members)(2003)	\$8,680
Los Angeles Ttokamsa (200 members)(2010)	\$0
New Ground Harvest (30 members)(2007)	\$0

Total members 743 total ministry share \$22,490

EMERGING CHURCHES Ministry shares of 2% - 10 % of offerings

Arcadia, Indonesian:	0
Artesia City Church:	0
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations:	0
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission:	0
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street":	0
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center:	0
Corona, Holy City:	0
Cerritos, Heaven Bound:	0
Ewa Beach, Anuenue:	0
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan:	0
Journey Christian Fellowship (ANC):	0
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship:	0
Montclair Indonesian:	0
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church:	0
Venice Beach, Talking Stick:	0
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC:	0
Whittier, Ephesus Church:	0

TOTALS MEMBERS: 2473 (according to the 2009 CRC Year Book)

TOTAL 2010 MINISTRY SHARE INCOME \$126,256 = 118%