

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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Thursday February 23 AND **Tuesday**, February 28, 2012

**The Bridge Church.** and (Hope Int'l Church, Arcadia THURS)

1067 East Badillo St Covina, CA 91724

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

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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: Peter Kang Vice Chair: Dan Brink Clerk: Sid Sybenga

**Agenda    See Separate agenda for the Examination part of the meeting to be held in Arcadia Thursday 7 PM**

1. 8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: Marco, Maged & Dan
2. 9:00 AM Introductions, Credentials, Synodical Delegates first ballot
3. 9:15 AM NCDT report & 3 motions ending prayer (pages 6 -13)
  - (p. 9) Motion to change NCDT name to Evangelism team
  - (p. 12) Motion to request WCRMT to clarify status questions
  - (p. 12) Motion to set up separate GLA Evangelism Fund and to support church planting efforts without grant from Home Mission
4. 9:45 AM Pray for the Evangelism movement in Classis GLA
5. 10:00 – 10:30 AM Coffee Break
6. 10:30 AM Synodical delegates selected
7. 10:45 AM CLT report (pages 14 -17)
8. 10:55 AM LDT report and motion to approve Hispanic training plan (page 18)
9. 11:10 AM RRT report (page 21)
10. 11:30 AM Clerk Report approve minutes of Oct 18 meeting (page 22)
11. 11:45 AM Credential Communication
12. 11:50 AM Finance Team report (page 13 -26)
13. 11:55 AM CCT report (to be started on Thursday February 23) (page 27)
14. 12:01 PM Ministry Associate Examinations of Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu
15. 1:00 PM Lunch

## **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**

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

1. 8:30 AM Opening devotions: Maged, Marco, & Dan
2. 9:00 AM Introductions (Peter Kang), Credentials (Clerk)  
**Synodical Delegates first ballot (see ballot on pages 4 & 5)**

### Classis GLA Roster of Churches – the credentials received

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe		
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga, Adriana Sybenga, Faith Lim, Leonard Siregar, Gary Stevens		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen		
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, Hyuksoo Kwon		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu		
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
<del>La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission</del>			
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Jin So Yoo, Tae Young Kim, Pablo Lee Rich Kim, Jin Phil Huh, Ken Hong, Peter Kang, Christina Kang, Jim Seung		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga, Daniel Mendez		
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones		
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Ron Black		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa 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		

<b>Emerging Churches</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Parenting Church</b>
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
<del>Journey Christian Fellowship (ANC)</del>	David Lee (elder - C)	All Nations Church
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
<del>Montclair Indonesian</del>		Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Santa Clarita Hope Community Church	David Kong - O	Bethany Korean
Venice Beach, Talking Stick	Rich Braaksma - MA	Trinity, Artesia
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>	

**Electing Delegates for Synod 2012**

Synod 2012 will be held in Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada

Classis GLA will need two Minister delegates and two Elder delegates to serve.

Delegates will need valid passports to enter Canada.

The meetings are held June 8 – 15.

See 2011 sample ballots and some voting regulations and guidelines on the next two pages

<b>Minister Delegate</b>		<b>Ballot #1</b>
Pastor Delegate <sup>3</sup> *served in 2009, 10, or 11	Indicted willing to serve	<b>Check 2 to vote</b>
Joel Van Soelen		
Mirtha Villafañe		
Bonny Mulder-Behnia,*		
Rick Westra *		
Dionisio Aguhob		
Fernando Valencia		
Soo Min Bang		
Saejung Paul Chang		
Matt Ford		
Rich Kim		
Christina Kang		
Ken Hong		
John Lee		
Yin So Yoo		
Richard Jones*		
Ron Black		
Ken Choe,		
Carlos Aranguiz		
Matthew Le		
Peter Kang*		
<b>12 other pastors not on the ballot last year</b>		
Note 1. Minister Delegate must be a "minister of the word" in an established church		
Note 2. Classis GLA is committed to sending a delegation that represents our diversity		
Please vote with this diversity representation in mind.		
Note 3. Pastors should be present at the meeting to be delegated.		
Note 4. Those receiving a majority vote on the first ballot will be considered elected		
Note 5. The 4-5 who received the most votes on the 1st ballot will be placed on the 2nd ballot.		

<b>Elder Delegate</b> Synod 2012		<b>ballot #1</b>		
<b>Ministry Associate &amp; Elders delegates</b> <small>*served in 2009, 2010 or 2011</small>	<b>willing to serve</b>	<b>check 2 to vote</b>		
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Maged Dakdouk - MA				
James Lee - O				
Rich Braaksma - MA				
David Kong - O				
Melvin Jackson - O *				
Fatu Auau - MA				
Ryan Ver Wys - MA				
Tim Kwon - O				
Andrew Choh - MA				
Jae Kun Lee - O				
Wallace Williams - MA*				
Leonard Siregar - O				
Tae Young Kim (MA)*				
Note 1 : Ministry Associates, Ministers of the Word in emerging churches and elders				
can serve as elder delegates.				

### 3. 9:15 AM **NCDT report & 3 motions ending prayer**

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### 4. 9:45 AM **Pray for the Evangelism movement in Classis GLA**

## *New Church Development Team* **MINISTRY PROPOSAL 2012**

### **Background**

In 2010 Classis GLA approved the NCD team's idea to work with its churches to seek God's will in defining the role of the NCDT. The plan included a questionnaire to all church members, an analysis of past church plants, meetings with the leadership of each church (if the church agreed to it), ad hoc one-on-one talks with pastors, an evangelism conference, and a meeting with young adult leaders from the churches. Below are the team's findings, followed by the team's proposed plan for ministry.

### **Findings**

#### **Evangelism / Mission Outreach**

1. Evangelism and mission outreach should be a very important part of every church in classis, but it is not being adequately addressed in some churches. Church members believe that the best evangelism is personal and involves relationship building. Many churches have created mission outreach events and programs with some success. These include music events, events centered around holidays, sporting events, food pantries, etc. The key is getting non-Christians to move from these events to membership in the church. Some churches are using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and websites to reach out to community people. Some churches work with Christian organizations such as Kingdom Causes to do mission outreach. One church has started Dream Home churches based in homes in different communities. Some churches have "outreach Sunday" where members are asked to invite friends and neighbors. Some run day care centers and Christian bookstores. Some work with prison fellowship.

Many adults, including young adults, do not see themselves sharing their faith: either they do not know how, are too busy, or are not challenged to share their faith. A few churches are discouraged about their ability to reach the lost; they simply don't know how to do it. They try different approaches but none seem to work. Members feel that churches can do more to help them see themselves as "evangelists". Many churches do not have a written statement about the vision of evangelism for their church, nor a view on how evangelism as part of their overall ministry. Many churches feel that we need to have training programs for church members on how to evangelize and do outreach in the community. All churches

would like to know more about how other churches do evangelism and mission outreach, as well as available resources.

2. Some obstacles facing churches are rootlessness in the community, American consumerism, and ethnic differences. Some members of churches that allow the community to use their church buildings are afraid the community may damage the buildings. Many churches have a hard time keeping new members and enrolling them into the church congregation. Reasons may include long term members who refuse to give up control, as well as a lack of quality discipleship and mentoring of new members. In some churches there is a flight of baby boomers as well as a diminishing number of seniors who have been lifetime supporters of the church. Some churches have discovered the location of their church creates problems as far as evangelism (bad politics, too many churches, etc.). Some churches just do not have the space to do quality programs for the community. Some ethnic churches have a problem because their ethnic group is historically Catholic or Muslim. Churches need to do more outreach in the community -- letting the community see the church as an actively caring and loving group of people.

3. Both in conversation with the young adult committee and from our survey questionnaire results we discovered a great need to get young adults involved in evangelism and mission outreach. Some young adults feel that there are still racial, gender, and economic tensions within the church. Some young people feel that churches should not be tied to tradition for the sake of tradition but must be open to building on that tradition. They feel that some churches' worship services, especially the music, do not appeal to non-Christian young adults. Young adults are not as interested in quantity (how many people sit in the pews) as in quality (how many are true Christians.)

4. In our classis' past structure, leadership development and church planting was emphasized by creating teams around the two. In the process, classis did not adequately stress church evangelism and mission outreach.

5. Churches feel that the New Church Development Team could help by:

a. Developing a communication process between churches for telling testimonies, sharing best practices, listing evangelism book suggestions, developing an umbrella coverage for music rights, and creating a central data base of resources and workshops so churches can share ideas and learn from each other.

b. Assisting churches in nearby locations who desire to work together in evangelism and mission outreach.

c.. Developing an evangelism training program for church members.

d. Holding a yearly evangelism conference. (Speaker name suggestions included Mr. Peter Hong, Elder Cho and Pastor Lee.)

e. Spending more time in prayer at classis meetings, perhaps in small groups.

### **Church planting**

1. Church planting and affiliations are still effective ways to reach the lost. Many churches are open to working with a member of their own congregation who desires to plant a church. Other churches are open to helping churches who want to affiliate with the CRC. For many churches, now is not a good time financially to help plant a church. Some churches don't know how to plant a church.

2. In the past church planting was driven by Home Missions and their funding, rather than by a full blown passion of churches to plant churches. This led to a belief that it is Home Missions' job to plant churches, not a church's job. Many churches still believe this.

3. There is a need to better scrutinize those who want to be church planters, including a better assessment center. In the past, Home Missions, NCDT and individual churches have pushed people into church plants who really did not have the skills to be church planters, nor the ability to share the vision with a group. Some failed church planters were stubborn and did not want to learn from others. Some planters did not have the necessary immigration status and had to leave the country. In some cases church planters' health issues slowed down or stopped the development of the church. We (NCDT and church leadership) need to do a better job of supervising church planters. We need to cut off funding sooner for church plants that are not successful.

4. Christian young adults would like to see new church starts that are intentionally multi-ethnic. Some churches would like to see another "Talking Stick" type church.

5. We need to hear young people when planting churches.

6. According to Home Missions data from 2002 till 2011, 46 church plants or affiliations were connected to our classis. 20% of those churches are organized; 37% are still emerging churches, 8% merged or moved to another classis, and 35% closed.

### **Relationship to Home Missions and the West Coast Regional Ministry Team**

1. Many of the decisions about the relationship between classis and Home Missions (including the West Coast Regional Ministry Team) over the past years have been made on a top-down basis. Home Missions used its funding base to drive the direction of the classis and NCDT.

2. Home Missions decided that Classis GLA should be part of a "Home Missions" region, a region defined by Home Missions, mandated by Home Missions, and funded in large part by Home Missions.

3. Home Missions sees the regional leader as an employee of Home Missions and beholden to Home Mission goals and plans, including being a fund raiser for Home Missions.

4. Many questions have arisen about the West Coast Regional Ministry Team, including is it still made up of two entities (a non-profit corporation and a team created by the classes)?, or has it been folded into Home Missions? If it still includes a non-profit corporation, who chooses the Board, who is it accountable to, why doesn't classis get to view their yearly financial statement, is there equity between classes on their funding of the WCRMT, is it the most effective way to use classical money, what do these classes have in common, and what input does classis have in the structuring of the team as well as the agenda of the team?

5. Questions have also arisen concerning the need for a Home Missions agency today as far as church planting is concerned. Issues include effectiveness, efficiency, and a centralized bureaucracy with a top-down entrenched decision-making and funding process. Is this the best use of scarce resources or is it better to keep funds, including ministry shares and donations at the classical level to insure better decision making?

## *New Church Development Team* **MINISTRY PLAN 2012**

### **Motion A**

#### **Structure**

1. As of March 2012 change New Church Development Team's name to Evangelism Team (ET) because this will help us really focus on evangelism and will distance us from being "the team who plants churches".

Our mandate will be to

- Assist all churches in doing evangelism and mission outreach
- Assist all churches in planting churches
- Assist non-CRC churches who desire to affiliate with us

2. As of March 2012 change the name and focus of the New Church Development Fund to the Evangelism Fund which would be open to all churches. Funds would assist churches in evangelism, mission outreach and/or church planting.

- a. Guidelines for the use of this fund would be defined by the Evangelism Team and must be approved by classis at its October 2012 meeting before any funds are dispersed.
- b. The Evangelism Team would seek recommendations from churches on such guidelines.
- c. Dispersion of funds will not happen until 2013.
- d. Evangelism Team would be able to tap into the fund for 2012 for up to \$5000 to support changes based on the overall plan if the plan is approved by classis in February 2012
- e.. Evangelism Team would be free to find ways to locally supplement the fund ( in addition to classical ministry shares), including working with churches to seek donations from church members.
- f. The Evangelism Fund, beginning in 2013, would be managed by a team identified and defined by the Evangelism Team and approved by classis at its October 2012 meeting. This

team should include ET members as well as lay church members. Guidelines for membership on the team would be defined by the Evangelism Team and approved by classis.

g. The classical building fund would be folded into this fund, and the money from the sale of the Crenshaw property would go into this fund.

h. There would be a yearly report to classis on the use of the funds. The report would include an evaluation of the success of the grants given out to churches. Churches can only receive grants if they are organized churches and have paid classical ministry shares the previous year **or** are emerging churches and have paid a tithe of a tithe the previous year.

3.. Conduct a yearly evaluation of the Evangelism Team to ask the churches for feedback and find how the Team can improve.

4. By October 2012 add three new lay members to the team

#### **Evangelism/mission outreach**

1. By December 2012 develop a communication system (through use of a website, newsletter, contact persons in each church, etc.) between the Evangelism Team and churches which would allow sharing of resource information on evangelism, mission outreach and church planting. Such information could include testimonies, best practices, books to read, workshop suggestions, website contacts, funding sources, legal cover for music, how to start a church, etc.

2. By October 2012 meet with any churches in the same geographic area who desire to work together on evangelism or mission outreach and assist them in identifying shared resources.

3. By October 2012 meet with the CRC churches connected with Kingdom Causes to see how the Evangelism Team can help. By July 2012 meet with churches who are working with CRWRC to see how classis can assist in that work.

4. By November 2012 develop an evangelism training program

5. By October 2012 create a Young Adult Evangelism Team (YAET) ages 18-35 which would work under the Evangelism Team. The YAET would consist of five or six non-clergy members. The mandate of the team would be to assist churches in learning how to reach the younger generation. The Team's mandate would include assisting willing churches from different ethnic groups to plant a multi-ethnic church in a strategically placed multi-ethnic community. The YAET would present a ministry plan to both the Evangelism Team and classis for approval.

6 . By July 2012 hold an evangelism conference

7. By October 2012 find ways the GLA Evangelism Team can work with Classis CA South in evangelism, mission outreach and church planting so as to maximize the effectiveness of both classes in assisting churches. This would include a yearly joint Evangelism Conference. It also includes a review by the two classes of the Hispanic Developer position and a report to classis in February 2013.

**Church planting**

1. By October 2012 define clearly agreed upon relationships between a church plant and its mother church.

2. By October 2012, develop clear guidelines for starting churches and present these to classis. Guidelines should include:

- the church already has gathered a functioning group
- the church needs to show record of offerings and fundraising

3. Work with the Reformed Church classis to see if their assessment center and boot camp are usable and, if available, make a decision about our participation by October 2012.

4. Work with the Reformed Church and Classis CA South to use the Reformed Church Institute for Spanish speaking church planters and make a decision about our participation by October 2012.

5. Develop a new mentoring and coaching program for all church planters by October 2012.

6. Work with the Reformed Church and Classis CA South to review Kingdom Enterprise Zones and decide on this by October 2012.

7. By October 2012 conduct a feasibility study with interested churches about starting another Talking Stick ministry.

8. Contact each church yearly to see if anyone in that church is interested in planting a church. Also ask if any churches are interested in working with the Evangelism Team to start a church.

9. Work with the Young Adult Evangelism Team to see if there are churches from different ethnic groups who want to start a multi-ethnic church.

10. Work with Classis CA South to review the roles of the Hispanic Developer who works jointly for our two classes, the New Church Developer in our classis, the New Church Developers in CA South and the Korean Ministry Developer who works in the two classes. By October 2012 give recommendations on how best to structure these positions to maximize potential.

### **Church affiliations**

1. Ask each church yearly if they are interested in helping a church become affiliated.
2. By October 2012 develop guidelines for the relationship between parent and daughter church(es).
3. Throughout the year seek out churches who are interested in the Reformed faith and who might want to be affiliated with us.

## **Motion B**

### **West Coast Regional Ministry Team**

1. By March 2012 ask the West Coast Regional Ministry Team to give a written report to the Evangelism Team by July 1, 2012. The report should include the following:
  - a. a clear definition of the structure of both West Coast Church Resourcing and the West Coast Regional Ministry Team, including any possible nonprofit corporation component.
  - b. a 2012 budget including expenses, staff salaries, LEAD team salaries and a list of where the income comes from, including Home Mission contributions, each classis contribution, and other donors.
  - c. a copy of the bylaws of the West Coast Church Resourcing
  - d. the mandate from classes and Home Missions for the West Coast Regional Ministry Team
  - e. answers to the following questions:
    - who decides who is on the team or part of the corporation?
    - how long is a person on the team?
    - what is the relationship between the team and Home Missions?
    - does Home Missions see the regional leader as representing Home Missions, or the region and the classes?
    - is the Regional leader also a fund raiser for Home Missions? Why or why not?
    - is there parity in what each classis gives to the team? If not, why not?
    - what resources are the team sharing with the classes?
    - which team members are funded by Home Missions?
    - Is the West Coast Regional Ministry Team still chartered by classis?
      - and if so, what is the role of the Classis in determining the direction of the team?
    - who supervises and reviews the work of the team?
2. Give a report with recommendations to Classis at its October 2012 meeting.

## **Motion C**

### **Home Missions**

1. Ask the Evangelism Team to notify Home Missions by April 1, 2012 of the following decisions of Classis Greater Los Angeles:
  - a. Classis GLA thanks Home Missions for working with us for the past thirty years and for helping our classis learn how to church plant.

- b. Classis GLA and its churches, as of 2013, will no longer seek any new grant funds from Home Missions for church planting, except for new church grants connected to our partnership plans for the Hawaii Fund.
- c. Classis GLA has set up its own Evangelism Fund that all churches in the Classis can draw from.
- d. Classis GLA will, as of 2013, let all church members, including Home Mission donors, know that they are free to give to Home Missions for bi-national work, but that they should give to our classical fund instead if they want to support evangelism, mission outreach and church planting work in our classis.
- e. Classis GLA affirms, as of 2013, that each church within GLA can determine for itself the amount of Home Mission ministry shares it wants to go to the Home Mission central agency and/or to the classical evangelism fund. Classis GLA suggests that for 2013 50% of ministry shares go to the central agency and 50% go to Classis GLA's Evangelism Fund.

**Pray for the Evangelism movement in Classis GLA**

**5. 10:00 – 10:30 AM Coffee Break**

**6. 10:30 AM Synodical delegates selected**

**7. 10:45 AM CLT report**

## Classical Leadership Team (CLT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES, February 28, 2012

Our purpose is act on behalf of Classis between meetings, organize the Classis meetings, facilitate and coordinate the ministry of the Classical teams, and adjudicate issues that arise among the churches of Classis. The CLT serves as the administrative arm of Classis and serves as an access

Team members: David Haberbush (leader); Bonny Mulder-Behnia; Mirtha Villafaña (Staff); Melvin Jackson; Sid Sybenga (Staff /Clerk); Brent Wassink; Peter Kang

### 1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a. None.

### 2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. The Team continues in its evaluation of the merits of the realignment of the functions of the teams within Classis so that the churches may be better served. The team anticipates presenting a proposal for realignment which is more inclusive of the local churches and allows Classis to serve where needs exist at the local level. Specifically, the Team believes the churches should be directing the work of Classis rather than Classis directing the local churches.
- b. The Team also continues in its efforts to meet with the Race Relations Team and is hopeful a meeting will take place prior to the February 28 meeting of Classis. If so, the Team will give an oral report about the meeting.
- c. The Team also observes there are no procedures regarding service on Classical teams. Specifically, procedures concerning length of service on a team, the number of teams on which an individual may serve, guidelines for racial, ethnic, and gender representation on teams, and whether teams should be populated by more than one person related by blood or marriage have not been articulated or approved by Classis. The Team will be addressing these issues and propose procedures and guidelines regarding these and similar issues at a future Classis meeting.
- d. The Team encourages each church of Classis to serve on a Classis team. Our hope is to involve more non-clergy in the work of Classis. We have a small pool of willing and gifted individuals who serve as Classis. If you or a person in your congregation is will to be trained and serve Classis in this capacity please send a note or email to David Haberbush ([dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com](mailto:dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com)) or Sid Sybenga ([glaclerkss@gmail.com](mailto:glaclerkss@gmail.com))
- e. Attached below are two charts to help make decision about electing Synodical delegates today, and help you decide what Classical team to serve on.

3. PRAISES - We are thankful for all the team leaders and the team member who serve in Classis.

4. PRAYER NEEDS - A number of teams need new members. If there is someone in your congregation who is gifted in finances our Finance Team needs three members. Also many of the teams need a greater number of ethnic and youth voices.

<p><b>Churches and People who have <u>Served</u> Classis GLA in the last 10 years.</b></p>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Synod Pastor Delegate</b>	<b>Synod Elder Delelegate</b>
Feb-02	First Artesia	A. Vd Akker	T. Doorn	Gilbert Verela	Frank De Haan
Mar-02	First Artesia	R. Goudzw-d	S. Ver Heul	Brent Wassink	Marvin Strksm
May-02	Bethany Bellflower	S. Ver Heul	D. Jeltema		
Sep-02	Hope Int'l Arcadia	S. Ver Heul	D. Jeltema		
Oct-02	All Nations Church	D. Jeltema	D. Brink		
Feb-03	Rosewood, Bellflower	D. Brink	D. Koll	Ron Black	Howard Tazelaar
Mar-03	All Nations Church	T. Doorn	S. Sybenga	David Koll	Ben Tan
May-03	Bethany, Bellflower	M. Whitten	none		
Jun-03	New Ground LA	S. Ver Heul	A. Vd Akker		
Sep-03	Anaheim CRC	D. Koll	C. Kromminga		
Feb-04	Long Beach CRC	C. Kromminga	S. Ver Heul	Merle Bierma	Stan Cole
May-04	Hope Int'l Arcadia	M. Whitten	none	Gilbert Verela	Art De Jong
Jun-04	Rosewood, Bellflwr	G. Verela	D. Koll		
Sep-04	LA Community	S. Ver Heul	H. Lengkeek		
Feb-05	Bethany Bellflower	H. Lengkeek	E. Tandayu	Tom Doorn	Francisco Golon
Mar-05	Bethel & Sol d Valle	E. Tandayu		Daniel Mendez	Norn Credit
Jun-05	Fountain of Life,	P. Hoekstra	J. Kim		
Sep-05	Bethany Burbank	J. Kim	B. Wassink		
Oct-05	All Nation Church,	B. Wassink	M. Jackson		
Jan-06	New City, Long Bch	F. Golon	C. Kromminga		
Mar-06	Bethany Bellflower	D. Koll	D. Aguhub	David Koll	Frank de Haan
Sep-06	Bethel Sun Valley	M. Whitten	M. Jackson	Roy Palovicini	David Haberbush
Oct-06	Talking Stick, Venice	M. Ford	R.Goudzw-rd		
Mar-07	First Artesia	R.Goudzw-d	D. Koll	Melvin Jcksn	Merf Tanis
Apr-07	Bethany Bellflower	H. Lengkeek		Matt Ford	Bernard V Weide
Jun-07	Bethany Burbank	B. Wassink	?		
Sep-07	Little Saigon	P. Hoekstra	R.Westra		
Oct-07	Bridge Covina	R. Westra	?		
Feb-08	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Brink	D. Haberbush	D. Brink	Bill Postma
Apr-08	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Haberbush	M. Jackson	Elmer Tandayu	Fatu Auau
Sep-08	All Nation Church,	D. Brink	?		
Oct-08	Hope Int'l Arcadia	M. Jackson	D. Brink		
Jan-09	Anaheim CRC	B. Wassink	R.Westra		
Feb-09	First Bellflower	D. Brink	D. Kong	Rick Westra	Mattie Young
Jun-09	Rosewood, Bellflwr	H. Lengkeek	M. Jackson	Melvin Jcksn	Wallace Williams
Oct-09	Hope Int'l Arcadia	D. Brink	M. Jackson		
Jan-10	Latin America, Anhm	B. Wassink	R.Westra		
Feb-10	First & City Artesia	B. Wassink		Rick Westra	Rich Haagsma
Oct-10	Ttokamsa, LA	H. Lengkeek	D. Haberbush	Richard Jones	Art Lapre

Feb-11	All Nations Church	D. Haberbush	P. Kang	Bonny M-Bhn	Tae Young
May-11	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Brink	P. Kang	Peter Kang	Tom Byma
Oct-11	Little Saigon/Ekklesia	H. Lengkeek	B. Wassink		
Feb-12	Hope Int'l Arcadia	M. Jackson	A. Sybenga		
Feb-12	Bridge Covina	P. Kang	D. Brink		

## CLASSIS TEAM & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams January 2012</b>		
<i>The goal is to have every congregation participating on a Classis team</i>		
<i>Where could you or a church member serve Classis?</i>		
<b>Leadership Development Team - LDT</b>		
<i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>		
Sid Sybenga		staff
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary
Daniel Mendez		
Mirtha Villafane		staff
Bill Postma	bill.postma@gmail.com	Leader
<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>		
<i><u>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</u></i>		
Mattie Young	msmyoung@att.net	Leader
Frank DeHaan		
Richard Jones		
Daniel Mendez	pastordanielmendez@yahoo.com	Secretary
Ruth Palma		
Sid Sybenga		CLT Liaison
<b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>		
<i><u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u></i>		
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader
Richard Jones		
Daniel Mendez		
<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>		

<u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u>		
Brent Wassink		
Melvin Jackson		
Bonny Mulder-Behnia		
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader
Peter Kang		
Sid Sybenga	sshope10@yahoo.com	Staff/Clerk

<b>New Church Development Team - NCDT</b>		
<u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u>		
David Kong		
Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary
Tom Doorn	Tcdoorn5@aol.com	Leader
Joel Van Soelen		
Elmer Tandayu		Staff
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
Sid Sybenga		CLT Liaison

<b>Finance Team FT</b>		
<u>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</u>		
Goldene Byma	classistreasurer@hotmail.com	Treasurer
Don Mulder		Secretary
Jim Zoetewey		Leader
Rich Hoeksema		

- 8. 10:55 AM LDT report and motion to approve the Hispanic Leadership development plan**

## Leadership Development Team (LDT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES, February 28, 2012

Our purpose is to help all Classis GLA churches become healthy ministries by identifying, training, and supporting leaders for effective service.

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

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### 1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- b. Leadership training plans for Hispanic ministries (see next page )

### 2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- f. Synod 2012: (nothing to report)
  - g. LDN/ETP: Al Breems has 9 students; 2 from GLA. He says it's a great group to work with. He would also like to attend the February meeting of Classis GLA and promote the ETP.
  - h. The Scholarship Fund: Of our \$7500 of scholarship funds for 2011, we used \$6242 for participation in various leadership events. Please consider this fund as a mechanism to promote ministry training in your church.
  - i. The Student Fund is now supporting Sang Yoon Jin (member of Bethany Korean Community Church) in his studies at Calvin Theological Seminary via tuition loans. He is starting his second year at CTS. Additionally, we advocate and will support (up to \$2000 per year) high school seniors to attend Calvin Theological Seminary's annual three week "Facing Your Future" program, held in July.
  - j. Project Timothy will be held in October, 2012. The precise date is yet to be determined.
  - k. CRWRC report is attached as a separate report.
  - l. Classis GLA website ([www.ClassisGLA.org](http://www.ClassisGLA.org)) is a great vehicle for promoting classis ministry. Send a picture of a classis event for incorporation onto the Home page. A short note and/or a picture may be just what is needed for some extra encouragement (send details and/or questions to [Bill.Postma@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.Postma@gmail.com)).
3. PRAISES - We are able to assist Sang Yoon Jin in his calling to become a minister of the Word in the CRCNA via our Student Fund.
4. PRAYER NEEDS - Cultural diversity for classis committee membership – LDT desires to have Korean representation on its team.

## Leadership Development Team Report continued

### Spanish Leadership Training Request to Classis GLA January 2012

#### Background:

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28: 18-20)*

The call of Jesus to the church is to go and make disciples of nations. This was the mandate

that He gave to the church. The Church does not have a mission because the mission has the church. The mission of Christ is the church, it needs to move forward. God is bringing change and a rebirth to the Christian Reformed Church and Hispanics are part of this revival. The Spanish people have the opportunity to give direction to this wave that the Holy Spirit is leading and moving us.

Equipping Leaders is an area of ministry critical to the growth of Hispanic Ministry in the Christian Reformed Church in Southern California. This is not an option. If we do not train leaders we will not have effective churches. As time passes by, our need to develop youth pastors, Sunday school teachers, Elders, Deacons or any kind of leadership to serve with a Reformed understanding increases. But now, God who never fails us, has led us to Rev. Eddy Aleman from the Reformed Church of America.

Rev. Aleman already has a program implemented and tested to train leaders in Spanish speaking churches of the RCA. Rev. Aleman has been a member of the RCA for more than 30 years, has a Master in Divinity in the Western Seminary in Holland, Mi. and is completing his Doctoral Program in Religions in Santa Barbara University. He has planted four churches in Central California and in the last two years he has been working with Rev. Ken Korver in the RCA of Paramount. He is the associate dean of the Theological Seminary of California, a research center of Miami International Seminary (MINTS). <http://mints-miami.wordpress.com/>

**The Certificate Program:** A Certificate in Theological Studies (10 courses) is the entry point for many students from our churches. Students receive a solid grounding in biblical studies, theological understanding and spiritual discernment, and acquire pastoral and other ministerial skills. The students spend three hours in class per week for six weeks for each course. Upon completion of the Certificate requirements, additional study may be pursued to acquire a degree or complete the learning covenant requirements for “Ministry Associates”.

**The cost:** Each course has a cost of \$100 to cover accreditation and administrative expenses.

**Evaluation:** The effectiveness of the program will be evaluated in time for the 2013 budgeting process and again at the end of the calendar year.

**The Request:** The LDT requests that Classis GLA endorse our plans to provide the above training for Spanish speaking leaders in our churches. The costs of supporting our students will be covered by the 2012 budgeted items - 1) LDN, Spanish and 2) Scholarships.

## CRWRC Board Delegate Report to Classis GLA February 28, 2012

### CRWRC 50th anniversary

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. Join us in giving thanks to God for His faithfulness through 50 years of reaching out to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster and injustice.

**Name change project**

In the spring of 2011 the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee began to seriously explore the possibility of changing its name. CRWRC was born out of the desire of local congregations and their deacons to respond to needs in North America and around the world that were too big for of deacons to respond to alone. Today it seems to many involved that the organization has outgrown its name. To better explore the possibility of changing CRWRC's name, a process was carefully designed and professional assistance was sought to carry this forward in a way that will help find a name to carry the work of CRWRC into the future— its next fifty years. We have embarked on the process of developing a second round of name options to consider. You have our assurance that we will not make any change until we have identified a name that will carry us forward within the commitment and tradition of our first fifty years.

**CRWRC Global Update – India**

In relief and development, CRWRC works daily to address poverty, hunger, and sudden loss from natural and human disasters. One of the countries where CRWRC's high-quality, long-term development programs have made outstanding gains in the last few months is India. Nearly a million people in the Jharkhand area are involved in a five-year mother and child health project that CRWRC is implementing through a \$1.15 million grant from the U.S. agency for International Development, and with national Christian partner EFICOR. The communities involved were chosen because of the tremendous disease, poor services, remoteness, and minority ethnic populations there.

Through the Parivartan project, CRWRC is helping expecting and new mothers care for their own health and their babies, as well as improve survival of their young children by monitoring growth and preventing disease. At the project's halfway point, evaluators report that efforts to improve mother and child health exceeded 12 of 23 objectives! Mothers are receiving pre- and post-natal checkups are attended by trained birth attendants, providing adequate nutrition to their children, and practicing good hygiene. And their children are eating nutritionally sufficient diets, being immunized, and recovering from severe diarrhea.

By working with people in their communities to access health services, CRWRC is improving and saving lives. These communities in India are some of 4,500 communities where CRWRC ministers to people in need in the name of Christ.

**CRWRC Locally**

Any diaconates or congregations desiring more information on partnering with CRWRC, learning about the CRWRC Champion program, or learning about the work of CRWRC, please contact: Dick Van Eck [dvaneck@aol.com](mailto:dvaneck@aol.com) 714-528-3396

Race Relations Team (RRT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES February 28, 2012 [www.racerelationsgla.org](http://www.racerelationsgla.org) /  
[www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org)

**Our purpose**

is to help all of Classis Greater Los Angeles to promote ministry that is racially and culturally inclusive in congregations and their local communities.

**Team members:** Mattie Young; Richard Jones; Ruth Palma; Frank De Haan; Daniel Méndez; (members to be endorsed) Irma Méndez; Alison Jones; Fatu Auau

**1. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. Last year we presented a plan worked out in consultation with the Executive Director to continue seeking mediation and reconciliation with the CLT due to the apparent pain and probable misunderstandings. This included pursuing third party mediation. We have been actively pursuing this since August, after which two RRTeam members met with the CLT. The RR Team seeks to add value to its' work in this greatly diverse region. In order to do so the team finds itself needing to address assumptions, and continues to seek a better grasp of established policies and procedures of Race Relations work in Classis Greater Los Angeles;
- b. As of the date (December) of this report we look forward to meet with the CLT seeking further progress on this, together; should an addendum be needed, it will be handed out at our February classis meeting

**2. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Give a great big hand to the RR Chair, Mattie Young, who has worked long and arduously for many years to bring forward movement in the work of Race Relations, in GLA and beyond;
- b. Endorse a role swap on the RRT – that Richard Jones and Daniel Mendez become co-chairs, and Mattie Young be a regular team member.
- c. Endorse new team members: Irma Mendez, Alison Jones, Fatu Auau;

**3. PRAISES**

- a. The Team was able to celebrate several events last year, including a leadership development workshop where national leaders, classical lay leaders, and some regional leaders of the RCA also attended;
- b. New members (as we continue to seek more!)

**4. PRAYER EEDS**

- a. True unity among cultural diversity for our churches and classis;
- b. The work of biblical reconciliation, as we live out our mandate.

**10. 11:30 AM Clerk Report**

## Clerk's Report

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011.
- B. Correspondence & Notes for information and action
1. Nov 23 gmail from Abe Lee ([abe@nanana.org](mailto:abe@nanana.org))  
 "We are working in Mexico as CRWM missionaries and now it's been 12 years so far since 1999. All Nations Church (ANC) continues to be my calling church."
  2. Nov 23 Brian Kim [ibkbox@gmail.com](mailto:ibkbox@gmail.com). I completed my doctoral study at Trinity last summer and I am looking for a ministry position now being independent from ANC. I am not sure yet where God leads me to at this point but I do believe that God will show me His way clearly sooner or later. Please advise me what I have to do regarding minister's credentials. You could reach me with [224-619-6488](tel:224-619-6488).
  3. December 6 gmail Hendry Lie [hendrylie888@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrylie888@yahoo.com): "I do not think there will be an opening ministry for me in the future in the CRCNA. Therefore, I agree that Classis GLA release me from ministry in the CRCNA. (Credentials are with Long Beach CRC)
  4. Dee Recker: Cerritos WooRi Church was not properly transferred to Classis Pacific Hanmi. This action can only be done upon approval of synod according to Church Order Article 39: "A classis shall consist of a group of neighboring churches. The organization of a new classis and the redistricting of classes require the approval of synod." Also note the Supplement to Church Order Article 39: "Any request for transfer to another classis may include grounds that go beyond the sole matter of geographic proximity; synod is at liberty to consider such grounds in its disposition of the request." Synod would appropriately receive the request by way of an overture from both Classis Greater Los Angeles and Classis Pacific Hanmi with the requested action and grounds. To the best of our knowledge, this has not happened yet.
  5. The "ministry associate" credentials of Bill Garner, Glen Garcia, and Zacharius Pattimukay are still listed as active even though their ministries in the CRC have ended. The Clerk moves that Classis notes the end of their ministries and their ordination at Ministry Associates.
  6. April 16, 17, and 18, the first "Prayer Summit" in the history of the Christian Reformed Church will take place at All Nations Christian Reformed Church in Lake View Terrace, CA. All GLA churches are request to participate and send many people from their congregations.
  7. An email was received from David Koll and the CRCNA Credentialing Office giving provisional approval to proceed with the examinations of (article 8 transfers of ordination).
  8. A letter was received from Bethany CRC, Bellflower, requesting we confirm the affiliation of Sila Church as an establish church in the CRCNA and Classis GLA.



11. 11: 45 Committee communicating issues on the Credentials

12. 11:50 Finance Team Reports

## **FINANCE TEAM**

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES February 28, 2012

Team members:

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

ITEM FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS: 2011 Treasurer's Report

## **TREASURERS' REPORT**

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

This report covers the financial transactions of Classis Greater Los Angeles for January through December 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT (detailed reports are on the web at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org))

p. 2 Balance Sheet – Lists a Capital account of \$414,654.

p. 3 Classical Ministry Shares – Received \$108,929 for 2011. (See page 24)

p. 4 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) – Within budget.

p. 5 Prayer Communication Team (PCT) – Within budget.

p. 6 New Church Development Team (NCD) – Within budget.

p. 7 Classical Credentialing Team (CCL) – Within Budget.

p. 8 Leadership Development Team (LDT) – Within budget.

p. 9 Race Relations Team (RRT) – Within Budget.

p.10 Finance Resource Team (FRT) – Within budget.

p.11 Fund Account Summary – For each fund, the total receipts, disbursements, and fund balances are listed for this period – January through December 2011. (p. 25)

Treasurer: Goldene Byma

**THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBERS.**

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011		ASSETS	
CASH			
Cal National -- Checking			171,758
Bank of America --Cash Maximizer			202,896
Total Cash			374,654
NOTES			
Talking Stick		-	
Talking Stick 2		40,000	
New Ground Harvest Church		-	
Total Loans			40,000
FIXED ASSETS			
Crenshaw Property		-	
Total Fixed Assets			-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$414,654</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
CLT		3,349	
PCT		530	
NCD		7,774	
CCT		530	
LDT		15,808	
RRT		1,505	
FRT		892	
Medical Assist. fund		8,971	
Camp Duamis		6,504	
Project Timothy		3,039	
Church Loan fund		158,504	
Crenshaw account		-	
Race Relations Program		4,894	
Church Growth Fund		105,606	
Peer Relations Dev		-	
General Fund		96,748	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$ 414,654</b>	

CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARES RECEIVED									
		JANUARY through DECEMBER 2011							
		Year	1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	4th Q.	Total	Budgeted	% Paid
CHURCH	Members	Organized							
<b>ORGANIZED EIGHT YEARS OR MORE -- MINISTRY SHARE= \$62.00</b>									
Anaheim	161	1956	0	2496	2496	0	4,992	9,982	50%
Anaheim, Latin Am.	32	1983	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	1,984	65%
Arcadia	42	1941	0	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	2,604	230%
Artesia, First	110	1938	0	1,705	3,410	1,705	6,820	6,820	100%
Artesia, Trinity	64	1954	0	3,968	0	0	3,968	3,968	100%
Bellf., Bethany	428	1943	6,293	6,293	6,634	6,634	25,854	26,536	97%
Bellf., First	165	1927	2,557	2,558	2,557	2,558	10,230	10,230	100%
Bellf., Rosewood	177	1950	946	3,627	2,744	3,658	10,975	10,974	100%
Bellf., God's Grace	22	1997	225	225	150	150	750	1,364	55%
Burbank, Bethany	22	2000	0	1,300	800	600	2,700	1,364	198%
Camarillo, Hispanic	1	1953	0	500	500	500	1,500	62	2381%
Carson God's Grace	108	2003	0	0	0	0	-	6,696	0%
Faith Pres- Guam	36	2003	0	0	0	0	-	2,232	0%
LakeView - All Nations	350	2003	0		2,000	0	2,000	21,700	9%
Long Beach	200	1953	3,100	0	6,185	3,085	12,370	12,400	100%
L.B. New City	98	2003	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	6,076	66%
L. A. Community	104	1988	0	0	0	6,448	6,448	6,448	100%
Monterey Pk. Chinese	32	1991	0	0	0	0	-	1,984	0%
Sun Valley, Bethel	71	1932	465	429	1,215	0	2,109	4,402	48%
Sun Valley, Sol De Val	0	1996							
Sub-totals	2223		13,586	23,100	32,991	32,338	102,015	137,826	
<b>ORGANIZED -- SEVEN YEARS OR LESS ----- 10% TITHE or \$62</b>									
Covina, Bridge	137	2007	1,000	0	0	1,000	2,000		
Fountain of Life	62	2006	455	723	1,608	1,073	3,859		
Little Saigon	58	2006	0	0	500	355	855		
New Ground Harvest	70	2007	0	0	0	0	-		
L.A. Ttokamsa	120	2010	0	0	0	0	0		
Sub-totals	447		1,455	723	2,108	2,428	6,714		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2670</b>		<b>\$15,041</b>	<b>\$24,023</b>	<b>\$35,099</b>	<b>\$34,766</b>	<b>108,929</b>	<b>\$137,826</b>	

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

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  
 Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship: ..... 0  
 Santa Clarita Valley Community Church: ..... \$200  
 Venice Beach, Talking Stick: ..... 0  
 Westminster, Ekklesia CRC: ..... 0

<b>FUND ACCOUNTS SUMMARY</b>					
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS					
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011					
<b>FUND</b>	<b>JAN. 1, 2011</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>FUND</b>	<b>BOOK</b>
	<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Church Growth	\$83,401	\$38,302	\$16,097	\$105,606	
Medical Assistance	\$9,076	\$12,895	\$13,000	\$8,971	
Camp Dunamis	\$9,176	\$51,375	\$54,047	\$6,504	
Project Timothy	\$2,963	\$2,061	\$1,985	\$3,039	
Church Loan	\$104,817	\$13,687	\$0	\$118,504	\$40,000
Chrenshaw Property	-\$64,602	\$125,000	\$60,398	\$0	\$0
Race Relation	\$5,244	\$0	\$350	\$4,894	
Peer Relations Dev	\$45	\$27,875	\$27,920	\$0	
General Fund	\$97,770	\$0	\$1,022	\$96,748	

SEE FULL REPORT AT [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org)

**13. 12:01 PM Classical Credentialing Team (CCT)**  
 REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES  
 February 23 & 28, 2012

**The Examinations under B. will take place on Thursday,  
 February 23 at 7 PM in Hope Int'l Church, Arcadia.**

**Team: Rick Westra, Daniel Mendez, Richard Jones**

**I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS**

A. To accept and approve the Ministry Descriptions for Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu as ministry associates in Hope International Church, Arcadia. See below.

B. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Rev. Chris Choe, Rev. David Lee, Rev. **Joseph Hyun, and** Rev. Dr. Byoungchul Joseph Jun

*Grounds: Permission was granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.*

E. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu

*Grounds: Marco and Kathy completed their learning covenant and met the requirements set by classis for ordination as a Ministry Associate.*

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

**G. To declare Rev. Chris Choe, the Rev. David Lee, the Rev. Tae Kim, the Rev. Dr. Sung Chil Choi, and the Rev. Dr. Byoungchul Joseph Jun eligible for call as a Ministers of the Word in the CRCNA.**

**H. To declare Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu eligible for call as a Ministry Associate in the HIC CRC.**

**II. FOR INFORMATION**

**Joseph Hyun** was born in Korea but moved to Argentina with his parents when he was six. He studied economics in Madrid, and returned to do further study and teaching in that field in Argentina. He came to the U.S. in 2000 seeking an M.B.A. but the Lord had other plans. He became more interested in missions and pursued his M.A. through Fuller. He has served as an Evangelist and Associate Pastor at All Nations Church as well as a reserve chaplain for the U.S. Army. He is ordained in the Evangelical Church Alliance. He is married to Eun and together they have Brian, Rachel, and Calvin.

**Chris Choe** was born and raised in Pusan, Korea but emigrated with his family at the time he started high school. After graduating from U.C. Riverside, he worked at Wilshire State Bank and was promoted to Vice President and Loan Officer. Concurrent with his work, he earned his M.Div. from Fuller. Has served in the **past as a youth pastor, and is now as an Associate Pastor at All Nations Church in charge of the young adult** department. He is ordained in the Evangelical Church Alliance and is married to Cathy. Together they have three children Elijah & Rachelle. Their oldest son Brandon is with the Lord.

**David Lee** was born in S. Korea and immigrated at age 4 to Los Angeles. He graduated from U.C. San Diego, with a B.A. in Economics and worked for three years in a real estate development and investment company. He later received his M.Div. from Fuller. He has served as youth and college pastor, and is now an Associate Pastor in the English ministry at All Nations Church. He is ordained in the Evangelical Church Alliance. He is married to Christine, and together they have Joseph and Nathan.

**B.J. Jun** was born in Korea and grew up the son of a Presbyterian pastor. He received his B.A. from the University of Colorado and his M.Div. from Fuller Seminary. In 2010 he completed his Ph.D. through Biola University. He is currently serving as Associate Pastor at Ttokamsa Missions Church and also supervises DMin students at George Fox University. He is ordained in the Evangelical Church Alliance. He is married to Hye-Sun and together they have Jocelyn and Jaquelyn.

**Marco Arandia** was born in Oruro, Bolivia and grew up the son of a mining engineer. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1988. He studied at Citrus College, University of LaVerne, and received his M.A. from Fuller in 2001. He currently works as an instructional aide for special needs kids in the Pasadena School District and serves as the Pastor of the Hispanic congregation at Hope International Church. He is married to Maria Marizol, and together they have Kemly, Joan, Marco, and Cailin.

**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 in Alhambra.

## **MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR MARCO ARANDIA**

### **Ministry Associate Pastor of the Spanish Ministry in Hope International Church**

#### **Ministry Purpose:**

To lead and develop the Spanish speaking Ministry of Hope International Church by serving as their pastor, lead musician, and discipleship trainer.

#### **Duties:**

- Serves as the preaching and teaching Pastor of the Spanish congregation.
- Oversees the outreach/evangelism of the Spanish ministry of HIC.
- Leads several Bible studies and prayer groups; Organizes a disciple making process.
- Leads the Unity Worship Services of Hope International Church.

#### **Accountability:**

- Ministers under the supervision of and reports to the Board/Council of Hope International Church (HIC).
- 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.

#### **Skills/Qualifications:**

Bi-lingual, love of worship, desire to connect with Spanish speakers in the community, cross-cultural abilities; appreciation of the CRCNA.

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**MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR KATHY XU ( *Qiao Hong* )**

**Ministry Associate Pastor in the Chinese Peace Church of Hope International Church**

Serving in the Chinese Peace Church plant of Hope International Church, Arcadia, CA

**Ministry Purpose:**

To lead and develop the Chinese Peace Church - with her husband and co-pastor plant by serving as their pastor, lead teacher, and community developer.

**Duties:**

- Serves as the teaching Pastor of the Chinese Peace Church in Alhambra CA.
- Oversees the discipleship training process in the emerging church plant.
- Organizes the community outreach events for the emerging church community.

**Accountability:**

- Ministers under the supervision of and reports to the Board/Council of Hope International Church.
- Attends a LEAD team for mutual support and fosters connections with other CRC pastors.
- Is mentored by the Lead Pastor of Hope International Church.

**Skills/Qualifications:**

Bi-lingual, passion for teaching the Word; desire to be a Reformed Church; a Passion for new Chinese immigrants,

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## NCDT HAWAII REPORT

December 21th, 2011

To: Jerry Kraesig, Anuenue CRC, Hawaii  
Tom Doorn, Classis GLA

cc. Elmer Tandayu, Grace Filipino CRC

From: The Officers of the Board of Home Missions

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On behalf of the officers of the Board of Home Missions I would like to thank you both for engaging, and bringing to draft resolution, the challenge of stewarding the Hawaii Funds.

In particular we'd like to acknowledge Anuenue CRC's leadership role in getting the dialogue going, and Classis GLA's willingness to actively re-engage a process that has, in the past, been fraught with poor communication and mistrust. We acknowledge that CRHM's partnering in the Hawaii mission has fallen short too many times.

Our prayer going forward is that the resources God has graciously provided via the Hawaii funds will now enable new ministry to flourish throughout Hawaii and North America. And we trust that the future relationship between CRHM, Classis GLA and Anuenue CRC will continue to strengthen and grow.

As you are both aware, a jointly authored agreement - "*A WAY FORWARD - Re-stewarding the Hawaii funds - November 8th, 2012*" - has been drafted (and is attached as Appendix A). Each of us has accepted this document in principle, and will now be presenting it to our constituent bodies (Anuenue CRC leadership, Classis GLA, and the Board of Home Missions) for final approval. As discussed this process will proceed under separate cover.

The purpose of this letter is to offer an *official* board response to your initial proposal for use of the Hawaii funds (as per Rev. Tom Doorn's November 14th, 2011 request).

Following is a rough sketch of the chronology of correspondence and dialogue over the past nine months;

On February 10th, 2011 the Board of Home Missions received, *A proposal for the use of "Hawaii funds," signed by* Pastor Jerry Kraesig (Anuenue CRC), Pastor Elmer Tandayu, (Grace Filipino CRC, Anuenue CRC's calling church), Rev. Thomas Doorn (New Church Development Team, Classis GLA), Dr. Peter Holwerda (Home Missions). On February 16th, then board chair, Rod Hugen responded with the initial thoughts and concerns of the board officers. Additional correspondence was then exchanged and, given the complexities of the matter, a decision was made to continue the dialogue face to face. On October 24th, Jerry Kraesig, Tom Doorn and John Van Sloten (now representing CRHM) met for the day in Los Angeles. On November 8th, Jerry, Tom and John had a follow up conference call where the "*A Way Forward*" draft proposal was jointly finalized and agreed upon in principle.

As a result of these conversations, the Board of Home Missions now feels it can more fully articulate its position regarding your proposal for the use of the "Hawaii Funds."

We affirm that the primary purpose of the funds is for church planting and multiplication in Hawaii and throughout North America. We recognize that mission goals that were set for Hawaii in the mid-nineties have not been realized. And we agree with Anuenue CRC, that these funds must be stewarded wisely and not remain static. When CRHM first envisioned ministry in Hawaii in 1967 and made the original \$100,000 investment in region (\$20,000 of which came from Holland Heights CRC in Michigan via a mortgage they put on their property), our desire was to steward these funds in a wise, equitable, and God honoring way. Our goals for the present-value of these resources have not changed.

We also affirm the guiding principle related to the Hawaii fund, and established by the Board of Home Missions in February 2003, which states: *"Any future changes and decisions regarding the ACC site and facilities grant (#1) and HCD Fund (#2) can be made only by mutual agreement of the local, classical and national parties involved in this partnership."*

Regarding your original February 10th proposal, we feel that the Board of Home Missions, as national partner, was *not* included in the proposal drafting process. We regret that our regional director left the impression that the board was being represented. As previously stated, we were totally unaware of these actions, and would certainly not have proposed what was proposed. In fact, the board of CRHM would never propose something to itself that it wouldn't be able to act on.

Thus we see the original proposal as non-actionable.

Given the above, we would still like to briefly comment on some of what was included in your proposal. In our view, decision making "by mutual agreement of the local, classical and national parties" does not, in any way, equate to dividing the funds up into three equal parts. This interpretation goes far beyond the original intent of the 2003 agreement. The proposed allocation of proceeds from this land sale to Classis also has no precedent. We see no rationale for changing how Home Missions has traditionally stewarded funds.

Historically, when Home Mission's properties are sold, monies are then re-designated by the board in what is deemed to be the most prudent and stewardly manner. In this particular case the board of Home Missions (Feb 2003) has committed to making its re-stewarding decision - a decision that we reserve the final right to make - in partnership and consultation with Classis GLA and Anuenue CRC (which we now believe we have done in our mutually drafting of the "A Way Forward" proposal).

Given this promising development, we trust that this limited response to your original proposal is sufficient.

Please be reminded that this letter represents the opinion of the officers of the board of Christian Reformed Home Missions only. We will be presenting this letter, along with the "A Way Forward" proposal, to the board at our February 2012 meetings for final approval.

If approved we prayerfully look forward to all of the good God will do via the stewardly release of the Hawaii funds.

Yours in Christ,

John Van Sloten, Vice Chairman, Christian Reformed Home Missions, along with James Monroe, Chairman; Harley Vanderbeek, Treasurer; Don Muilenberg, Vice-All; Beth Flystra, Secretary; and Moses Chung, Director of CRHM

**APPENDIX A - "A WAY FORWARD - Re-stewarding the Hawaii Funds - November 8th, 2012"**

A proposal by Pastors Kraesig, VanSloten, and Doorn to the three partners of the Hawaii Funds.

That Anuenue CRC, Classis Greater Los Angeles, and the board of Christian Reformed Home Missions agree to the following plan of action regarding the re-designation of the Hawaii funds #1 and #2.

1. A \$50,000. re-grant will be designated to Anuenue CRC and held and administered by Classis GLA, (10k to be released immediately to Classis GLA as a gesture of good faith, and the balance upon 3 party official approval in March, 2012). Distribution of these funds will need approval by both Anuenue CRC leadership team and Classis NCDT.

*Grounds*

1. We envision the Anuenue CRC as a new/re-start for Ewa Beach  
 2. Because of the diaconal nature of the ministry, and the original hospitality  
 based vision for Hawaii, it seems reasonable to make a one time,  
 additional re-investment in the mission.

2. \$500,000. will continue to be designated for future church planting in Hawaii. This fund will be called the "Hawaii Church Development Fund." This fund will be held and administered by CRHM and actively worked on by Classis GLA, CRHM and Anuenue CRC for the purposes of implementing a church planting movement on the islands. The three partners will appoint an agreed upon team by May,2012, that will generate a comprehensive plan for the stewarding of these funds by March 1, 2013. This fund will be re-evaluated in 5 years (with any changes in designation subject to three party approval as per 2003 CRHM board meeting stipulations). A financial statement of the funds will be sent to the three partners quarterly.

*Grounds*

1. We feel this honors the original vision and purpose of investment in Hawaii. The partners feel Hawaii is still fertile ground for church planting, if done in a culturally sensitive, timely way.  
 2. This fund will facilitate an opportunity for all three partners to work together in stewarding future Hawaiian church growth.

3. The balance of the Hawaii Fund (\$925,374.) will be freed up for re-designation by CHRM for other work in North America. Funds will be designated exclusively for church planting and campus ministry grants. This work will be funded out of a newly designated fund called, *The Hawaii/North America fund*. CRHM will share periodically, with the other two partners, news on how the church plants and campus ministries are doing.

*Grounds*

1. This honors CRHM's bi-national calling to rightly steward funds throughout North America.
2. Urgent church planting and campus needs throughout NA can now be resourced from this fund.

This agreement, when formally approved by all three parties (CRHM, Classis GLA and Anuenue CRC), will supercede all previous decisions re: the Hawaii funds. This agreement will be null and void if not approved by all parties by March 30, 2012.