

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2014 8:00AM

Hosted by the Bethany CRC, Bellflower, CA

President: Dan Brink Vice-President: Matt Ford Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

050614: 1 Opening and Devotions: Mirtha Villafane opened the classis meeting in prayer. Maged Fayeze led the group in singing “How Great Thou Art” in 6 languages and then prayed using Acts 1:8 as reference. Mirtha Villafane then asked the group to follow in reading Acts 1:8 out loud.

050614: 1.1 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing President Brink invited the two first time delegates to sign the Covenant of Office Bearers in the CRCNA. The Clerk read the names off of the credentialing sheets of the credentialed delegates and noted 17 of the possible 26 churches present as follows:

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen,	Bill Postma	
Anaheim Latin American		Tomas Ivens	
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga	Sam Lee	Faith Lim
Artesia, First	Petr Kornilov	Rich Haagsma	
Artesia, Trinity		Randy Van Essen	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Joel Ver Velde	
Bellflower, Bethany	Lon Wagner	Brian Willats	
Bellflower, God’s Grace Christian	Absent		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink	Fernando Valencia	
Burbank, Bethany	Absent	Sang Jin	
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Absent		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu		
Covina, The Bridge	Sae Jung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		David Haberbush
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Denise Mc Covey	
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones		
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Absent		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Absent		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian	excused		
Monterey Park, Chinese	Absent		
Pomona, Indonesian Christian	Jonas Muljo	Christony Harahap	
Santa Fe Springs Together Community	Absent		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort	Julius Umawing	Jim Hooyenga
Westminster, Little Saigon (24)	Absent		

<u>Emerging Churches</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Maged Fayeze	Anaheim CRC
Artesia City Church	Absent	Bethany Bellflower
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations	-	All Nations Church
Bellflower, Lord’s Love Mission	Absent	Bethany, Bellflower

Bellflower New Dawn	Absent	First Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	Ryan Ver Wys	New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Absent	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Absent	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Absent	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Absent	FoL Fountain Valley
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited	Absent	L. A. Community
Paramount, Cento Familiar		Latin American
Riverside, Inland Jubilee		Santa Fe Springs, Together
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana		Latin American
Santa Clarita Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

050614:2 CENT Report

050614:2.1 Sid Sybenga welcomed the new visitors and guest speakers. Noted among them were: Albert Tate, Rick Doucette, Rei Eusebio, Miriam Valencia and Dr. Steve Timmermans.

050614:2.2 The CENT team presented a motion to accept Rev. Alison Jones' resignation to CENT due to conflicting work schedule and to have the clerk send a note of thanks to her for her work. The motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:2.3 A motion was made to approve Alfred J. McCloud as a member of the CENT team. Mr. McCloud is a member of Community CEC. He has been a deacon at the church; and is currently enrolled in ETP with Rev. Al Breems. The motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:2.4 Tom Doorn is stepping down as chair of the CENT team and Joel Van Soelen will be the new chair. Sid Sybenga thanked Tom Doorn for his work on various committees, classical work, liaison to Home Missions and Hawaii review.

050614:2.5 Sid Sybenga introduced Albert Tate from the L.A. Church Movement and Albert shared the vision of L.A. Church Planting. Their focus is on the "movement of the kingdom" and not a person or church for church planting. Albert and Rick Doucette answered questions about the LA church planting movement.

The CENT team handed out questionnaires about church planting to each table and asked that they be filled out and return for the CENT team to review.

050614:3 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report

050614:3.1 The Classis Leadership Team reported that at the last Classis meeting it was given the task of determining whether Classis should find a way to provide financial assistance for immigrating church planters/ministers' attorneys' fees and related expenses. The team reported that it considered the issue and determined that would recommend no action with respect to this issue other than suggesting that churches include Visa expenses in an Outreach application to the CENT Fund.

The team also reported that the CLT is still investigating and interviewing possible attorneys and expects to report back to Classis recommended attorneys.

050614:4 Clerk Report

050614:4.1 The clerk presented the following list of communications for information, action and approval:

Received:

1. From Sid Sybenga, communication to all GLA pastors to advise if names need to be removed from ballot for June Synod (Jan 29)
2. From Sid Sybenga invitation to the RCA-CRC together event in Buena Park on Wed. Feb 19 (Jan 29)
3. From Maged Fayez the Newsletter to CRC Leaders newsletter (Feb 14)
4. From Dee Recker/Sid Sybenga information for the appointment of Alternate Synodical Deputy, Paul Hansen. (March 5)
5. From Staci DeVries a request to circulate the "Delegate to Synod 2014" information sheet to all delegates and alternates (March 5)
6. From Charles Ho, his completed Synod Delegate Form for June Synod 2014 (March 7)
7. From Will Verhoef the BOT highlights (March 10)
8. From Dee Recker greetings on being the new Stated Clerk with links to the CRCNA website for helpful information for Stated Clerks.(March 25)
9. From John Greydanus, Red Mesa Stated Clerk, greetings on being new Stated Clerk and reminder that he is available to be Synodical Deputy if needed at October 2014 classis meeting as he will be here at that time.
10. Received concurrence from Synodical Deputies for the job description for the Korean Ministry Director, Charles Kim.
11. Request from Tong Park for document for church to transfer from one classis to another classis. Advised to contact the Synodical Office.

Sent:

1. Sent Classis Team Devotions template to Tom Doorn (CENT) for May 6 classis meeting (Jan 29)
2. Ecclesiastical Credential for Henry Lengkeek to Classis Central Stated Clerk, David Vander Meulen (March 5)
3. Sent Classis Team Devotions template to Tom Doorn (CENT) for May 6 classis meeting.(Jan 29)
4. Sent Synod Delegate Information Form to Chris Choe, Joel Van Soelen, Charles Ho, Julius Umawing, Matt Ford, Sam Lee and Maged Fayez for Synod, June 2014 (March 6)
5. Credentials for Synod 2014 to Dee Recker (March 6)
6. Sent completed Synod Delegate Form for June 2014 from Charles Ho to Dee Recker (March 11)
7. Highlights of Board of Trustees Feb 2014 meeting sent to all GLA churches (March 12)
8. Sent March 13 minutes of CLT meeting to team members (March 18)

9. Sent Feb 25, 2014 classis minutes to all GLA churches, Dee Recker and Kathy Smith (Calvin) (March 18)
10. ServiceLink Annual report and CRC Ministry Report sent to Bill Postma for posting on the Classis GLA website ((March 19)
11. Sent the CRC Ministry Report, Spring 2014 to all GLA churches (March 19)
12. Sent signed Synodical Deputies concurrence of Korean Ministry Director, Charles Kim, job description to Dee Recker and Staci DeVries (Synodical Office).

050614:4.2 A motion was made to accept and approve the Clerks Communication. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:4.3 A motion was made to accept and approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 classis meeting. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:5 Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report

050614:5.1 Fernando Valencia, on behalf of the CCT, introduced Rev. Shumin Cheng, one of the Chinese pastors in Hope International Church, and requested Classis to accept this introduction as the official act of approving her beginning the transfer of ordination process for Article 8. This transfer of ordination via Article 8 was concurred by David Koll and the CRCNA Candidacy Committee.

050614:6 Guest Speaker – Steve Timmermans, new designated CRCNA Executive Director

050614:6.1 Dr. Timmermans shared an overview of his time as President of Trinity Christian College as well as an educator and some of his personal history, as well as his hopes for the future as the next CRCNA Executive Director of the CRCNA.

Dr. Timmermans asked 3 “listening” questions of the group:

1. In this area how are young people and young adults being prepared for leadership in society?
2. What leads classis to flourish?
3. Partnerships of promise within classis.

050614:7 Race Relations Team (RRT) Report/Camp Dunamis

050614:7.1 Just as God accepted us as we are, so must we continue to discuss difficult situations that continue to exist and learn to accept one another.

050614:7.2 Denise Tamminga shared the history of Camp Dunamis and showed a short video of Danielle Briscoe who attended camp as a camper, then a counselor and is now working in Sudan. Camp Dunamis will be held on June 22-27, 2014. The registration deadline is May 15 and scholarships are possible. Contact Denise Tamminga at dtamminga@rosewoodchurch.com or 562-644-0896 or Jen Visser Mulder at DunamisJen@hotmail.com or 562-866-5790 for more information.

050614:8 Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

050614:8.1 Sid Sybenga presented the LDT motion to use up to \$5000 from the Student Fund to support a number of ethnic candidates who are in the ordination process and need to attend the Timothy Leadership Training Institute in Grand Rapids in June to complete their learning covenant requirements. Motion was **supported**, discussed and **approved**.

050614:8.2 It was noted that Bill Postma served well for many years as our GLA web page designer and web master. Classis thanked Bill and is looking for someone to take over as the web master.

050614:9 Hispanic Ministry Developer (HMD) and Classical Missional Leader (CML)

050614:9.1 Mirtha Villafane shared how Fan the Flame is an evangelical project of the CENT team and encouraged all to attend the September 13 event from 9:30am – 2:00pm.

050614:9.2 Sid Sybenga explained the draft Hawaii Fund handout that is being worked on. The CENT plans to be present a concrete plan to adopt at the October 2014 classis meeting detailing how the Hawaii Fund money for church planting in Classis Greater Los Angeles will be used.

050614:9.3 As the Peer Relations pastor, Sid Sybenga noted the following:

1. Rick Westra, Artesia Trinity CRC, was married in May and is currently on his honeymoon.
2. Charles Oh was married in May and is currently doing mission work in the Phillippines.
3. Pastor Peter Tong of Monterey Park, Chinese church passed away last month.
4. Ryan VerWys, Kingdom Causes Director, has accepted the position of Operations Director for Home Missions in Grand Rapids, MI and begins work in early June 2014. Classis as a group prayed for Ryan for the work he has done in the classis as well as for his upcoming work with Home Missions.

050614:10 Church Credential Communications

050614:10.1 Carl Kromminga reported for the Church Credentialing Committee that Arcadia, Hope International Church requests that Classis Greater Los Angeles approve the retirement date for Rev. Adriana Sybenga of July 5, 2014. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:10.2 Hope International Church, Arcadia, requests transfer of minister credentials for Rev. Jonas Muljo from Hope International Church, Arcadia to the Indonesian Protestant Church of California, Pomona. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050614:11 Finance Team Oral Report

050614:11.1 The Finance Team is looking to add a new member to the team. The team meets 1-2 times per year. Please contact Goldene Byma at classistreasurer@hotmail.com if you are interested in being part of this team.

050614:12

Classis prayed for Joel Van Soelen, Chris Choe, Julius Umawing and Maged Fayez who will be attending Synod 2014 in Pella, Iowa.

Maged Fayez led the group in singing “We are Serving in the light of God” and the 2020 Missionary Support Goals/CRWM handout was given to everyone by Elmer Tandayu, CRWM rep.

Mirtha Villafane asked the group to read out loud Acts 1:8.

Matt Ford closed the meeting with prayer.