

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:30 AM

Hosted by TtoKamsa Mission Church, Los Angeles, CA

President: Julius Umawing; Vice-President: Paul Hansen; Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

Synodical Deputies: John Greydanus, Cor Pool and Rob Toornstra

02272018: 1 Opening and Devotions: Kevin Kim and 2 accompanists from TtoKamsa Mission Church led the group in singing 3 songs. Rick Westra led us in a time of devotion and then closed in prayer.

02272018: 2 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing: The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. Eighteen out of 25 Established Churches attended the meeting. Four of the 11 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The President welcomed Steve Wunderink, Resonate Middle East Representative and Kristen Rietkerk, Faith Formation Representative. Two first time delegates signed the Office Bearer's covenant, after which the president declared Classis constituted.

Established Church	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Gary Cordova	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafane		
Arcadia Hope International	Randy Boer	Faith Lim	
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen	Ron Kuiper	
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Zach Vandenberg	Tom Byma	Annie Biggs
Bellflower, Bethany	Jim Kuiper, Lon Wagner	Stan Cole	
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	<i>Absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Fernando Valencia		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	<i>Absent</i>		
Covina, The Bridge	Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	<i>Absent</i>		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim, Ken Hong, Chris Choe		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	Jim Grasmeyer	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community		Adrienne Clayton	
Los Angeles, Church of Joy	Heui Moon Lee		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith	<i>absent</i>		

Presbyterian			
Monterey Park, Chinese			
Santa Fe Springs, Together Community	<i>Absent</i>		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		Rosario Ruzo
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
Emerging Church	Pastor	Parenting Church	
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	<i>Absent</i>	Anaheim CRC	
Artesia, City Church	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany Bellflower	
Bellflower, Ethnos	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American	
Cerritos, HeavenBound	<i>Absent</i>	Bellflower, Rosewood CRC	
El Monte, Living Well CRC	<i>Absent</i>	N. Long Beach, New City	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	<i>Absent</i>	FoL Fountain Valley	
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson	L. A. Community	
Rosemead, Sky City Church	Charles Ho	Hope International	
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	<i>Absent</i>	Latin American	
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean	

02272018: 2.1 Carl Kromminga and Zach Vandenberg agreed to act as the Church Credential Communications Committee.

02272018: 3 Faith Formation Presentation, Kristen Rietkerk

02272018: 3.1 Kristen Rietkerk shared that new materials are available for children and teens. Some materials are being printed in Korean and Spanish and requests can be made for other materials to be printed in other languages.

02272018: 4 WCCR, Tom Byma

02272018: 4.1 Tom Byma, WCCR Board Representative, shared that WCCR is offering a unique, one-time grant opportunity for church plants, congregations and ministries in Classis GLA. Applications are due May 1. Contact Cindi Fairchild at cindif@crministrycenter.net for more information.

02272018: 5 Select Delegates for Synod 2018

02272018: 5.1 Vice President Hansen requested the first ballots for electing the Synodical delegates to Synod 2018 be distributed. Synod 2018 is being held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan and convenes June 7-14. Classis delegates voted for Minister, Elder, Deacon and Officebearer Delegates.

02272018: 5.2 A motion was made to accept the following delegates and alternates. This

motion was **supported** and **approved**.

The results of the voting were as follows:

Elder Delegate: Jim Grasmeyer, Elder Alternate: Steve McKennan

Deacon Delegate: Annie Biggs, Deacon Alternate: None

02272018: 6 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) and Stated Clerk Reports

02272018: 6.1 Brent Wassink shared that the Stated Clerk position is open and those interested should contact Cindi Fairchild at cindif@crministrycenter.net for information.

02272018: 6.2 Stated Clerk Report

Clerk Communications October 1, 2017 to January 24, 2018

Received:

1. From: Zachary King, Dir. Resonate Global Mission, Imp. Comm. (Oct. 12)
2. From: Rev. Samuel Bang, Retirement letter for Rev. Kang (Oct 16)
3. From: Ellie Youn (ANC), Retirement letter for Pastor Jun (Oct 17)
4. From: Synodical Services, Council Delegates Highlights (Oct 20)
5. From: Jim Kuiper, College & Young Adult Gathering Info (Oct 21)
6. From: Joel Van Soelen, Organic Outreach Conference Info (Oct 26)
7. From: CICW Dir. Worship Institute gift (Oct 27)
8. From: Dee Recker, Judicial Code Committee, (Oct 30)
9. From: Theona Cooke, Land Inquiry email, (Oct 31)
10. From: Julius Umawing, Continuing Education for Pastors (Nov 9)
11. From: Lis Van Harten, Lilly Endowment re: Sabbatical Grants (Nov 21)
12. From: Joel Van Soelen, Organic Outreach Training (Dec 22)
13. From: Dee Recker, Term of Synodical Deputies, (Dec 26)
14. From: Dee Recker, 2017 Manual of CRC Government, (Jan 5)
15. Lis Van Harten, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (Jan 15)
16. Hendrina Van Spronsen, Request for Missing Historical Documents (Jan 16)

Sent:

1. To: GLA Churches, Classis Oct 31 Mtg Materials (Oct. 10)
2. To: GLA Churches, Zachary King, Imp. Communication (Oct. 12)
3. To: GLA Churches, Council of Delegates Highlights (Oct 20)
4. To: GLA Churches, College & Young Adult Gathering (Oct 21)
5. To: GLA Pastors, Organic Outreach Conference (Oct 26)
6. To: GLA Pastors, Worship Institute gift (Oct 27)
7. To: GLA Churches, Judicial Code Committee, (Nov 3)
8. To: Matthew Le, Land Inquiry, (Nov 3)
9. To: Synod Services, Yearbook, Cl. Hackensack Stated Clerk, H.Kornilov Ecc. Cred. Transfer (Nov 7)
10. To: Synod Services, Yearbook, Cl.Hackensack Stated Clerk, R. Jones Ecc. Cred. Transfer (Nov 9)
11. To: GLA Pastors, Continuing Education for Pastors (Nov 9)
12. To: GLA Pastors, Churches and Denom Offices, Oct 31, 2017 Minutes (Nov 20)
13. To: GLA Pastors, Lilly Endowment re: Sabbatical Grants (Nov 21)
14. To: GLA Pastors, Elders & Deacons, Revised Pulpit Supply List (Dec 8)
15. To: GLA Pastors, Organic Outreach Training Information (Dec 22)

- 16. To: GLA Pastors, Synodical Deputy Position Open (Dec 27)
- 17. To: Various GLA churches, Request Missing Historical Docs (Jan 15)
- 18. To: GLA Pastors, Continuing Education Grant Information from SPE (Jan 24)

Items for Approval:

1. Little Saigon, NexGen changed from emerging status to being the youth group at Little Saigon CRC, Westminster effective March 31, 2017. The motion was **made, supported and approved.**
2. We, after receiving a report from the clerks of Classis Hanmi, GLA, and CA South, acknowledge that Rev Tim Kwon is now a pastor at Olympic Presbyterian CRC in Classis Hanmi, and that the body known as God's Dream Center has merged into the Olympic Presbyterian Church of Classis Pacific Hanmi. From David Koll, Director of Candidacy Committee. The motion was **made, supported and approved.**

02272018: 6:3 The motion was made to accept and approve the Clerk's Communication. This motion was **made, supported and approved.**

CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams 2018			
<i>The goal is to have every church participating on a Classis team</i>			
<i>Where could you or a church member serve Classis?</i>			
Leadership Development Team - LDT			
<i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>			
Julius Umawing	suiluj64@yahoo.com	Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Ron Chu			
Katie VenHuizen			
Lon Wagner			
Classical Credentialing Team - CCT			
<i><u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u></i>			
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader	
Matt Ford			
Richard Jones			

Fernando Valencia		
Classical Leadership Team - CLT		
<i>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</i>		
David Haberbush dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader	
Cindi Fairchild cindif@crministrycenter.net	Clerk	
David Kong	Staff	
Mario Perez	Staff	
Julius Umawing	Staff	
Mirtha Villafane	Staff	
Dan Brink		
Melvin Jackson		
Peter Kang		
Tae Kim		
Brent Wassink		
Rick Westra		
Church Empowerment & Networking Team – CENT		
<i>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</i>		
Tomas Ivens ivenstomas@yahoo.com	Leader	
Jim Kuiper jkuiper@bethanycrc.org	Secretary	
David Kong	CLT Liaison	Korean Liaison
Mirtha Villafane	Staff	
Ron Chu		
Joel Van Soelen		
Finance Team FT		
<i>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</i>		
Jim Zoetewey	Leader	
Goldene Byma classistreasurer@hotmail.com	Treasurer	
Don Mulder	Secretary	
Rich Hoeksema		

GLA STAFF	
David Kong	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer, Korean Liaison
Julius Umawing	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer
Mirtha Villafane	Hispanic Ministry Developer

02272018: 7 Leadership Development Team

02272018: 7.1 Denise Tamminga shared that many campers who have attended Camp Dunamis have gone on to be leaders in their churches or staff at Camp Dunamis as leadership development is a key benefit for those attending at a young age. Marian Ledesma also shared her perspective on being a camper and now staff and the impact that Camp Dunamis had on her life. Dan Brink gave a pastor's perspective that Camp Dunamis can be a spiritual awakening and leadership development and all churches should consider sending their youth. Camp Dunamis is June 17-22. The cost is \$215 if registered by May 15 and \$250 if registered after May 15. Registration is 100% online at www.campdunamis.org. For registration questions, contact Amanda Samia at 562-676-5896 or DunamisAmanda@gmail.com.

02272018: 7.2 Dan Brink shared about Renew18 @ Rosewood. It's a youth worship-and-service week for youth ages 14-21 hosted by Rosewood Church in Bellflower this July 14-21, 2018. Registration is \$300, but \$100 scholarships are available for youth in Classis GLA whose family demonstrates financial need. For more information, contact Rev. Bonny Mulder-Behnia at Rosewood: [562-804-4778](tel:562-804-4778) or bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com.

02272018: 8 Resonate Middle East, Steve Wunderink

02272018: 8.1 Steve shared that Europe and the Middle East have been divided and he and his wife are working in Egypt and Sudan. Their ministry in Egypt is sitting in the back of the church and praying with believers. Steve also helps smuggle Bibles into Sudan.

02272018: 9 Church Empowerment and Networking Team

02272018: 9.1 Tomas Ivens explained the updated church planting budget for Living in the Future, Church Planting Strategies 2018 which is being done with the Kingdom Enterprise Zone. It was requested that the steps needed for church planters when requesting funds be made clear at the beginning of the process.

02272018: 9.2 This year Fan the Flame will be held on September 15 at First Bellflower with a cost of \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 for a church group. One of the workshops will be how to write up and apply for grant funding.

02272018: 9.3 Nick In't Hout shared a handout for GoLocal and information about a workshop being held on Friday, March 23 at Bethany CRC, Bellflower for pastors and on Saturday, March 24 for members of their congregations on what God is doing in their neighborhoods. Register by March 17 at ninthout@crcna.org.

02272018: 10 Select Ministerial Delegates for Synod 2018, Part 2

02272018: 10.1 New blank ballots were distributed for a second round of voting for the Minister Delegates.

02272018: 11 Coffee Break

02272018: 12 Select Ministerial Delegates for Synod 2018, Part 3

02272018: 12.1 The 3rd round of voting yielded in a tie. Vice President Hansen declared the following:

Minister Delegate: Chris Choe

Minister Alternate: Fernando Valencia

Elder Delegate: Jim Grasmeyer, Long Beach CRC
Elder Alternate: Steve McKeehan, Bethel CRC, Sun Valley
Deacon Delegate: Annie Biggs
Deacon Alternate: None
Officebearer Delegate: Rick Westra
Officebearer Alternate: None

A motion was made to accept the following delegates and alternates. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

02272018: 13 Finance Report – Goldene Byma

02272018: 13.1 Goldene Byma shared the Treasurers Report for January through December 2017. The motion was **made** to accept the report and was **supported** and **approved**.

02272018: 14 Classical Credentialing Team

02272018: 14.1 The CLT made a motion to approve Rev. Dr. Heu Guy (Dave) Park eligible for call in the Christian Reformed Church according to Church Order Article 14e. Grounds: The Rev. Park affiliated with the CRC in 1990, and was released honorably by Classis GLA on March 2, 1994, via Church Order Article 14. He then served a church in Mississippi while pursuing further studies at Reformed Theological Seminary. For the past 18 years he served as Chairman of the Missions Dept at Calvin University in Seoul, Korea. Now he has returned to the U.S. and is being called by Springing Fountain CRC, of Anaheim, to serve New Vision Church, an emerging church in Santa Maria. Both groups belong to Classis Hanmi. Church Order stipulates that in order to be readmitted and declared eligible for call, the candidate must be interviewed by the classis that honorably released him. Synodical Deputy, John Greydanus, shared that in the Christian Reformed Church Order Commentary, 2015 revision, pg 67 indicates Church Order Article 8 is to be used in this instance. However, as it is not in the church order and its commentaries, the synodical deputies had no strong feelings to “not concur.” Nonetheless, hereby, this is pointed out as there is/can be some confusion/misunderstanding. The motion was made to continue as Church Order Article 14e. The motion was **supported** and **approved** by classis and the Synodical Deputies present. The explanation by John Greydanus was noted on the Synodical Deputy Church Order Article 14-e form and was sent to the Synodical Services Office.

02272018: 14.2 Rick Westra introduced Enoch Jinsik Kim who is in the affiliation process with All Nations as his calling church.

02272018: 14.3 The CCT made the motion to proceed with the colloquim doctum for Rev. Faith Lim Goek Keng on the grounds that permission has been granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee. This motion was **supported and carried**. Rev. Rick Westra conducted the doctrinal conversation after which the delegates asked further questions.

02027018: 14.4 Executive session was called. Discussion of the motion to declare Rev. Faith Lim Goek Keng eligible for call as Minister of the Word with Hope International as the calling church. A vote was held and the motion to declare Faith Lim Goek Keng eligible was **made and supported**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**. Randy Boer prayed for Rev. Faith Lim Goek Keng and her husband.

02272018: 15 Synodical Deputies Actions

02272018: 15.1 A motion was made to renew Alison Jones' eligibility for 1 year as she expects a call from Bridgeway Community Church and her 2 yr call extension may expired before the call is sent. The motion was made, supported and approved by classis as well as the Synodical Deputies in attendance.

02272018: 16 Church Credential Communications to Classis

02282018: 16.1 Sam Lee is no longer at Hanmi Presbyterian Church in El Monte, but is still working on church planting and remains under the supervision of New City CRC, N. Long Beach.

02272018: 17 Ron Chu closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Classis meetings are:

May 8, 2018 – Bethany CRC, Bellflower

October 30, 2018 – TBD