

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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Tuesday, October 18, 2011

## **Little Saigon & Ekklesia Church.**

10321 Bolsa Ave. Westminster, CA 92683

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

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**Also bring a signed copy of your Classical Credentials.**

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(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: Henry Lengkeek Vice Chair: Brent Wassink Clerk: Sid Sybenga  
Synodical Deputies: Bruce Persenaire, William Verhoef, & Seung Jai Kang

### **Agenda**

1. 8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions
2. 9:00 AM Introductions, Credentials, and approving the Minutes of February 22, May 31, 2011 and accepting the Clerk's report (see pages 4 - 5)
3. 9:15 AM Classical Credentialing Team Report (see pages 6 - 8)  
(p. 6 & 8) Motion to approve the "Ministry Description" of Charles Ho.  
(p. 6) Accept introductions of six applicants to CRC ministry.
4. 9:25 AM Conduct Article 6 Doctrinal Conversation with Brian Willats
5. 10:15 AM Conduct Article 23 Conversation with Charles Ho
6. 10:45 Guest speakers: Arlan Vanden Bos WCRMT; Steven VanZanen World Missions
7. 11:00 Break
8. 11:15 AM Conduct licensure conversation with Tim Becksvoort
9. 11:30 AM Team reports (pages 9- 21): and five motions
  - a. NCDT(p.9): Approve Joel Van Soelen as member of NCDT.
  - b. NCDT (p.9): Accept Sila Church's application to join CRC.
  - c. NCDT (p.9 & 11): Ask CLT to close the GLA Health Insurance Plan in 2012
  - c. CLT (p.13): Approve David Haberbush as chair person of CLA.
  - d. FT (p.22): Approve the GLA 2012 budget of \$108, 950 at \$62 per member
10. 1:00 PM Closing
11. 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**

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

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### Classis GLA Roster of Churches

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafaña		
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		
La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission			
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, Tokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, Charles Kim (MA)		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian			
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong (emeritus)		
Sun Valley, Bethel			
Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	Carlos Aranguiz		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
	MA = Ministry Associate		

<u>Emerging Churches</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>
Artesia City Church	Wallace Williams - MA	Bethany Bellflower
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations		All Nations Church
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	Bethany, Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	Ryan Ver Wys - MA	New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon - O	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Andrew Choh - MA	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Jerry Kraesig - MA	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau - MA	FoL Fountain Valley
Journey Christian Fellowship (ANC)	David Lee (elder - C)	All Nations Church
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Montclair Indonesian		Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Santa Clarita Valley 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>

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### **Clerk's Report**

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 and May 31, 2011 meetings of Classis

#### Correspondence & Notes for information

2. Provisional Letter of Call and Council minutes for Brian Willats from Bethany CRC in Bellflower.
3. Received from Bethany CRC Bellflower the initial paper work and application from Sila Thai Church to join the CRC. Action: Sila leaders meet with NCDT and Clerk to determine next steps. Clerk meets with Mentor Rev. Henry Lengkeek to discuss steps of preparation.
4. Received copy of Ministry Description for Charles Ho from Hope International Church. Action: Forward to CCT.
5. Issued requests for Synodical Deputies for our October 18, 2011 Classis meeting.
6. Received announcement from Rev. Hyuksoo Kwon that his assignment with the LA Sa-Rang Community Church ended as of June 26, 2011. He will complete his D.Min at Fuller Seminary and serve as volunteer staff at Bethany Korean Church, CRC, Burbank, CA. Action: Classis GLA ends on-loan status of Rev. Kwon.
7. Receive Synodical delegate reports. Action: Included in agenda.
8. Received an invitation from Rev. Joel Boot and Rev. Peter Borgdorff of the CRCNA Executive Director's Office to meet with the GLA Classical leadership team. Action: Meeting was scheduled September 20.
9. Received from Classis Heartland and Hull CRC, Iowa the Ecclesiastical Credentials for Rev. Paul Hansen to be transfer to Classis GLA and Artesia First CRC. Accepted & approved by clerk. Artesia First called Rev. Paul Hansen and sent notice of his installation on July 17, 2011.
10. Received from Bethel CRC, of Sun Valley the Ecclesiastical Credentials for Rev. Gary Stevens to be transferred within Classis GLA to Hope International Church of Arcadia. Hope International Church issued a call to Rev. Gary Stevens and sent notice of his installation on September 12, 2011.
11. Received request from Dordt College to have a representative speak at the October 18 Classis Meeting about their search for a new College president. Received for information and announced in agenda.
12. Received from CRCNA World Missions to have representatives speak at Classis. Action: Steven VanZanen of CRWM will attend Classis meeting and give a short talk.
13. Received a Prayer Conference Proposal from All Nation Church pastor Tae Kim. Action: print letter on next page for Classis information and encouraged Korean churches get together and execute plan.

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### Plan for the Prayer Conference 2012 (a proposal)      September 17, 2011

Purpose: The Korean churches in CRCNA invite the whole CRC family to participate in the Prayer Conference 2012, in order to be encouraged and trained to start the prayer movement in CRCNA.

Audience: Members of Christian Reformed churches, Reformed Church in America,  
CRCNA agencies and ministries, Korean Presbyterian churches

Date: March – April 2012 (specific dates to be determined)

Place: Southern California (specific locations to be determined)

#### General Timeline:

October 2011      Korean Churches send out an invitation to classes to participate in the prayer conference 2012. The classes will be encouraged to send a letter to local churches to appoint prayer coordinator(s) for this event, and communicate the list to the coordinator team (Moses Chung, Tong Park, Ron Chu).  
The classes will send a letter to local churches to pray for the Prayer Movement in CRCNA, and for the Prayer Conference 2012.

November 15, 2011      A steering committee is formed and convened to advise and resource the prayer coordinator team.

Proposed members are: Tae Y. Kim/ Jin So Yoo (Co-Convener, Co-pastor of All Nations Church), John Witvliet (Worship Institute), Al Vander Griend (IHOP), CTS representative, GLA representative, California South representative, Central California representative, RCA representative, Seong Soo Nam (Korean CRC of Orange County), Classis Pacific Hanmi representative, Moses Chung (CRHM Director), Tong Park (Korean Ministry Director), Ron Chu (TEAM Ministry)

The first steering committee meeting will discuss and decide on the following:

- The location and dates for the Prayer Conference 2012 to be decided.
- Agenda and speakers of the Prayer Conference discussed and approved.
- Logistics plan of the Prayer Conference discussed and its outline prepared.
- Budget and fund raising plan for the Prayer Conference prepared and approved.

December 1, 2011      Conference Team and Korean Churches send out an invitation to all CR churches, CRCNA agencies and ministries to the Prayer Conference 2012.

January 15, 2012      Registration begins for the Prayer Conference 2012.

March 1, 2012      Registration ends.  
(Goal: 1,000 participants from CRC, RCA, and Korean Presbyterian churches)

March-April      Prayer Conference 2012

May 2012      Steering Committee meet to evaluate the 2012 conference and to plan for next year.

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### **Classical Credentialing Team (CCT)**

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

October 18, 2011

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

#### **I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS**

A. To accept and approve the Ministry Description for Charles Ho as ministry associate in Hope International Church, Arcadia. See below.

B. To accept the introduction of Marcos Arandia as the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call as a Ministry Associate according to Article 23 of the Church Order as Spanish pastor in Hope International Church, Arcadia.

*Grounds: He has submitted his initial paperwork, and has met with a member of the CCT.*

C. To accept the introduction of the Rev. Chris Choe, the Rev. David Lee, the Rev. Tae Kim, the Rev. Dr. Sung Chil Choi, and the Rev. Dr. Byoungchul Joseph Jun to be the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as Minister of the Word and Sacraments according to Article 8.

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

D. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for Brian Willats

*Grounds: Synod declared him a candidate and available for call.*

E. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Charles Ho

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

F. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation with Tim Becksvoort

*Grounds: need has been established, his council supports, his sermon has been evaluated.*

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

**G. To declare Brian Willats eligible for call as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.**

**H. To declare Charles Ho eligible for call as a Ministry Associate in the HIC CRC.**

**I. To grant to Tim Becksvoort a license to preach in Classis GLA for two years.**

#### **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.

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**Tae Kim** was born in Korea and immigrated to the U.S. when he was 11. He is a graduate of Biola University and Talbot Seminary. He has served as a missionary to First Nation people of Canada, and is now serving as the Lead Pastor of the English ministry at All Nations Church. He served as our elder delegate to synod last year. He was ordained as a ministry associate by Classis B.C., but he was previously ordained in Evangelical Church Alliance.

**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.

**Sung Chil Choi** was born in Korea. He received his B.A. from Hankuk University, and his M.Div. from the Presbyterian College and Seminary of Seoul. He later received his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. He has served as a Lecturer and Professor of Systematic Theology at the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary of Seoul. He is currently the church planter and Senior Pastor of Together Community Church which he desires to bring with him into the denomination. He is ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Church in America. He is married to Sungyi Jang Choi and together they have Hanul and Peter.

**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.

**Tim Becksvoort** grew up in Holland, Michigan and was raised by Christian parents. He attended Calvin College and has been teaching math and Bible at Valley Christian High School of Cerritos since 1998. He is a member of Bethany CRC and has served as an elder there. He's also interested in Ancient Near Eastern Studies and is being mentored by Ray Vander Laan. Last year, he had the opportunity to study in Jerusalem. He hopes to lead his own tour of the Holy Land in 2013. He is married to Michelle and together they have three kids, Caleb, Josiah, and Abigail.

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

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**Brian Willats** is from originally from Nebraska. and worked for many years in journalism and politics. He became part of the CRC while living and working in Lansing. He has completed his M.Div. at Calvin and most recently received his M.A. in Spiritual Formation and Soul Care from Talbot Seminary. While studying at Talbot he also worked part time as a worship coordinator at Bethany CRC. He currently serves as Staff Director at the Institute of Spiritual Formation at Talbot. Bethany is his calling church.

### **MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR CHARLES HO**

#### **Ministry Associate Pastor of Outreach and Missions in Hope International Church**

##### **Ministry Purpose:**

Promotes and nurtures the health and vitality of the Chinese Ministry of Hope International Church by playing a key role on the co-workers ministry group, being responsible for the outreach ministry of HIC, and being a resource support to the Chinese cell group ministry.

##### **Duties:**

- Oversees the outreach ministry of the Chinese Ministry and HIC by planning and organizing events and programs that connect with the community.
- Organizes and leads evangelistic and promotional/advertising efforts into the community.
- Provides support for the Wednesday Prayer meeting and speaks occasionally.
- Coordinates the compassionate care for needy Chinese HIC members.
- Leads several cell group Bible studies; and supports the leaders of other cell groups.
- Organizes a disciple making process.
- Serves as a link with the other language ministries of Hope International Church.

##### **Accountability:**

- Ministers under the supervision of and reports to the Chinese Ministry Council of Hope International Church (HIC) and the Chinese Lead Pastor.
- Ministers in cooperative partnership with the Lead Pastor of Hope International Church and is mentored by him.
- Attends a LEAD team for mutual support and fosters connections with other CRC pastors.

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

Love for reaching out and including new people into the family of the church, grounded in Reformed/Presbyterian teaching and practice, able to organize and promote outreach events, desire to support the lead pastors of HIC and foster team work, have a passion and vision for multi ethnic ministry.

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### New Church Development Team (NCDT)

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

October 18, 2011

Team: Tom Doorn (leader), Rachel Van Dyk (secetrary), Joel Van Soelen, Mirtha Villafaña (staff), Elmer Tandayu (staff), David Kong (Staff), Sid Sybenga (CLT Liaison)

#### **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS**

- a. We approved a 2012 budget and sent it to the Finance team. This report is included below with an update on our classically approved plan of 2010 and explanations for the budget.
- b. We also sent to the Finance team our decision on the Health Insurance grant for 2012. We are also asking the CLT to approve a study committee to review the viability of the Health Insurance program for 2013. The team would report back to the Classis at it's Oct 2012 meeting with recommendations.
- c. We are asking that Classis appoint Rev. Joel Van Soelen to the NCDT.
- d. Sila Church seeks affiliation with the CRC. Rev. Henry Lengkeek will introduce members of the church today. NCDT has reviewed their application and is asking Classis to accept their application to join the CRC. They will then be received as an "established church" when the final paper work is completed at our February 2012 Classis meeting

#### **2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Concerning the Hawaii Funds proposal, NCDT asked in April for HM to engage Anuenue CRC and us on discussions. We sent several emails to the chair of HM who did not respond. We then asked staff for reasons why he is not responding. We received an email back that it was a busy time and a number of people were on vacation over the summer, but that they would get on it. In August, we received an email from Rev. John Van Sloten, Vice chair, who said that he was now the point person for HM. But he had not read any of the history or the proposal so it would take him time to catch up with it. As of Sept 14, we have not heard from him. We will give you an update at the Classis meeting.
- b. Home Missions is no longer funding our Health Insurance grant, probably due to lack of funds.
- c. Home Missions is no longer funding the Hispanic Developer position. Cal South and GLA thought we had an understanding that HM would continue to fund the position as part of HM staff. They denied that was ever the agreement, so as of July 1, 2011 GLA is not receiving funds from HM. We asked HM if they would at least give us \$4500 for the July-Dec 2011 period so we can have time to figure out funding. We have not heard back from them. In Sept, Cal South treasurer reported that HM not only did not give us any funding for the last half of 2011, they only gave us \$3000 for Jan-June 2011. NCDT feels that should have been \$4500. We are working with Cal South and HM to get that extra \$1500.
- d. Home Missions did release money from the Hawaii funds to Anuenue CRC for upgrading on their building.
- e. We continue to meet with the leadership of each church to hear from them about the work they are doing in the area of evangelism and mission outreach as well as church planting. If your leadership has not met yet with a member of the NCDT, please email Tom Doorn at [Tcdorn5@aol.com](mailto:Tcdorn5@aol.com) so we can set up a meeting.

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- f. At our meetings with the leadership of the church, we are asking for stories of people who have come to know the Lord this past year through your church. Remember to write up that story and send it to the Stated Clerk so we can put it in the classical newsletter.
- g. Please let your members know that the NCDT appreciates those who responded to our evangelism survey on line or in hard copy. Also that NCDT appreciates all those who participated in the Evangelism Conference and the Young Professional's Workshop this spring.

### Reports

- A. We welcome Mr. Arlan Vanden Bos, Interim Regional Director WCRT. He will give an update on the WCRT and the Home Missions Regional Leader search.

### **NCDT budget notes**

#### **Background**

In 2009, classis approved the NCDT's idea to work with the churches to seek God's will for the role of NCDT. The plan included a questionnaire to all church members, an analysis of past church plants, meetings with the leadership of each church, an evangelism conference and a meeting with young adult leaders from the churches. The work is on schedule and a final report will be made at the February 2012 classis meeting.

We are excited about what we have learned so far from the churches and are eager to put together a report with a new direction for the NCDT. Our current problem is that we are presenting a 2012 budget to classis at this fall classis meeting without fully knowing where God's Vision is for NCDT in 2012.

#### **Before we present the 2012 budget, we would like to share with you some preliminary findings that the churches have shared with us**

##### **Church evangelism**

1. Evangelism should be a very important part of every church in classis.
2. Evangelism is not being adequately addressed in many churches.
3. There is a great need to get the young adults involved in evangelism.
4. The way classis was structured in the past, leadership development and church planting was emphasized by creating teams around the two. But church evangelism was lost in the shuffle and classis did not adequately emphasize it.
5. Many young adults do not see themselves as sharing their faith: either they do not know how to, are too busy, or are not challenged to share their faith.

##### **Church planting**

1. Church planting and affiliations are still effective ways to reach the lost.
2. In the past church planting was driven by Home Missions and their funding, rather than by a full blown passion of the churches to plant churches. This led to a belief by the churches that it was Home Missions' job to plant churches, not the churches.

**As stated above, the report to classis of God's Vision of where he is leading NCDT won't be ready until Feb. 2012. We will be working on the report in the next few months; but our findings already point to the need for change. Some of those possible changes we are prayerfully reflecting on are:**

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1. Change our name to the Evangelism Team with the mandate to:  
assist churches in doing evangelism  
assist churches in planting churches  
assist non CRC churches who desire to affiliate with us
2. 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 the area of evangelism or church planting. Guidelines for the use of the fund would be defined by the Evangelism Team and approved by classis before any funds were dispersed. Find ways to locally supplement the fund in addition to classical ministry shares.
3. Create a Young Professionals (18-35) Team under the Evangelism Team (NCDT) that would work with churches to get the young adults engaged in evangelism.
4. Review the current relationship with Home Missions and define a new relationship that best fits the needs of the churches in the future.
5. Review the current relationship with WCRT and define a new relationship that best fits the needs of the churches in the future.
6. Find ways Classis GLA can work with Classis Ca South so as to maximize the effectiveness of both classes in assisting churches. This could include a yearly Evangelism Conference as well as a look at how staffing is done in the two classes.
7. Have yearly church evaluations of Evangelism Team (NCDT) to see how the Team can improve.

**We are presenting the following 2012 budget with the belief that it will need to be adjusted based on the report to classis in Feb 2012. We do not see an increase in the budget for 2012, but rather a change of line items. The 2013 budget will fully reflect the new vision if classis approves it in Feb. With this budget come the following understandings:**

1. This is a difficult economy and money is tight.
2. Home Missions is no longer funding the Hispanic Developer position. NCDT understood (as we thought communicated to us by Home Missions) that it was a non-declining salaried part time position of Home Missions. Home Missions told us in May that it was not.

**2012 Budget figures are in the Finance Team Report on page 20.**

This budget reflects a \$500 cut in the overall budget. It also reflects picking up half of the \$9000 that Home Missions is no longer giving to the Hispanic Developer (the other half is being picked up by Classis South).

**NCDT would also like to make the following recommendation to classis and the Finance Team. Since the Health Insurance Fund started, many things have changed in our classis. Classis is no longer actively seeking funds to assist churches but is relying on the New Church Growth Fund, which was never intended to fund the health Insurance long term. Also few churches are using the fund. We suggest that the Health Insurance Fund no longer be open to new applicants and that the current users of the fund be at least funded through 2102. We ask the CLT to form a team to make recommendations to the Feb 2012 classis meeting as to the future of the Fund.**

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### **Leadership Development Team (LDT) REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES**

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October 18, 2011

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

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

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#### **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS**

The Budget for 2012 on page 20

#### **2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Preparation for Synod 2011: Fifteen people, former synod delegates and first time delegates, met and discussed how to be prepared and productive at Synod 2011.
- b. Hispanic Ministry: Our Hispanic community is growing rapidly and this has motivated us to try to implement programs to train our leaders. We need training for Ministry Associates, youth pastors, Sunday School teachers or any kind of leadership to serve with a Reformed understanding. God led us to Rev. Eddy Aleman from the Reformed Church of America in Paramount who leads an established two-year program that meets our needs. This program includes courses such as Systematic Theology, Reformed Worship, Creeds, Evangelism, Discipleship, Church History, Preaching, Old Testament, New Testament and Ethics. Each course is six weeks and the costs \$100. They meet in Paramount RCA every Tuesday. Four person have already joined this program. A one-year Internship ministry experience is required to get the diploma. For more information contact Mirtha Villafañe at [mwillafane1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwillafane1@sbcglobal.net)
- c. Evangelist Training Program (ETP): Training for “Ministry Associate” credentialing is done through ETP; a three year on the job training program that meets monthly. The director is Rev. Al Breems. You can contact him at [breems1@juno.com](mailto:breems1@juno.com) for more information. At present Classis GLA has two potential leaders in this program.
- d. The Scholarship Fund: Of our \$7500 of scholarship funds for 2011, we have already allocated \$4842 for participation in various leadership events as of the end of August. This still leaves us \$2658 to support leadership training via our scholarships through the end of 2011. Contact Bill Postma at [bill.postma@gmail.com](mailto:bill.postma@gmail.com)
- e. 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 have funds to support high school seniors (up to a total of \$2000 a year) to attend Calvin Theological Seminary’s annual three week “Facing Your Future” program, held in July.
- f. Project Timothy: 32 participants from four churches attended PT. Our main speakers were Ben and Katie Brinkman from Urban Church in San Diego. We are considering moving the date of PT to October to give youth leaders more time to promote participation in their youth groups. There seems to be a lot of competition with school activities at the beginning of September and most youth leaders have not been meeting with their youth regularly during the summer months.

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- g. Classis GLA website ([www.ClassisGLA.org](http://www.ClassisGLA.org)) is a great vehicle for promoting your classis ministry. A short note on the home page can provide a link to the details of your event (send details and/or questions to [Bill.Postma@gmail.com](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**

- a. We thank God for modern communications technology that allows us to inform and stay informed with the Church, independent of geographical location. May we avail ourselves of these tools (e.g. CRCNA Network, Classis GLA website) and use them for His kingdom.
- b. Cultural diversity for classis committee membership – LDT desires to have Korean representation on its team.

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### **Classical Leadership Team (CLT)**

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES

**October 18 2011**

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

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. Last year we presented a plan, worked out with the leaders of all Classis teams, to correct a non-sustainable \$26,000 imbalance between income and expenses. If the current ministry share giving of GLA churches holds through December, the combination of reduced expenses and improved ministry share giving will result in a balanced budget.
- b. CLT has been working on a realignment plan for Classis ministry to facilitate better coordination among Classis teams. For example, at this point one component of the plan is to include the chair of each team on CLT. Another matter to be addressed is terms of service on Classis teams. After working with our Classis Teams, we hope to present a plan to Classis at a future meeting.
- c. CLT invited the Race Relations Team to meet with CLT to discuss tensions related to the overture to Synod from our classis. In our discussion with Daniel Mendez and Richard Jones we began to identify and work to resolve the issues.
- d. The CLT participated in a listening session requested by Joel Boot and Peter Borgdorff from the executive director's office of the CRC. The goal of the meeting was to discuss how the denomination can partner with Classis GLA in meeting mutual diversity goals.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Give a big round of applause to Classis Treasurer Goldene Byma, along with the Finance Resource Team (FRT). They worked hard to bring the disposition of the Crenshaw property to a satisfactory resolution in line with their mandate from Classis . The specifics of their work is in the FRT Report.
- b. Approve a role swap on CLT: that David Haberbush become chair, and Brent Wassink be a regular member.
- c. Approve the request of Bethel CRC of Sun Valley to transfer of Gary Stevens' credentials from Bethel CRC to Hope International CRC.

#### **FOR PRAYER:**

--Thanks, and requests for progress, on information items.

For the CLT, Brent Wassink

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### **CLASSIS GLA SYNOD 2011 Delegate Reports**

**Peter Kang:** It was wonderful attending Synod 2011 as a delegate. It was a great privilege to have been part of a great denomination that has been providing leadership, spiritual direction and theological foundation for the global church. I have learned much from the mission committee meetings and how it all goes to the floor of the Synod. Much more than procedural process of Synod was meeting the church leaders who humbly serve the church with enthusiasm and humility. I made lots of friends that will be part of my ministry life for years to come! I have learned much from them. Thank you Classis GLA for choosing me to represent our great Classis. I even met a Reformed Nepalese pastor in Nepal while teaching a class there right after the Synod who was headed to Grand Rapids for the Timothy Leadership Training!

**Tae Young Kim:** The 2011 Synod has been a tremendous encouragement to me in many ways. I met some old friends from Canada, like Paul Lomuvatu from Williams Lake, BC. Pastor Paul has been a friend during my stay in Canada for 5 years as my family ministered to the First Nations people. We got to talk and encourage and pray for one another. It was great. Also, joining Bonnie, Tom, and Peter was a huge plus for me. Their wisdom and insight into the issues and the synod has helped me to enjoy the gathering more than they realize. And there were new brothers and sisters. James and Stanley, Navajos from Arizona and New Mexico, Katie from Jersey area, Albert from Vancouver, and David Koll from Michigan, all shared their lives during the session and meals. I came back enriched because of their contributions to the synod and in my life.

Another thing that stands out during the synod is the committee work. I was a part of Faith Formation committee. These topics on children at the Lord's Table and baptism for our children were not just theology in the head but I had to think about how it is applied in my church. As others shared their wisdom and thoughts, I had to think biblically. I even asked myself questions whether these points apply in All Nations Church. I was honest to tell the group that it is a weakness for the immigrant church to segregate and separate children from their parents due to the language barrier. These discussions were done in seriousness and sincerity. It was a hard work.

On a personal note, it was not easy going up to the mic to share my thoughts and opinions. I was nervous. Bonnie and Tom's presence, as a team, helped me. Most definitely, it was satisfying to know that my voice was heard. I did not agree with all the results but I am comforted by the fact that all of us are brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. I still think some were bad decisions. (I can't tell you which ones yet.) Other than the mic huggers, it was great to hear many different opinions and their thoughts.

Some memorable things I will cherish are being in a first paperless synod, playing indoor soccer on one evening, watching Vancouver Canucks lose in NHL Stanley Cup (delegates from Canada were pretty upset), the whole synod laying hands and praying for Moses Chung (a new Home Mission director). I want to thank God for having His mercy on the CRC for so long, and I hope and pray that the CRC will continue to carry on God's work for His glory.

**Tom Byma:** Attending Synod 2011 was a very educational experience for me. I was able to see how the church is run and find out about the many things it does to further God's Kingdom. The experience was also humbling. It was interesting to see the passion that people from both sides of an issue had. Three recommendations were decided by about half a dozen votes! I was able to meet and interact with many of the leaders of our denomination. Each day's worship session was

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special, but the combined CRC and RCA communion service made the biggest impression on me. The highlights of the week were being present at Moses Chung's approval to be the head of Home Missions and the circle of prayer for him, as well as, being there for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting between the CRC and the RCA. I also learned Synod is much like a cruise ship, all the food you can eat and it takes you a week to figure out where everything is.

I was assigned to the Study Committee on Church Order. We handled the Form of Subscription Issue as well as various Overtures, Communications and Appeals. Our committee worked very well together and was able to come to an agreement on all of our assignments.

Synod made the following decisions. We voted to allow Children at the Lord's Supper without profession of faith but it does need to be with approval of the elders. The Diversity in Hiring Report was passed, after an amendment that Classis GLA helped to introduce, was included. The amendment toned down original the language that we objected to. A new Ecumenical Document on Infant Baptism between the CRC and Roman Catholic churches also passed. The new Covenant for Office Holders was sent back for more input from Calvin College and Seminary and will reappear next year. It was also decided not to address the issue of making Our World Belongs to God into a confession. We did, jointly with the RCA, approve common language for the Three Forms of Unity. Finally, we approved a new temporary executive director.

I would like to take this time to thank Classis GLA for allowing me to attend as an Elder delegate, as well as, all the prayers and words of encouragement that were spoken.

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### **Finance Resource Team**

REPORT TO CLASSIS GREATER LOSANGELES

October 18, 2011

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

#### **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS:**

1. Treasurer's report
2. Proposed budget for calendar year 2012
3. The FRT and NCD recommend that Classis approve \$9,135 for Health Insurance Grants for the year 2012

**ENDORSEMENT:** The FRT would like to endorse the NCDT recommendation that the Health Insurance Fund no longer be open to new applicants and that the current users of the fund be at least funded through 2012

#### **2012 Health Insurance Grant Proposal**

(Tied to Kaiser Personal Advantage Plan and based on 2011 costs)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Pastor/ Evangelist/ Church Plant</i>	<i>Classis GLA</i>	<i>Sponsoring Church</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>
<i>Jonas Muljo</i>	<i>\$11,970</i>	<i>\$5,985</i>	<i>\$2,993</i>	<i>\$2,992</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Wallace Williams</i>	<i>\$11,970</i>	<i>\$5,985</i>	<i>\$2,992</i>	<i>\$2,993</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Maged</i>	<i>\$12,600</i>	<i>\$6,300</i>	<i>\$3,150</i>	<i>\$3,150</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$36,540</i>	<i>\$18,270</i>	<i>\$9,135</i>	<i>\$9,135</i>	<i>\$0</i>

#### **NEW GROUND HARVEST REPORT**

Sale Price	\$400,000
L.A. Community Church	\$175,000
Classis GLA	\$125,000
New Ground Harvest	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Distribution	\$400,000

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

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### **2011 Treasurers Report Summary January-June 2011**

#### **INCOME**

Ministry Shares	\$	38,864
Ministry Shares Adj from 2010	\$	201
Home Missions	\$	2,250
LDN fees	\$	845
Donations	\$	79
Transfer Church Growth Fund- CLT	\$	7,009
Transfer from 2009-CLT	\$	1,022
Interest-FRT	\$	94
Total Income	\$	50,364

#### **EXPENSES**

Classical Leadership Team	\$	17,267
Prayer Communication Team	\$	-
New Church Development Team	\$	5,767
Classical Credentialing Team	\$	-
Leadership Development Team	\$	1,982
Race Relations Team	\$	2,000
Finance Resource Team	\$	3,020
Total Expenses		\$30,036

**CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARES RECEIVED JANUARY through JUNE 2011**

**FROM ESTABLISHED CHURCHES (more than 7 years old)**

Anaheim (161 members)(1956) .....	\$2,496 = 25%
Anaheim, Latin Am. (32 members)(1983) .....	\$0 = 0%
Arcadia (42 members)(1941) .....	\$0 = 0%
Artesia, First (110 members)(1938) .....	\$1705 = 25%
Artesia, Trinity (64 members)(1954) .....	\$3,968 = 100%
Bellf., Bethany (428 members)(1943) .....	\$12,586 = 47%
Bellf., First (139 members)(1927) .....	\$5,115 = 59%
Bellf., Rosewood (177 members)(1950) .....	\$4,573 = 42%
Bellf., God's Grace Chr Ch (22 members)(1997) .....	\$450 = 33%
Burbank, Bethany (22 members)(2000) .....	\$1,300 = 95%
Camarillo, Hispanic (16 Members)(1993) .....	\$500 = 50%
Carson, God's Grace (108 members)(2003) .....	\$0 = 0%
Faith Pres-Mangilao, Guam (36 members)(2003) .....	\$0 = 0%
Lake View-All Nations Ch. (350 members)(2003) .....	\$0 = 0%
Long Beach New City (98 members)(2003) .....	\$0 = 0%
Long Beach (200 members)(1953) .....	\$3,100 = 25%
L. A. Community (104 members)(1988) .....	0 = 0%
Monterey Pk. Chinese (32 members)(1991) .....	0 = 0%
Sun Valley, Bethel (71 members)(1932) .....	\$894 = 20%
Sun Valley, Sol De Valle (30 members)(1996) .....	\$0 = 0%
Total members 2160 total ministry shares \$36, 686 = 27%	

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

Covina, Bridge (137 members)(2007) .....	\$1,000
Fountain of Life Fellowship (62 members)(2006) .....	\$455
Little Saigon (58 members)(2006) .....	\$0
Los Angeles Ttokamsa (120 members)(2010) .....	\$0
New Ground Harvest (70 members)(2007) .....	\$0
Total members 447 total ministry share \$22,490	

**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: .....	0
Venice Beach, Talking Stick: .....	0
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC: .....	0

TOTALS GLA MEMBERS: 2607 (according to the 2010 CRC Year Book)

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### TEAM BUDGET PROPOSALS for 2012

#### Proposed Budget - Classical Leadership Team - 2012

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Gross Ministry Share	24,640	9369	32,450	
Transfer from Church Growth F	12,018	7009		
Transfer from 2009 balance	1,022	1022		
Other		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$37,680</b>	<b>17400</b>	<b>32,450</b>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Classical Meetings	1,400	0	1,400	
Stated Clerk	5,104	2552	5,200	Note 1
Clerk expenses	1,100	0	0	Note 2
Regional Ministry Center	1,800	900	1,800	
Committee expense	300	77	300	
Website	500	0	500	
Peer Relation Pastor	18,372	9186	18750	Note 1
Peer Relation Expenses	4,000	2290	4500	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$32,576</b>	<b>15005</b>	<b>\$32,450</b>	

Note 1: This is a 2% cost of living salary increase per US Bureau of Labor Stats for our area. In Past, FRT has done same for Treasurer

Note 2: Eliminate stated clerk expense, since all done via email

#### Proposed Budget - Classical Credentialing Team 2012

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Gross Ministry Share	500	190	500
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Classical Credentialing team	500	0	500
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>

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**Proposed Budget - New Church Development Team 2012**

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Ministry Share	27,000	10,266	26,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,000	10,266	26,000
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
New Church Dev. Specialist	7,500	3,750	7,500
Church Planting Development	8,000	2,017	3,000
Hispanic Developer	11,000	0	15,500
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$26,500	\$5,767	\$26,000

**Proposed Budget - Leadership Development Team 2012**

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Ministry Share	30,100	11,445	30,000
Home Missions-GR for Logos LDN		2,250	
Workshop fees		845	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,100	14,540	30,000
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Scholarships	7,500	1,224	7,500
Project Timothy	1,500	0	1,500
Student fund	5,000	0	9,000
Leadership Dev. Network LDN			
English:CalSouth ETP	7,500	0	7,500
Spanish Logos	1,000		1,000
English Logos LDN GLA	4,200	0	0
Leaders Development Retreats	2,000	250	2,000
LEAD teams	1,000	508	1,000
CRWRC leaders		0	0
Misc.	400	0	500
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$30,100	\$1,982	\$30,000

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**Proposed Budget - Race Relations Team 2012**

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Ministry Share	5,500	2,091	5,500
Donations		79	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
All Nations Heritage Service	500		500
Administration	2,000		2,000
Camp Dunamis	3,000	2,000	3,000
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>

**Proposed Budget - Finance Resource Team 2012**

	2011 BUDGET	2011 ACTUAL Six Months	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Ministry Share	14,500	5,513	14,500	
Interest earned	1,000	94	1,000	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>5,607</b>	<b>15,500</b>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Treasurer Honoraria	4,604	2,302	5,202	
Treasurer expense	1,000	315	1,000	
Insurance	2,256	0	2,698	
Classis Health Ins. Plan	7,540	403	6,500	NOTE 1
Committee expense	100	0	100	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	<b>\$3,020</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	

NOTE 1: The amount needed for 2012 is \$9,135 we are using \$2,635 from funds not used in 2010-2011 from Medical Assistance Fund.

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**FT Motion to approve**

**2012 PROPOSED CLASSIS GLA BUDGET**

	2011	2012
Team	Budgeted	Proposed Budget
Classical leadership New Church Development	\$24,640	\$32,450
Classical Credentialing Leadership Development	\$27,000	\$26,000
Race Relations Team	\$500	\$500
Finance Team	\$30,100	\$30,000
	\$5,500	\$5,500
	\$14,500	\$14,500
Total	<u>\$102,740</u>	<u>\$108,950</u>
Contributing Members	2284	
<b><u>Ministry share per</u></b>		
<b><u>contributing member</u></b>	\$62.00	<b><u>\$62.00</u></b>
Proposed Budget	\$102,740	\$108,950