

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**Rosewood CRC, Bellflower.**

10115 E. Rose St., Bellflower, CA 90706

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.

**(The Full agenda and the full financial report are available on the web at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org))**

**Also bring a signed copy of your Church Credential.**

(blank pdf copy of Church credential is 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**

Chairperson: Vice Chair: Melvin Jackson Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

8:30AM Opening welcome and devotions: CENT presentation

8:50AM Introductions and Credentials and signing of Covenant for Office Bearers

9:00AM CENT report p. 4

9:40AM CLT & Clerk Reports p.

9:55AM Coffee Break

10:25AM CCT oral report

10:35AM RRT/Dunamis Report

10:45AM LDT Report

11:00AM CML report

11:15AM Church Credentialing Communications to Classis

11:25AM Finance oral report

11:30AM Closing Prayers and lunch

12:00PM Classis resumes with a listening and discussion event by the Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance for Same Sex Marriage

1:30PM Closing Prayers

## **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 2014**

1. Maintained and supported the Learning, Encouragement, Accountability, Dreaming (LEAD) teams to support the collegial networking of GLA pastors.
2. Provided three training opportunities for multi cultural leadership development

3. Communicated with the Churches the resources and activities for growth and involvement in GLA
4. Developed a strategic plan for GLA Church planting

## HOW ARE WE DOING; HOW HAVE WE DONE?

1. **8:30 AM Opening devotions:**
2. **8:50 AM** Introductions, Credentials, Covenanting, and convening a Church Credentials committee.

### Classis GLA Roster of Churches –

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American		Tomas Ivens	
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga, Adriana Sybenga, Faith Lim, Charles Ho, Sam Lee, Kathy Xu		
	Marco Arandia, Myo Sook Cho		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg, Hairon Chow		
Bellflower, Bethany	Brian Willits, Lon Wagner		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian		Mario Dogelio	
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang, HyukS Kwon, SunHo Bae		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu		
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Jin So Yoo, Tae Young Kim, Pablo Lee Rich Kim, Ken Hong, Peter Kang, Christina Kang, Jim Seung, Joseph Hyun, John Lee, Chris Choe, David Jineung, Abraham Lee		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		

Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga		
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones, Alison Jones		
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Ron Black		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, BJ Jun, Charles Kim		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian	Tom Van Engen		
Monterey Park, Chinese			
Pomona, Indonesian	Jonas Muljo		
Santa Fe Springs together Community	Sung Chil Choi		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon (24)	Matthew Le		

<u>Emerging Churches</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Maged Fayez	Anaheim CRC
Artesia City Church		Bethany Bellflower
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"		New City, Long Beach
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Andrew Choh - CP	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Jerry Kraesig - CP	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau - CP	FoL Fountain Valley
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Paramount, Centro Familiar Cristiano		Latin American
Riverside, Inland Jubilee	James Lee-O	Santa Fe Springs, Together
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	Ernesto Mejias	Latin American
Santa Clarita Community Church	David Kong - O	Bethany Korean
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

### 3. 9:00 AM Church Empowering and Networking Team (CENT) Report

To assist classical churches in doing evangelism/mission outreach and in planting churches; and to assist non CRC churches who desire to affiliate with the CRC.

Team Members: Joel Van Soelen (Leader), Chris Choe, Tomas Ivens, AJ McCloud, David Kong (staff), Sid Sybenga (Staff), Rachel Van Dyk (recorder), Mirtha Villafane (Staff).

#### I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. Andrew Nishimoto, Youth Pastor at Bethany CRC, as a member of CENT.
2. Church planting proposal of Little Saigon. CENT approved the proposal for a second generation Vietnamese English-speaking ministry. Duong Le was introduced to the team as the potential church planter.

## II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. CENT Fund Applications for 2016 are due before December 1, 2015.
2. The CENT Fund Team encourages churches to submit proposals that seek to train members for outreach and evangelism.
3. The team plans to continue contacting each church in classis to listen, encourage, share the resources available through classis, and pray for the churches.
4. Tomas Ivens continues to work with the RCA to finalize a Kingdom Enterprise Zone grant proposal.
5. Fan the Flame will be a youth specific event this year. It was suggested for the name to be changed. Mirtha Villafañe and AJ McCloud are working together to plan.
6. Maged Dakdouk requested to step down from the team.

### **4. 9:40 AM Classical Leadership Team (CLT) & Clerk Report**

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 to Synod.

Team members: David Haberbusch (leader); Mirtha Villafañe (Staff); Melvin Jackson; Dan Brink, Tae Kim, Sid Sybenga (Staff ); Cindi Fairchild (Clerk), Brent Wassink; Peter Kang

### **I. Items for Approval**

An email with a job description was sent to all churches announcing the opening of the Regional Pastor/Peer Relations position opening. This can be a single position or a shared role and those interested were asked to reply back with a letter of interest indicating their preference for the single or shared role as well as a resume by April 21. David Kong of SCV Community Church, Santa Clarita has expressed interest in the *shared role* as Regional Pastor/Peer Relation position and the Classical Leadership Team is suggesting he be approved for the shared role of the Regional Pastor/Peer Relations position.

### **II. Items for Information**

1. Dan Brink will advise at the classis meeting that if anyone has a concern or question regarding the proposed merger between Home Missions and World Missions they can talk with Sid Sybenga, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Maged Fayez or Adriana Sybenga, Synod delegates. There is also possible time available during the CENT Team report for discussion if needed.
2. As directed by the Feb. 26, 2015 classis meeting, CLT releases Isay Alvarez from ministry of the CRC if Classis Greater Los Angeles holds his credentials. Subsequent to the Feb. 26, 2015 classis meeting it was determined that Orange Korean Church of Classis CA South was the parent church of Belen Church/Isay Alvarez. The Stated Clerk asked Mario Perez, Stated Clerk

for Classis CA South had taken action to release Isay Alvarez from ministry and he advised there is no record of any classical action. Communication was sent to the Yearbook office by the Stated Clerk on Monday, March 23, 2015 regarding this matter.

## **Stated Clerk Report**

Clerk Communications January 30 – April 2, 2015

### Received:

3. From Sid Sybenga, World Renew Invitation (Feb 5)
4. From Sid Sybenga, GLA January Newsletter (Feb 6)
5. From Sid Sybenga, Pastors on Point Wilderness Retreat Information (Feb 7)
6. From Ed VanNoord, Position opening for Pastor of Faith Formation at Kitchner Community CRC. (Feb 9)
7. From Sid Sybenga, reminder of Feb 26 classis mtg and TogetherLA registration (Feb 9)
8. From Sam Huizenga, Prayer Summit information (Feb 11)
9. From Kim DeVries, Denominational Board Position ballot for voting (Feb 17)
10. From Tim Postuma, CRC Appoints Colin Watson Sr. to be the new Director of Ministries and Administration (DMA) (Feb 26)
11. From Steven Timmermans an Invitation for a day of conversation and fellowship for two GLA leaders. (March 3)
12. From Sid Sybenga, Timothy Leadership Training opportunity information. (March 3)
13. From Sid Sybenga, the passing of Wallace Williams. (March 8)
14. From Bonnie Talsma-Vandermeid, World Renew Delegate position opening for Classis GLA (March 13)
15. From Dee Recker, February 2015 BOT Highlights (March 16)

### Sent:

1. Sent to GLA churches information regarding the position opening at Kitchner Community CRC (Feb 10)
2. Sent to GLA churches the agenda for the Feb 26 classis meeting (Feb 24)
3. Sent to GLA churches the Spring 2015 Quarterly Ministry Report. (March 3)
4. Sent to Dee Recker, Synod 2015 Delegate information (March 3)
5. Sent to GLA churches Prayer Summit Information. (March 3)
6. Sent to GLA churches the February 2015 BOT Highlights (March 17)
7. Sent to GLA churches Regional Pastor/Peer Relations position opening (March 20)
8. Sent to GLA churches World Renew Delegate position opening (March 20)

- 9. Sent to GLA churches minutes from Feb 26 classis meeting. (March 23)
- 10. Sent information to Yearbook office regarding CLT decision to release Isay Alvarez from ministry in the CRC if Classis GLA holds his credentials. (March 23)
- 11. Sent to Steven Timmermans reply to Invitation for a day of conversation and fellowship. (March 24)

**5. 9:55 AM Coffee Break**

**6. 10:25 AM CCT Oral Report**

**CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS**

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams May 2014</b>			
The goal is to have every church participating on a Classis team			
Where could you or a church member serve Classis?			
<b>Leadership Development Team - LDT</b>			
<u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u>			
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Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Julius Umawing			
Lon Wagner			
John Lee			
Bill Postma			

<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>			
<u>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</u>			
Mattie Young			
Frank DeHaan			

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Ruth Palma			
Alison Jones			
Fatu Auau			

<b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>			
<u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u>			
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Richard Jones			
Fernando Valencia			
Matt Ford			

<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>			
<u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u>			
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<b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT</b>			
<u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u>			



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Joel Van Soelen		
Elmer Tandayu		Staff
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
Alison Jones		
Matt Sapp		
Maged Fayez		
Chris Choe		
Sid Sybenga, CML		Staff

<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		

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- 14. 1:30 PM Closing Prayer**

**Next Classis Meeting**

**October 27, 2015 First Bellflower CRC, Bellflower, CA.**