

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday**, May 3, 2016

**All Nations Church, Lake View Terrace, CA.**

10000 Foothill Blvd, Lake View Terrace, CA

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: Tae Kim Vice Chair: Dan Brink Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: LDT presentation pg 3

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

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10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM Synodical Deputies Actions

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11:30 AM Lunch and Closing

## **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: Leadership Development Team**
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	Faith Lim, Charles Ho, Sam Lee, Kathy Xu		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg, Hairon Chow		
Bellflower, Bethany	Jim Kuiper, Lon Wagner		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian			
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			
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 Comm.	Sung Chil Choi		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		

<b>Emerging Churches</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Parenting Church</b>
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Maged Fayeze	Anaheim CRC
Artesia City Church		Bethany Bellflower
Bellflower, Ethnos Community	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	
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
Westminster, Little Saigon Nexgen	Duong Le	Westminster, Little Saigon
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

### 3. 9:10 AM Team and Clerk Reports

#### Church Empowerment & Networking Team (CENT)

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, David Kong (staff), AJ McCloud, Andrew Nishimoto, Rachel Van Dyk (recorder), Mirtha Villafañe (staff)

#### I. ITEMS FOR Approval

1. Approve Pastor Ron Chu (TtoKamsa) and Pastor Jim Kuiper (Bethany, Bellflower) as members of CENT.

#### II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. CENT Fund Applications for 2016 are due before December 1, 2016.
2. The CENT Fund Team encourages churches to submit proposals that seek to train members for outreach and evangelism.
3. Fan the Flame is being planned for October 15, 2016. Dr. Gabe Veas has agreed to be the speaker. He is an adjunct professor at Fuller Seminary and speaks at many youth events. Please encourage your councils and members (young and old) to attend.
4. Mirtha shared her proposal to expand her position in both classes Greater Los Angeles and California South. This would involve continuing to lead a Hispanic Pastors Network project for the next two years. Both Ron Chu and Rudy Gonzalez would serve as Mirtha's supervisors. The two classes will ask Home Missions for \$15,000 per year to fund this. CENT approved her proposal.
5. After some discussion about effective ways to connect with the churches in our classis, we agreed that personal visits are best. We assigned one or two of us to each church on the roster. CENT members would like to meet with church councils in the fall to find out about evangelism in the local churches and encourage council's to think about how they might use the CENT Fund resources to help them.
6. We met on March 15, 2016 and May 17, 2016. If you are interested in joining the team or just want to visit a meeting, you are welcome.

#### Classical Leadership Team (CLT) 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, Cindi Fairchild (Clerk), Brent Wassink; Peter Kang, Julius Umawing (Staff) and David Kong (Staff)

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Ministry Center will be vacated by July, 2016. The decision to vacate the Ministry Center is based on Home Missions' decision to cease its use of the Ministry Center offices effective July 1, 2016, Grace Paek (Global CoffeeBreak) has given notice that she will cease using the Ministry Center offices as of June 30, 2016, and since Stated Clerk has been working from home for over 18 months there is no longer enough tenants nor is there a continued justification to rent the Ministry Center. The

cessation of the usage of the Ministry Center should not cause a hardship to group meetings related to Classis or other related meetings because several churches in the immediate area have rooms available for meetings. Vacating the Ministry Center will result in annual rent savings of \$900.00. The phone landline at the office will be discontinued as of May 1, 2016 but the DSL (wireless internet) will be left on until June 30, 2016.

2. Interim Loan to LA Community Church. The last meeting of Classis approved a loan of Classis funds to LA Community Church to fund necessary expenses incurred while it winds-up its ministry. The loan was approved subject to the giving of proper security and the negotiation of appropriate terms to safe guard the interests of both LA Community and Classis. The working out of the details was assigned by Classis to the Leadership Team. Leadership team has delegated the negotiation of the details of the terms and conditions of the loan to the Finance Team subject to review by the Leadership Team and approval by Classis.

## Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

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

Team members: Mirtha Villafañe (staff) (Hispanic Ministry Developer); Carl Kromminga (Evangelist Training Program, Project Timothy); Lon Wagner (youth development); Julius Umawing (Peer Relations, LEAD teams, Timothy Leadership Training, SEAPI churches); Katie Venhuizen (Camp Dunamis)

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### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. The LDT Scholarship Fund helps pay half the registration or tuition costs for leadership training events for church leaders. Applications are available at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org) and are submitted to Bill Postma.
- b. The Leadership Development Network: Evangelist Training Program (ETP): Al Breems leads a three year leadership training program that qualifies for commissioned pastor ordination in the CRC. There are currently 7 students; 3 of these are new students. Contact Al at [Breems1@juno.com](mailto:Breems1@juno.com). Individual modules are open to everyone.
- c. MINTS is our Spanish Leadership Training program. Five modules are offered every year and can lead to a BA degree and ordination as commissioned pastor in the CRC. We have 2 training sites – one in Sun Valley and another in Anaheim. For more information, contact Mirtha Villafane [mwillafane21@yahoo.com](mailto:mwillafane21@yahoo.com).
- d. Seminar on Preaching/Praying and Worshipping the Psalms with Dr. Kevin Adams at Bethany CRC on Feb. 9-10, 2016: about 14 pastors from 11 churches attended and received Dr. Adams' book, "150 – Finding Your Story in the Psalms."
- e. The LDT YOUTH FUND supports youth ministries initiatives in Classis, the Leadership Development of Camp Dunamis leaders and staff, and Project Timothy.
- f. Ttokamsa Mission Church hosted another Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) on February 16-19.
- g. Camp Dunamis will be held on June 19-24. See [www.campdunamis.org](http://www.campdunamis.org) to register online. If you register before May 15, there is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee plus \$170 camp fee. The cost after May 15 goes up to \$210. Pray for the staff as they continue to prepare for the camp this year. For questions and additional information, contact Katie Venhuizen at [bethelsunvalley@gmail.com](mailto:bethelsunvalley@gmail.com)
- h. Leadership Development Team scheduled to meet on April 5, 2016 at the Ministry Center in Bellflower.
- i. LDT Goals for 2016 . **By the October 2016 Classis Meeting the LDT will have**
  1. Organized and hosted a two day preaching seminar in February to which all the GLA and Classis California South pastors will be invited.
  2. The LDT will have hosted the May Classis meeting and showcased the LDT programs.
  3. Encouraged and empowered with financial support, the individual churches of Classis GLA and/or church partnerships; to organize, host and invite the Churches of Classis GLA to local training seminars, workshops and other leadership development events that meet the local

church's needs. Examples: Small group leader training, elder/deacon training, Safe church policy development and annual staff safe church trainings, evangelism and outreach, youth leader training, diversity training or worship leading. These trainings were promoted at each of the GLA Classis meetings, through emails and the GLA monthly Newsletter, and visits by the Classis Mission Leader.

4. **A.** Communicated to all the GLA churches the nature, value, opportunities, and requirements of becoming a "master trainer" of the Timothy Leadership Training modules at our February Classis meeting. **B.** Organized, promoted and invited all the leaders in Classis GLA and California South to the LA based Timothy Leadership Training Institutes to be held in May/ October hosted by Ttokamsa Mission Church in partnership with the TLTI staff through TLTI generated promotion materials, Classis newsletters, emails, and Classis meeting announcements.
5. Promoted the resources and opportunities of the ministries under the auspices of the LDT through Classis agendas, mass emails to the pastors, LEAD teams, Classis Newsletters, and the classisgla.org website. (ETP, MINTS, Student Fund, Project Timothy, Scholarship Fund, Assessment Assistance Fund, LEAD teams, Timothy Leadership Training, and Camp Dunamis)
6. Searched and recruited new members for the LDT.
7. Participated and supported the SEAPI (South East Asia Pacific Island) churches conference and it's GLA pastors.

## **Stated Clerk Report**

Clerk Communications February 3, 2016 to April 10, 2016

### **Received:**

1. From Derek Atkins, questionnaire for Feb 23, Connections Project (Feb 3)
2. From Sid Sybenga, Timothy Leadership Training, (Feb 8)
3. From Suni Tsai, Ministry Description for Suni Tsai (Feb 10)
4. From Dee Recker, Region 6 Nominees Req. for New Missions Agency (Feb 12)
5. From Rick Westra, CCT Support Documents for Feb 23 mtg (Feb 21)
6. From Anita Brinkman, Quarterly Ministry Report – Spring 2016 (Feb 26)
7. From Lis Van Harten, SPE/SCE Program Director, Pastors Wives Conf (Feb 26)
8. From David Kong, information on Rev. Jung Jin Yoo death (Apr 4)

### **Sent:**

1. To GLA Churches, Agenda and Materials for Feb 23, (Jan 25)
2. To GLA Churches, Revised Agenda for Feb 23 (Feb 19)
3. To Synodical Deputies, Revised Agenda for Feb 23 (Feb 19)
4. To GLA Churches, Region 6 Nominees Req. for New Missions Agency Bd (Feb 19)
5. To GLA Churches, CCT Support Docs for Feb 23 (Feb 22)
6. To Jonas Muljo, Updated contact info for Artesia City Church, (Feb 22)
7. To Derek Atkins, completed questionnaires for Connection Project (Feb 25)
8. To Dee Recker, Credentials for Synod 2016 Delegates and Alternates (Feb 25)
9. To Dee Recker, Article 17a for Richard and Alison Jones, (Feb 25)
10. To Dee Recker, Article 13c for Rev. Jin Soo Yoo, (Feb 25)
11. To Dee Recker, Article 23 for Suni Tsai (Feb 25)

12. To Dee Recker, Article 23 for Brenda Sansom-Moorey (Feb 25)
13. To Synod 2016 Delegates/Alternates, registration info (Feb 25)
14. To GLA Churches, Quarterly Ministry Report – Spring 2016 (Feb 26)
15. To GLA Churches, Synod 2016 Deacon Delegate needed (Feb 28)
16. To GLA Churches, World Renew Delegate needed (Mar 2)
17. To GLA Churches, Continuing Education Grants (Mar 2)
18. To Synod Deacon Delegate, registration info (Mar 3)
19. To GLA Churches, BOT Highlights (Mar 7)
20. To GLA Churches, Minutes of Feb 23, 2016 mtg (Mar 10)
21. To Denom. offices, Minutes of Feb 23, 2016 mtg (Mar 10)
22. To Jonas Muljo, Minutes for classis website (Mar 10)
23. To Yearbook Office, updated information for Monterey Chinese (Mar 16)
24. To Yearbook and Pension Offices, information on Rev. Jung Jin Yoo (Apr 8)

**Information:**

1. An updated Pulpit Supply list is being worked on. If you would like to be on this list, please let Cindi Fairchild, [cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net](mailto:cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net) know by May 17. There is also a sign up sheet available at the classis meeting if you would like to add your name and contact information.

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams May 2016</b>			
<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>			
<b>Leadership Development Team - LDT</b>			
<i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>			
Julius Umawing	suiluj64@yahoo.com	Staff Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Katie Venhuizen			
Lon Wagner			

<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>		
<u>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</u>		
Frank DeHaan		
Ruth Palma		
Fatu Auau		

<b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>		
<u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u>		
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader
Fernando Valencia		
Matt Ford		

Richard Jones

<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>		
<u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u>		
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader
Brent Wassink		
Melvin Jackson		
Dan Brink		
Tae Kim		
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
David Kong		Staff
Julius Umawing		Staff
Peter Kang		
Cindi Fairchild	cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net	Clerk

<b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT</b>		
<u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u>		
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Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary
A J McCloud		
David Kong		Staff
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
Andrew Nishimoto		
Tomas Ivens		
Chris Choe		



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

**4. 9:40 AM CCT Report and Exam**

**Classical Credentialing Team Classical Report**

Team: Rick Westra, Richard Jones, Matt Ford, Fernando Valencia

**I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS**

**A. To proceed with the colloquium doctum for the Rev. Heui Moon Lee**

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

Provided the above exam is completed successfully, the following motion may be made

**B. To declare Rev. Heui Moon Lee eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacrament according to Article 8 with Church of Joy as his calling church.**

**II. ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

**A. To introduce the Rev. Brian White**

Brian White is originally from Oklahoma and grew up in the United Methodist Church. While completing his M.Div. at Princeton Seminary he began serving as a youth pastor at a Korean church. Currently he is finishing his Ph.D. at Fuller Seminary while also serving as an English Ministry pastor at Bethany CRC, Burbank. Wanting to join the CRC, he will be relocating with his family to Calvin Seminary to complete the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy – essentially the on campus version of our Article 8 process.

**Rev. Heui Moon Lee** grew up in Korea in difficult circumstances. His father was an alcoholic and passed away while Heui Moon was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He attended church through the influence of his mother, but it was not until he was 28 that he encountered Jesus through Bible studies led by individuals involved with the Navigators. He continued to be involved in business, even coming to the U.S.A. to pursue his MBA. However, after getting involved in a local church he decided to pursue his M.Div. through Azusa Pacific University. He now pastors Church of Joy in Los Angeles, together they are becoming part of the CRC. His current ordination is with the Evangelical Church Alliance. He attended the KIM project in Grand Rapids, last year. He is married to Hyung Gum, together they have Joo Hyeon (22), and Joo Chan (15).

- 5. 10:30 AM Coffee Break**
- 6. 10:45 AM Synodical Deputies Actions**
- 7. 11:00 AM Church Credentialing Communications to Classis**
- 8. 11:30 AM Lunch and Closing**

**Next Classis Meeting**

**October 25, 2016 Fountain of Life Fellowship, Fountain Valley, CA.**