

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2016 8:00AM

Hosted by the All Nations Church, Lake View Terrace, CA

President: Tae Kim Vice-President: Brent Wassink/ Dan Brink Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

Synodical Deputies: Will Verhoef, Mark Hofman and Louis Korf

050316: 1 Opening and Devotions: Tae Kim opened the classis meeting in prayer. Michael Lee from All Nations Church led the group in singing. Carl Kromminga, on behalf of the LDT led us in devotions by reading Matthew 9 & 10. How do we approach groups of people that we don't know? Avoidance, distain or judgement? Jesus looks at them with compassion. We need to do the same and have compassion for the harvest of workers.

050316: 1.1 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing President Kim invited the two first time delegates to sign the Covenant of Office Bearers in the CRCNA. The Clerk read the names off of the credentialing sheets and noted 16 of the possible 25 churches were present as follows:

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Bill Postma	
Anaheim Latin American		Tomas Ivens	
Arcadia Hope International	Jong Il Lee, Grace Cheng, Brenda Samson-Moorey, Sam Lee		Jay Parker
Artesia, First	Absent		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Rich Hoeksma	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Joel Ver Velde	
Bellflower, Bethany	Lon Wagner	Marlin VanderMolen	
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Absent		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink		
Burbank, Bethany	Sung Min Bang		Brian White
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Absent		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	Absent		
Covina, The Bridge	Absent		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Absent		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim, Ken Hong		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community			
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		
Mangilao, Guam, Chalan Pago Ordot	Absent		
Monterey Park, Chinese		Sophie Tong	
Pomona, Indonesian Christian	Jonas Muljo		Saryana Juniwaty
Santa Fe Springs Together Community	Sung Chil Choi	Lince Payung	
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort	Miguel Najarro	Katie Venhuisen
Westminster, Little Saigon (24)	Absent		

Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Absent	Anaheim CRC
Artesia City Church	Absent	Bethany Bellflower
Bellflower, Ethnos Community	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Absent	Bethany, Bellflower
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Absent	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Absent	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Absent	FoL Fountain Valley
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Absent	L. A. Community
Paramount, Cento Familiar		Latin American
Riverside, Inland Jubilee		Santa Fe Springs, Together
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana		Latin American
Santa Clarita Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC (11)	Absent	Hope International
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

050316: 1.2 Carl Kromminga, Brent Wassink and David Kong agreed to act as the Church Credential Communications Committee.

050316:2 Team Reports

Church Empowerment & Networking (CENT) Team Report

050316: 2.1 Joel Van Soelen (Chair, CENT) presented a motion to accept Pastor Ron Chu and Pastor Jim Kuiper, to the CEN team. The motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050316: 2.2 Joel read an email from Jerry Kraesig, Anuenue CRC to Tom Doorn advising classis that he, Jerry Kraesig, plans to retire and due to financial issues Anuenue CRC will be closing. The CLT has been asked to discern how to proceed with the closing of Anuenue and will update at the October 25, 2016 classis meeting. Joel prayed for the Anuenue situation.

050316: 2.3 One or two CENT members will be meeting 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.

Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report

050316: 2.4 Brent Wassink explained that the Ministry Center at 10356 Artesia Blvd, Bellflower, will be closing on June 30, 2016 and teams are encouraged to meet at local churches.

050316: 2.5 The Interim Loan to LA Community Church is still in the working process by the CLT.

050316: 2.6 Brent shared a handout, *Classis Credentialing Team (CCT) Process –IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION* and asked for input. He then invited all to email any of the CLT members with ideas.

05032016: 2.7 Subsequent to the meeting of Classis GLA on February 23, 2016, representatives of the CLT met with Rev. Sung Chil Choi, and contact was also made with representatives of the council of the Together Community CRC. It became apparent that a de facto separation between the pastor and council had already taken place; there was also a division of the church into two worshipping communities. Rev. Choi intends to plant a new CRC church, which will include the worshipping community that has separated from Together Community CRC. The Together Community CRC is now worshipping with the Woori CRC, which meets at the Trinity Artesia CRC and is a member church in Classis Pacific Hanmi of the CRC. Indications are that these two congregations intend to merge.

The representatives of the CLT therefore recommend the following motions:

1. That classis declare Together Community CRC and Rev. Sung Chil Choi to be separated in accordance with Church Order Article 17-a.
2. That classis declare Rev. Sung Chil Choi to be eligible for call in the CRC.
3. That our Stated Clerk inform Classis Pacific Hanmi of the movement of Together Community CRC and Woori CRC toward merger, and request them (Classis Pacific Hanmi) to shepherd that process and to inform us (Classis GLA) and the Yearbook Office of the CRC denomination when and if that merger becomes reality.

These three motions were all **supported** and **adopted** by Classis, with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies on motion #1, as required by Church Order.

Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

050316: 2.7 Julius Umawing shared that the LDT Scholarship Fund helps pay half the registration or tuition costs for leadership training events for church leaders. There are funds available and can be found on www.classisgla.org and applications should be submitted to Bill Postma.

050316: 2.8 Katie Venhuizen shared that Camp Dunamis is being held on **June 19-24, 2016**. The deadline for discounts is **May 15** for staff and campers. She asked that churches pray about sending leaders to Camp Dunamis and shared a story about a young community camper who formed a strong bond with a leader from their church and now plans to attend Camp Dunamis again and possibly be a leader in the future. Contact Katie Venhuizen at bethelsunvalley@gmail.com for any questions.

Stated Clerk Report

050316: 2.9 The clerk presented the following list of communications for information, action and approval:

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 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.
2. Business cards with updated contact information were provided at the sign in table. Email is cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net (same as before) and **NEW phone number is: 562-522-5104.**

050316: 2.10 A motion was made to accept and approve the Clerks Communication. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

050316: 3 Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report

050316: 3.1 Rick Westra introduced Rev. Brian White, who has been the English Ministry pastor at Burbank, Bethany Korean. Brian and his family will be moving to Calvin Seminary to complete the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy (EPMC), essentially the on campus version of our Article 8 process.

050316: 3.2 Rick introduced Rev. Heui Moon Lee who is currently planting a church in Koreatown. His church, Church of Joy, plans to affiliate with the CRC in the very near future.

050316: 3.3 The CCT made the motion to proceed with the classical examinations of Rev Heui Moon Lee and then hold an Executive session for discussion and voting. This motion was **supported and carried**.

050316: 3.4 The CCT made the motion to proceed with the classical examination of Rev. Heui Moon Lee on the grounds that he completed the application process and completed the requirements of the learning covenant. This motion was **supported and carried**. Rev. Rick Westra conducted the doctrinal conversation with Rev. Sam Lee providing translation, after which the delegates asked further questions.

050316: 3.5 Joel Van Soelen, on behalf of the CENT, that Classis Greater Los Angeles receive Church of Joy as an established church pending a letter from the Church of Joy council to the CEN Team confirming their vote to affiliate with the CRCNA. This motion was **supported and carried**.

050316: 3.6 Executive session was called. Discussion of the motion to declare Rev Heui Moon Lee eligible for call as Minister of the Word with Church of Joy as his calling church. A vote was held and the motion to declare Heui Moon Lee eligible was **made and supported**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.

CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams May 2016			
<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	Staff Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Katie Venhuizen			
Lon Wagner			

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

050316:4 Coffee Break

050316: 5 Church Credentialing Communications to Classis

050316: 5.1 Carl Kromminga shared the following items from the Classis Credentials:

Rev. Tim Rietkerk was ordained at Anaheim CRC in 1995 and served as a chaplain in the Army for 20 years. He currently worships and served Crossroads CRC in San Marcos, CA in Classis California South. He has requested to have his ministerial credentials transferred to Crossroads CRC. The Anaheim CRC Council has approved this transfer. We are requesting Classis Greater Los Angeles to approve the transfer of Rev. Tim Rietkerk's ministerial credentials from Anaheim CRC to Crossroads CRC in San Marcos, CA. A motion was made, **supported and carried.**

New City has issued a call to Rev. Sam Lee of Hope International CRC to begin a new CRC in El Monte, CA. Rev. Lee has accepted that call and New City has requested that Rev. Lee's ministerial credentials be sent to New City CRC. Hanmi Presbyterian Church will be the host for the new church plant for their meeting location. New City made a request to proceed with the installation of Rev. Lee (Article 10b of the church order). A motion was made, **supported and carried.**

New City also requested that Classis GLA schedule an examination of Timothy Cordova to become a commissioned pastor at New City. A motion was made, **supported and carried.**

President Kim closed the meeting with prayers for ministry leaders needed for churches, guidance for leadership transition, healing for Beth Kuiper's surgery and new church starts in their various stages.

The next Classis meeting is October 25, 2016 and the location is still being worked on. An email will be sent later with the location.