

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday**, May 8, 2018

**Bethany CRC, Bellflower, CA.**

17054 Bixby Ave, 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: Brent Wassink Vice Chair: Mirtha Villafane Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: CLT presentation

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

9:00 AM World Renew Presentation – Becky Vanderzee

9:10 AM Calvin College Presentation – Fernando del Rosario

9:20 AM CLT & Clerk Reports, pgs 4-5

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9:50 AM Coffee Break

10:15 AM CCT Report and 2 Exams, pgs 9-10

11:45 AM Church Credential Communications to Classis  
Synodical Deputy Actions (if required)

12:00PM Closing and 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 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: CLT**
2. **8:50 AM Introductions, Credentials, Covenanting, and convening a Church Credentials committee.**
3. **9:00AM World Renew Presentation – Becky Vanderzee**

**Classis GLA Roster of Churches**

| <b>Established Churches</b>           | <b>Pastor</b>  | <b>Elder</b> | <b>Deacon</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| Anaheim                               | Joel Van Soelen                                      |              |               |
| Anaheim Latin American                | Mirtha Villafane                                     |              |               |
| Arcadia Hope International            | Dr. Sherman Lii, Faith Lim                           |              |               |
| 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,<br>Fernando Valencia |              |               |
| Burbank, Bethany                      | Soo Min Bang, HyukS Kwon, SunHo Bae                  |              |               |
| Camarillo, Iglesia CRC                | Ricardo Aragon                                       |              |               |
| Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship    |  |              |               |
| Covina, The Bridge                    | Saejung Paul Chang                                   |              |               |
| Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life     | Matt Ford  |              |               |
| Lake View Terrace, All Nations        | 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, Church of Joy            | Rev. Heui Moon Lee                                   |              |               |
| Los Angeles, Community                |  |              |               |
| Los Angeles, Jesus' Heart Church      | Rev. Sung Joo Lee                                    |              |               |
| Los Angeles, Tokamsa Mission          | Ken Choe, Ron Chu, David Suh                         |              |               |
| Ordot Chalan Pago, Guam, Faith Church | Tom Van Engen  |              |               |
| Monterey Park, Chinese                |  |              |               |
| 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 Fayez        | Anaheim, Anaheim CRC              |
| Artesia City Church                                     | Eric Sarwar        | Bellflower, Bethany CRC           |
| Bellflower, Ethnos Community                            | Tomas Ivens        | Anaheim, Latin American           |
| Cerritos, Heaven Bound                                  | Andrew Choh - CP   | Bellflower, Rosewood CRC          |
| El Monte, Living Well CRC                               | Sam Lee            | N. Long Beach, New City           |
| Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan                        | Fatu Auau - CP     | Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life |
| Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship                 | Melvin Jackson - O | Los Angeles, L. A. Community      |
| Riverside, Inland Jubilee                               | James Lee-O        | Santa Fe Springs, Together        |
| Santa Ana, Hispano Americana                            | Ernesto Mejias     | Anaheim, Latin American           |
| Rosemead, Sky City                                      | Charles Ho         | Arcadia, Hope International       |
| Santa Ana, Hispano Americana                            | Ernesto Mejias     | Anaheim, Latin American           |
| Santa Clarita Community Church                          | David Kong - O     | Burbank, Bethany Korean           |
| <i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i> |                    |                                   |

#### **4. 9:10AM Calvin College Presentation – Fernando del Rosario**

#### **5. 9:20AM Classical Leadership Team (CLT) and Clerk Reports**

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); Cindi Fairchild (Clerk); David Kong (Staff); Julius Umawing (Staff); Mirtha Villafaña (Staff); Dan Brink, Melvin Jackson, Peter Kang, Tae Kim, Mario Perez, Brent Wassink and Rick Westra.

#### **I. Item for Approval**

##### **Proposed Policy for Terms of Service on Classis GLA Ministry**

1. Persons will be approved by Classis for 3-year terms.
2. Teams will see to it that the terms of their members are staggered.
3. Persons willing to serve additional terms will be endorsed by their team and approved by Classis.
4. When a chairpersons or secretaries enter their final year of service, they will mentor their replacement during that year.
5. Administrative process:
  - a. Each year in January, the stated clerk will provide the chair of each team with a list of team member which shows the year of their 3 year term each members is in.
  - b. The chair will distribute this list to the team for its first meeting of the calendar year.
  - c. If new team members will be needed by January of the following year, the team will inform Classis of this—preferably at its February meeting and no later than its May meeting.
  - d. New team members will be presented for Classis approval at its October Meeting.

##### Grounds

1. Persons will be clear about the length of a ministry team commitment, may feel freer to explore other service options, and may have more varied service opportunities.
2. Classis will be more aware of whom is serving where, have increased confidence that leaders of teams are prepared for their tasks, have added opportunity to suggest or solicit ministry team members, and may benefit from the addition of team members with new ideas and the subtraction of team members serving without energy because they feel stuck.

\* This policy does not apply to staff members of ministry teams, since serving on teams relevant to their area of service is part of their job.

#### **Stated Clerk Report**

Clerk Communications January 25, 2018 to April 1, 2018

##### **Received:**

1. From: Ron Chu, Preaching Seminar Information (Feb 2)
2. From: Ron Chu, Preaching Seminar Corrected Info (Feb 9)
3. From Synod. Services Office, Denom Boards Info (Feb 13)

4. From: Alison Jones, Eligibility of Call Ext Request (Feb 16)
5. From Dir. of Candidacy Office, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
6. From: Larry Fryling, Stated Clerk Cl. Central, Comm. from Cl. Central (Feb 21)
7. From: Denise Tamminga, Camp Dunamis materials (March 2)
8. From: CRCNA Pension Office, Retirement info for Saejung Paul Chang (March 5)
9. From: Synodical Services, Council of Delegates Highlights (March 6)
10. From: Ron Chu, Timothy Leadership Training Information (March 17)

**Sent:**

1. To: GLA and CA South Pastors, Preaching Seminar Information (Feb 2)
2. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Preaching Sem. Corrected Info (Feb 9)
3. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
4. To: Synod Deputies for Feb 27 classis mtg, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
5. To: GLA Pastors, Synodical Deputy position email (March 1)
6. To: Synod 2018 Delegates, Information materials (March 1)
7. To: Dee Recker, Synodical Deputy approval forms from Feb 27 mtg (March 1)
8. To: GLA churches, Camp Dunamis materials (March 2)
9. To: CRCNA Pension Office, request for info for Saejung Paul Chang (March 1)
10. To: Saejung Paul Change, Retirement Info requested (March 5)
11. To: GLA churches and pastors, Council of Delegates Highlights (March 6)
12. To: GLA churches, Timothy Leadership Training Information (March 19)
13. To: GLA churches and Denom offices, Feb 27, 2018 Classis Mins (March 21)
14. To: Synod Services and Yearbook Offices, Faith Lim ordination info (March 22)

**1. ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

Credentials for Myo Sook Cho have been transferred to L.A. Global Mission in Classis Ko-Am.

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

| <b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams January 2018</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>                                 |                    |              |  |
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| <b>Leadership Development Team - LDT</b>   |                    |              |  |
| <i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats,<br/>and scholarships for leaders</u></i> |                    |              |  |
| Julius Umawing   | suiluj64@yahoo.com | Staff Leader |  |
| Carl Kromminga   | newcitylb@juno.com | Secretary    |  |

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| Mirtha Villafane   |                             | Staff  |  |
| Ron Chu  |                             |        |  |
| Katie Venhuizen  |                             |        |  |
| Lon Wagner   |                             |        |  |
| <b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>   |                             |        |  |
| <i><u>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</u></i> |                             |        |  |
| Fatu Auau  |                             |        |  |
| Frank DeHaan   |                             |        |  |
| Ruth Palma   |                             |        |  |
| <b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>  |                             |        |  |
| <i><u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u></i>       |                             |        |  |
| Rick Westra  | rwestra@mac.com             | Leader |  |
| Matt Ford  |                             |        |  |
| Fernando Valencia  |                             |        |  |
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| <b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>   |                             |        |  |
| <i><u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u></i>          |                             |        |  |
| David Haberbush  | dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com | Leader |  |
| Cindi Fairchild  | cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net | Clerk  |  |
| David Kong   |                             | Staff  |  |
| Mario Perez  |                             | Staff  |  |
| Julius Umawing   |                             | Staff  |  |
| Mirtha Villafane   |                             | Staff  |  |
| Dan Brink  |                             |        |  |
| Melvin Jackson   |                             |        |  |
| Peter Kang   |                             |        |  |
| Tae Kim  |                             |        |  |
| Brent Wassink  |                             |        |  |
| Rick Westra  |                             |        |  |
| <b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT</b>                                   |                             |        |  |
| <i><u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u></i>        |                             |        |  |
| Tomas Ivens  | ivenstomas@yahoo.com        | Leader |  |

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|  | Jim Kuiper   | jkuiper@bethanycrc.org       | Secretary |  |
|  | David Kong   |                              | Staff     |  |
|  | Mirtha Villafane                                   |                              | Staff     |  |
|  | Ron Chu  |                              |           |  |
|  | Joel Van Soelen                                    |                              |           |  |
|  | <b>Finance Team</b>                                |                              |           |  |
|  | <i>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</i> |                              |           |  |
|  | Jim Zoetewey                                       |                              | Leader    |  |
|  | Don Mulder   |                              | Secretary |  |
|  | Goldene Byrna                                      | classistreasurer@hotmail.com | Treasurer |  |
|  | Rich Hoeksema                                      |                              |           |  |

## 6. 9:30 AM Church Empowerment & 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 , Tomas Ivens (leader), David Kong (staff), Jim Kuiper (Secretary), Mirtha Villafañe (staff) and Ron Chu

### I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Please encourage your councils and congregations to attend Fan the Flame 2018 being planned for September 15, in First Bellflower with a cost of \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 a church group. Rev. Michael Mata will be the main speaker with topic related to “Community Engagement”.

#### Brief Michael Mata Bio

Michael A. Mata has designed and administered community and faith-based programs for over 30 years, particularly in the areas of community development, congregational redevelopment, intercultural programs, organizational and leadership development, ministry/nonprofit management and community youth development. He directs the Graduate Los Angeles Program in Transformational Urban Leadership at Azusa Pacific Seminary and is the Community Transformation Specialist with Compassion Creates Change, Inc.. Prior to his current assignments he was the Urban Development Director for World Vision U.S. Program where he was responsible for guiding the department’s implementation of its Signature Programs Model (community transformation focused on community youth development). Mata was the Mildred M. Hutchinson Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry (the first endowed chair in urban ministry) and Director of the Urban Leadership Institute at the Claremont School of Theology.

2. Timothy Leadership Training

**Cost is \$200 per track.** (Financial aid available for GLA pastors, leaders, churches)

International Theological Seminary  
(6 Wed eves)  
3225 Tyler Ave  
El Monte, CA 91731  
**Training Hours: April 11-May 9 (5pm - 9pm)**

TtoKamsa Mission Church (May 15-18)  
1440 N. Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
**Training Hours: 9am - 5pm (some days may end early)**

3. Reminder to Churches, pastors and leaders about church planting potential projects in your churches; mentors for church planters and future church planters.

## II. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

The CENT team bring the recommendation to Pastor Chris Choe became a new member in the CENT team for the following term. For a classis approval.

As of this report, CENT's next meeting is scheduled June, 2018.

## 7. **9:40AM 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:** Ron Chu (Timothy Leadership Training, SEAPI churches); Carl Kromminga (Evangelist Training Program, Project Timothy); Katie Venhuizen (Camp Dunamis); Lon Wagner (Youth Development); Mirtha Villafañe (staff) (Hispanic Ministry Developer); Julius Umawing, leader (staff) (Regional Pastor, LEAD teams)

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### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. **CAMP DUNAMIS** is scheduled on **June 17-22, 2018** at Camp Maranatha, Idyllwild, CA. For more information, go to [www.campdunamis.org](http://www.campdunamis.org)
- b. The **Timothy Leadership Training (TLT)** has started on April 11 a 6-week training session (6 Wednesday meetings), offering Tracks 1 and 2, at International Theological Seminary, 3225 Tyler Ave. El Monte. A four-day training session is also scheduled on **May 15-18, 2018** at Ttokamsa Mission Church, 1440 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. For inquiries on how to register and other information, contact Ron Chu at [pastorronchu@gmail.com](mailto:pastorronchu@gmail.com)
- 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. For questions about the MINTS program, contact Mirtha Villafañe at [mvillafane21@yahoo.com](mailto:mvillafane21@yahoo.com)
- d. **Evangelist Training Program (ETP):** Rev. Al Breems leads a three-year leadership training program that qualifies for commissioned pastor ordination in the CRC. New students can join anytime. For more information, contact Al at [Breems1@juno.com](mailto:Breems1@juno.com).
- e. **SCHOLARSHIP** for Leadership Training is AVAILABLE! The LDT Scholarship Fund helps pay half the registration or tuition cost for leadership training events for church leaders. Application form is available at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org)



- f. The LDT **Youth Fund** supports youth ministries initiatives.
- g. The Classis **Student Assistance Fund** helps students prepare for the ministry as a vocation.
- h. **LDT Goals for 2018.**
  - 1. Organize and host a two-day preaching seminar in February to which all GLA and Classis California South pastors will be invited.
  - 2. Host a Classis GLA meeting and showcase the various LDT programs.
  - 3. Encourage and, if necessary, empower with financial support, individual churches or church partnerships in Classis GLA to organize, host and invite the churches of Classis to local training seminars, workshops and other leadership development events that meet local church needs. Examples: Small group leader training, elder/deacon training, safe church training, evangelism and outreach, youth leader training, etc. Such training opportunities will be promoted at GLA Classis meetings, through emails, the monthly newsletter, and visits by the Classis mission leaders.
  - 4. **Timothy Leadership Training Institute - A)** Communicate 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)** Organize, promote and invite all the leaders in Classis GLA and California South to the LA based Timothy Leadership Training Institutes to be held in March and October, hosted by Ttokamsa Mission Church in partnership with the TLTI staff. These training sessions will be promoted using TLTI generated promotion materials, Classis newsletters, emails, and announcements at Classis meetings.
  - 5. Promote leadership training resources and opportunities provided by ministries under the direction of the LDT through Classis meetings, mass emails to pastors, LEAD teams, the Classis newsletter, and the classisgla.org website. These include the Evangelist Training Program, MINTS, Student Aid Fund, Project Timothy, the Scholarship Fund, LEAD teams, Timothy Leadership Training, Camp Dunamis, and the Timothy Leadership Training Institute.
  - 6. Participate and support the South East Asia Pacific Island (SEAPI) Churches conference and the pastors in GLA who are a part of this group.
  - 7. Recruit new members for the Leadership Development Team.

## **8. 9:50 AM Coffee Break**

## **9. 10:15AM Classical Credentialing Team Report and 2 Exams**

Team: Rick Westra, Matt Ford, Fernando Valencia

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

**A. To approve the job description for Aaron Solomon-Mills as Commissioned Pastor and Ministry Coordinator.**

**B. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Aaron Solomon Mills.**

*Grounds: He has met the requirements set by classis for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor.*

**C. To proceed with the colloquium doctum for the Rev. Dr. Enoch Jinsik Kim**

*Grounds: Permission has been granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee.*  
Provided the above exams are completed successfully, the following motions may be made

**D. To declare the Aaron Solomon-Mills eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in the Christian Reformed Church according to Church Order Article 23, with First CRC of Bellflower as his calling church.**

**E. To declare the Rev. Dr. Enoch Jinsik Kim eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacraments with All Nations CRC as his calling church.**

**Aaron Solomon-Mills** is originally from the Chicago area. He studied music at St. Xavier University of Chicago and then later received ministry training from the Christian Leaders Institute, an organization founded by members of the CRC. He then served as Associate Pastor and then later, Lead Pastor of Eagle Rock Community Church in Homer Glen, Illinois. He is being called to serve as a Commissioned Pastor by First Bellflower CRC. He is married and has six children.

**Enoch Jinsik Kim** was born in Korea and came to Christ as a teenager and sensed a call to evangelism and missions. He studied and worked as an engineer but then later served as a missionary among the Hui, an unreached Chinese Muslim people group. After 16 years of service he pursued further study at Fuller Theological Seminary and is now serving as a professor there in the Korean Studies Program. He has been part of All Nations CRC since 2002 and they are calling him to serve as an associate pastor while he continues his work at Fuller. He is married to Sarah and together they have three children.

**10. 11:45 AM Church Credential Communication to Classis  
Synodical Deputy Action(s) (if required)**

**11. 12:00PM Closing and Lunch**

**Next Classis Meeting  
October 30, 2018 Location to be determined**