

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday**, October 27, 2015

**First Bellflower CRC, Bellflower, CA.**

17603 S. Ardmore, Bellflower, 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 & Devotions

Chairperson: Joel Van Soelen Vice Chair: Dan Brink Clerk: Cindi Fairchild

Synodical Deputies: John Greydanus, Peter Ryu, Will Verhoef

8:30 AM Opening devotions: LDT leads table sharing & prayers

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

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10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:15 AM Church Credential Communications to Classis

10:20 AM Dr. Colin Watson, Director of Ministries and Administration, CRCNA

10:40 AM CCT Report, Exams pg 15

1:00 PM 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.

- 1. 8:30 AM Opening devotions: LDT leads**
- 2. 8:50AM Introductions and Credentials**  
and signing of Covenant for Office Bearers.
- 3. 9: 00 AM 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); Sid Sybenga; leader (staff) Mentoring, Peer Relations, LEAD teams, & special projects); Lon Wagner (youth development), Julius Umawing (Timothy leadership Training, SEAPI churches), John Lee (Ethnic Churches).

#### 1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a. Approve the LDT 2016 budget which includes the support of the Timothy Leadership Training School.

#### 2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. The LDT appointed Julius Umawing as the new team leader. Carl Kromminga is the secretary. We want to acknowledge the many years of service on the LDT of Bill Postma. He retired from this team but continues to oversee the GLA Scholarship Fund. THANK YOU Bill! Sid Sybenga is also retiring from the LDT.
- b. The Leadership Development Network: Evangelist Training Program: Rev. Al Breems leads a three year leadership training program that qualifies for commissioned pastor ordination in the CRC. New students can join anytime. Contact Al at [Breems1@juno.com](mailto:Breems1@juno.com). Individual modules are open to everyone.
- c. Classis GLA now has two SPANISH ministry leader training sites offering certificates and degrees through MINTS. One site is Sun Valley with Rev. Tomas Ivens as instructor and the other is in Anaheim with Rev. Mirtha Villafane as instructor. Each year five modules are offered.
- d. LDT Student Fund supported 5 GLA leaders to attend the TLT training in May.
- e. The 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.
- f. The LDT YOUTH FUND to support youth ministries initiatives in Classis, the Leadership Development of Camp Dunamis leaders and staff, and Project Timothy. See Camp Dunamis report below.
- g. 2015 Camp Dunamis Report. We had a fantastic year at Camp Dunamis! 139 middle school students and 60 staff members from over 20 different churches representing 10 different ethnicities gathered together for a week of worship, fellowship, and fun. AJ McCloud and Sheria Daley challenged the group to live as salt and light. Chapel was highlight for many people up at camp! Students also had the opportunity to grow deeper in their faith through personal devotions,

cabin devotions, and a workshop centered on topics such as racial reconciliation, loss, hearing God's voice, and worship.

Other highlights of camp included different kinds of games every afternoon, a big camp-wide activity each evening, and Camp Dunamis Olympics! Everyone was very thankful for a fun and healthy year this year. We thank God for this incredible opportunity to make friends with people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and to grow more in our understanding of God and how we can live in a way that glorifies Him.

- h. Project Timothy met on October 9 and 10 at Rosewood Church. AJ Mc Cloud, who attended Project Timothy several years ago when he was in High School, was the main speaker. Brad Winchell, the worship leader and also a youth leader at Rosewood Church led the worship times. Young leaders from several churches ate, sang, played, prayed, and discovered their place in ministry!
- i. LDT approved the use of the Assessment Fund to support churches who participate in the Renewal Lab or DiscipleForward cohorts. Please apply to LDT for support (Julius or Carl).
- j. LDT 2015 Goal review: We hosted the Bonhoeffer retreat with Mark Vermiere as the preaching seminar. Promoted Church Order workshop, Ethnic Pastors orientation, Global Worship events, DiscipleForward workshop, and Camp Dunamis. Organized two TLT institutes, Supported six pastors to attend the SEAPI Conference.
- k. LDT Goals for 2016 . ***By the October 2016 Classis Meeting the LDT will have***
  - 1. Organized and hosted a two day preaching seminar in January to which all the GLA and Classis California South pastors will be invited.
  - 2. The LDT will have hosted the February 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.

### **LDT TMC partnership Timothy Leadership Training School Proposal**

Concept:

GLA (under the direction of the LDT) and Ttokamsa Mission Church (TMC) are joining together to administer the TLT program as part of TMC global mission school.

Goal: To have a 20 Master trainers in southern California Classes by the end of 2016

To have every church have 2 members trained in one of the TLT modules.

To resource our ethnic pastors to partner in training leaders in their home countries.

Leaders: Ron Chu, Sid Sybenga, Julius Umawing.

Accountability: Report to LDT and TMC global mission team twice a year listing activities and number of student who took modules.

Yearly project:

1. Offering one/two TLT one week institutes per year presenting all 6 modules (4 days)
2. Offer three two day /weekend seminars to present one module.
3. Offer two weekly (10) sessions to present one module.
4. Recruit Master and Basic trainers to offer in-church-trainings one module at a time. (weekly or weekend) as need and requested.
5. To offer a two day module TLT training in two seminaries in Southern California.

Requirements:

1. Honorariums for trainers
2. Keep tuitions at minimum. (\$100 per module)
3. Get local master trainers to participate in global trainings with TMC.

Resources:

Develop TLT PayPal Account under global ministry resources gmail.com

Cost: \$2000 from TMC and \$2000 from GLA- LDT.

### **Timothy Leadership Training Modules** *"making training work for you" 2 Timothy 2:2*

(for weekend trainings, retreats, 8 week classes, 4 day institutes)

***Caring for God's People*** is for training elders, pastors and small group leaders. (12 sessions)

***Stewardship/Caring for Creation*** is for deacons, pastors, and all ministry leaders. (10 sessions)

***Harm to Honor in the Family*** is for training all ministry leaders (8 sessions)

***Biblical Preaching***, is for training elders, pastors and lay preachers and teachers, (8 sessions)

**Christian Teaching** is for training elders, teachers, pastors and small group leaders (8 sessions)

**Work & Worship** is for training elders, pastors, teachers, small group leaders, & worship leaders (10 sessions)

## Classis GLA Roster of Churches –

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American			
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	James Kuiper, Brian Willits, Lon Wagner		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian			
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang, HyuS 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, Abraham Lee Peter Kang, Christina Kang, Jim Seung, Joseph Hyun, John Lee, Chris Choe, David Jineung		
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		Sophie Tong	
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		

Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Maged Fayeze	Anaheim CRC
Bellflower, Ethnos Community	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	Bethany, Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"		New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon - 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>		

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams May 2015</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>			
<u><i>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</i></u>			
Sid Sybenga	sshope10@yahoo.com	Staff Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Julius Umawing			
Lon Wagner			
John Lee			
Bill Postma	bill.postma@gmail.com		

<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>			
<u><i>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</i></u>			
Mattie Young			
Frank DeHaan			
Richard Jones	lcommunitychurch@att.net		
Daniel Mendez	pastordanielmendez@yahoo.com		
Ruth Palma			
Alison Jones			
Fatu Auau			

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

<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>		
<u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u>		
Brent Wassink		
Melvin Jackson		
Dan Brink		
Tae Kim		
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader
Peter Kang		
Sid Sybenga	sshope10@yahoo.com	Staff
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>		
David Kong		Staff
Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary
Joel Van Soelen	pastor@anaheimcrc.org	Leader
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
Tomas Ivens		
Chris Choe		
A.J. McCloud		
Sid Sybenga		Staff
Andrew Nishimoto		

<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		



## **Clerk Communications April 3 - September 14, 2015**

### **Stated Clerk Report**

#### **Clerk Communications April 3 – September 14, 2015**

##### **Received:**

1. From Sid Sybenga, March GLA Newsletter. (April 8)
2. From Yearbook Office, Request for status of Rev. Il Yong Kang. (April 13)
3. From Jill Stark, Communication from the Candidacy Committee. (May 7)
4. From Dee Recker, Request for status of Isay Alvarez. (May 29)
5. From Dee Recker, Request for status of Kwang Chul Seung. (May 29)
6. From Dee Recker, Request for information on whether Classis GLA is incorporated. (July 10)
7. From Dee Recker, Updated Classical Credential forms. (July 15)
8. From Dee Recker, Summary of Synod Actions. (July 20)
9. From Sid Sybenga information for the CRC Faith Formation Workshop (July 21)
10. From Sid Sybenga, July GLA Newsletter. (July 31)
11. From Holly Koons, Request for information on Church Visitors (Aug 3)
12. From Continuing Education Committee, Documents to Review for Pastors (Aug 4)
13. From Jill Stark, Request for Student Fund Information for the Candidacy Comm. (Aug 13)
14. From Dee Recker, updated forms and information for Stated Clerks (Aug 21)
15. From CRC Communications the Fall 2015 Quarterly Ministry Report (Aug 21)
16. From Sid Sybenga, Global Worship Event information. (Aug 25)
17. From Sid Sybenga, information on Timothy Leaders Training, Sept 29-Oct 2. (Sept 1)
18. From Yearbook Office, Yearbook Questionnaire forms (Sept 2)
19. From Jill Stark, Nominees for Denominational Candidacy Committee (Sept 10)

##### **Sent:**

1. To GLA Churches, Prayer Summit 2015 information. (April 9)
2. To R. Bolt and D. Harms, digital copies of classical minutes, agendas, form of subscription for March 1997 to Feb 1999. (May 19)
3. To GLA Churches, May 2015 BOT Highlights (May 21)
4. To GLA Churches, Minutes for May 5, 2015 classis meeting. (May 21)
5. To R. Bolt and D. Harms, digital copies of classical minutes, agendas, form of subscription for February 2000 to Feb 2004. (June 9)
6. Communication to Monterey Park Chinese and Gloria Hsieh of CLT findings. (July 10)
7. Final CLT minutes to team. (July 17)
8. Signed Ecclesiastical Credentials to Bethany CRC, Bellflower for James Kuiper. (July 15)
9. Signed Ecclesiastical Credentials for James Kuiper to Carl Kromminga. (July 15)
10. To GLA churches information on Synod Deacon Decision 2015. (July 22)
11. To GLA churches information on the Sept 19, 2015 Fan the Flame Event. (Aug 18)
12. To GLA churches the Fall 2015 Quarterly Ministry Report (Aug 21)
13. To Jill Stark, information on the Student Fund in Classis Greater Los Angeles. (Aug 21)
14. To Holly Koons, Information on Classis GLA church visitors (Aug 21)
15. To GLA churches, Fan the Flame event. (Sept 9)
16. To Dee Recker, Confirmation that Classis GLA is incorporated. (Sept 14)
17. To Sid Sybenga, Information for Nominees for the Denominational Candidacy Committee (Sept 14)
18. To Rick Westra, Information for Nominees for the Denom. Candidacy Comm. (Sept 14)
19. To Paul Hansen, Information for Nominees for the Denom. Candidacy Comm. (Sept 14)
20. To Ron Black, Notice of classical action on October 27, 2015 agenda. (Sept 14)

**Motions:** Hope International Church, Arcadia are requesting that Classis Greater Los Angeles honorably release Rev. Gary Stevens as a CRC minister of the Word by Article 14 of the church order.

**4. 9:10 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, David Kong (Staff), AJ McCloud, Andrew Nishimoto, Sid Sybenga (Staff), Rachel Van Dyk (Recorder), Mirtha Villafane (Staff)

**I. 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. Youth Pastor, Andrew Nishimoto of Bethany, shared how their summer intern program went. Part of this program was funded through the CENT Fund.
4. Received updates at our September 1, 2015 meeting on two church plants. Join us in praying for the power of the Gospel to move in people through Pastor Duong Le at Little Siagon in Westminster and Pastor Tomas Ivens of Ethnos Church plant in Bellflower.
5. Pastor David Kong introduced to our team Rev. Heui Moon Le from Church of Joy and Rev. Sung Joo Lee from Jesus' Heart Church, both in Koreatown, LA. They shared stories of their calling and ministry and their desire to join the CRC and Classis GLA via Article 8. They are working with the Credentialing Team.
6. Pastor Sid Sybenga introduced Eric Sarwar, a pastor from Pakistan, who is looking into church planting.
7. CENT continues to discuss the possibility of the CRC and RCA working together in church planting. Still discerning how to proceed.
8. Our next meeting is November 3, 2015.

## **5. 9:20AM Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report**

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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 Haberbush (Leader) Mirtha Villafane (Staff), Melvin Jackson, Dan Brink, Tae Kim, Sid Sybenga (Staff), Cindi Fairchild (Clerk), Brent Wassink and Peter Kang.

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

1. The Peer Relations Developer job description is presented for approval. Julius Umawing and David Kong are recommended to be approved to jointly fill the position of Peer Relations Developer. Julius Umawing and David Kong will be introduced at the meeting and questions and discussion before voting on the CLT recommendations are encouraged.
2. CLT received no report and no proposed budget from the Race Relations Team and recommends that as to the Race Relations Team budget the Finance Team recategorize the Camp Dunamis expense as a line item on the LDT budget and remove the expense for Administration and All Nations Heritage Service. There is currently no leadership for this team and if anyone is interested in chairing it they can contact the CLT. Every church is responsible for being inclusive of all ethnicities.

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

1. CLT wants all churches to be aware of Synod 2015 approved changes to Church Order Article 40a. It reads, "The council of each church shall delegate a minister, an elder, and a deacon to the classis. If a church is without a minister, or the minister is prevented from attending, another elder shall be delegated in place of the minister. Officebearers who are not delegated may also attend classis and may be given an advisory voice."

### **FAITH FORMATION STRATEGIZING WORKSHOP FOR MINISTRY LEADERS OF ALL KINDS**

*How can we seek to make our congregations places in which all members of the community—from the youngest to the oldest—find a spiritual home and are challenged to grow in Christ?*

*How can we engage children, youth and young adults in the life of the church in a way that encourages, equips and connects them to the body of believers?*

*What does spiritual health look like? How might congregations strengthen their spiritual health?*

Questions like these cut to the heart of congregational ministry today. You are invited to bring a group to receive tools for strengthening discipleship and faith formation in your congregation.

#### ***When and where?***

Saturday, November 21, Long Beach CRC, 5559 E. Wardlow Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

***Why? What outcomes can we expect?***

The expected outcomes for each team include:

1. Clearer discernment of the ways God is moving in your congregation through your discipleship and faith formation practices and decision-making processes about these practices.
2. Empowering participants to take locally-appropriate action steps with respect to discipleship and faith formation for all ages, and developing the beginnings of an implementation strategy.

***Who is it for?***

This workshop is designed for groups of congregational leaders from **all areas** of congregational life—pastors, ministry staff, elders, deacons, worship leaders, small group leaders, youth ministry leaders, Coffee Break leaders, GEMS and Cadet counsellors, and more.

***Who will lead it?***

Dr. Syd Hielema, team leader for Discipleship and Faith Formation Ministries (DFFM) in the CRCNA (formerly professor of youth ministry at Dordt College and Redeemer University College).

***Cost and deadline?*** The only cost is \$20 for lunch and refreshments. Please register as a group by Monday, November 16, 2015.

***How do we register our group?***

Simply email the names of those who are coming, the name and location of your congregation and one person's contact information (email and phone number) to Dorothy VanderSteen at [dorothyvandersteen@crcna.org](mailto:dorothyvandersteen@crcna.org). Contact Syd Hielema if you have questions or desire more information: [shielema@crcna.org](mailto:shielema@crcna.org).

***What comments have you received from these workshops?***

This is our fourteenth one. Comments received to date include:

"We wish we had sent more people." "Please offer this workshop for our entire congregation." "Thank you for articulating a deep connection between grace and discipleship." "We received more ideas than we can work with." "Very practical." "Thank you for not pushing a program but respecting our own context." "We're glad our entire council attended." "This workshop left me very hopeful." "We sent people from every congregational ministry, and realized that most of them had never discussed these things with each other."

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**6. 9:40 AM Classical Mission Leader Report (CML) – Oral Report**

## 7. 9:45 AM Finance Team 2016 Budget

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

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Office of the Treasurer: Goldene Byma

#### TREASURERS' REPORT

JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2015

The Finance/Resource Team (FRT) approved this report at their Meeting held September 28, 2015.

This report covers the financial transactions of Classis Greater Los Angeles for January through June 2015.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

- p. 2 Balance Sheet – Lists a Capital account of \$433,739.
- p. 3 Classical Ministry Shares – Received \$59,688 for the first half of year 2015, which is approximately 49 percent of the budgeted amount of \$120,000 for the year. We should be at \$60,000.
- p. 4 Classical Leadership Team – Within budget.
- p. 5 CENT Team – Within budget.
- p. 6 Classical Credentialing Team – Within budget.
- p. 7 Leadership Development Team – Within budget.
- p. 8 Race Relations Team – Within budget.
- p. 8 Finance Resource Team – Within budget.
- p. 9 Fund Account Summary – balances are listed for January through June 2015

Treasurer: Goldene Byma

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- 8. 10:00 AM Coffee Break**
- 9. 10:15 AM Church Credential Communications**
- 10. 10:20 AM Dr. Colin Watson, Director of Ministries and Administration, CRCNA**
- 11. 10:40 AM Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) and Exams**  
Team: Rick Westra, Richard Jones, Matt Ford, Fernando Valencia

#### I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS

- 1. To proceed with the colloquim doctum for the Rev. Jeff Funk**

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

- 2. To proceed with the colloquim doctum for the Rev. Julius Umawing**

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

- 3. To approve the job description for Sherman Lii as Commissioned Pastor of the Chinese Congregation at Hope International**

- 4. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Sherman Lii**

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

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

- 5. To declare Rev. Jeff Funk eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacrament with Bethany CRC of Bellflower as his calling church.**
- 6. To declare Rev. Julius Umawing eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacrament with Bethel Sun Valley as his calling church.**
- 7. To declare Sherman Lii eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in Classis GLA serving the Chinese congregation of Hope International, with Hope International as his calling church.**

- 12. 1:00 PM Closing and Lunch**

#### **Next Classis Meetings**

**February 23, 2016**

**May 3, 2016**

**October 25, 2016**