

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 8:30 AM

Hosted by First Bellflower, Bellflower, CA

President: Micah Bruxvoort Vice-President: Melvin Jackson Acting Clerk: Goldene Byma

10312017: 1 Opening and Devotions: Carl Kromminga welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer. Tim Cordova shared II Peter 1:5-8 and shared his story on becoming a Christian.

10312017: 2 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing: The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. 14 out of 25 Established Churches attended the meeting. Four of the 11 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The President welcomed Steve Timmermans, Scott Elgersma and Becky Vanderzee. One first time delegate signed the Office Bearer's covenant, after which the president declared Classis constituted.

Established Church	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Gary Cordova	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafane		Aracelly Montenegro
Arcadia Hope International	Faith Lim	Randy Boer	Jay Parker
Artesia, First	<i>Absent</i>	Tom Kamstra Rich Boersma	
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Randy Van Essen	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Tom Byma Greg Cook	Annie Biggs
Bellflower, Bethany	Jim Kuiper, Lon Wagner	Charlie Boerigter	
Bellf., God's Grace Christian	<i>Absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	<i>Absent</i>		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>		
Burbank, Bethany	<i>Absent</i>		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon	Gilbert Nava	
Covina, The Bridge	<i>Absent</i>		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	<i>Absent</i>		
Lake View Terr., All Nations	Chris Choe		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	Tom Schipper	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community		Adrienne Clayton Melvin Jackson	
Los Angeles, Church of Joy	<i>Absent</i>		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		

Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian	<i>Absent</i>		
Monterey Park, Chinese	<i>Absent</i>		
Santa Fe Springs, Together Comm.	<i>Absent</i>		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort	Stewart Treiling	Rosario Ruzo
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
Emerging Church	Pastor	Parenting Church	
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	<i>Absent</i>	Anaheim CRC	
Artesia, City Church	Eric Sarwar	Bethany Bellflower	
Bellflower, Ethnos	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American	
Bellflower, New Dawn	<i>Absent</i>	First Bellflower	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	<i>Absent</i>	Rosewood, Bellflower	
El Monte, Living Well	<i>Absent</i>	N. Long Beach, New City	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau	FoL Fountain Valley	
L.A., Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson	L. A. Community	
Rosemead, Sky City Church	<i>Absent</i>	Hope International	
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	<i>Absent</i>	Latin American	
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany Korean	

10312017: 3 Resonate Global Mission Update, Steve Timmermans, CRC Executive Director. Steve Timmermans shared how our denomination is reorganizing and is moving forward towards a more simplified ministry that is faithful to God’s calling.

10312017: 4 Calvin Seminary Update, Scott Elgersma. Scott gave a report on how the Seminary is training Pastors for ministry and pastoral care. He also shared how the seminary is now offering a Spanish language certificate as well as a Prison ministries certificate.

10312017: 5 World Renew Update, Becky Vanderzee

10312017: 5.1 Becky gave a report in helping with hurricane victims as well as wild fire victims. She shared the holiday gift catalog as a way of giving and told how World Renew can help local churches in an honorable way.

10312017: 6 Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

10312017: 6.1 The motion was made to accept and approve the position of Youth Ministry Champion (together with the job description and funds for 2018). This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 6.2 The motion was made to approve Mario Perez for the position of Youth Ministry Champion. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 6.3 The Youth Ministry Champion position will be a 1-year pilot program with \$10,000 from Classis GLA and \$4,000 from Classis CA South. The position and funding for it will be re-evaluated in 2018.

10312017: 6.4 Denise Tamminga and Mario Perez gave a report on how Camp Dunamis reaches out to middle school students. Camp Dunamis will be held on June 18-23 in Idyllwild, CA.

10312017:7 Church Empowering and Networking Team (CENT) Report

10312017: 7.1 The motion was made to approve the updated guidelines, application and evaluation for the CENT Fund. These documents were recently updated by CENT for the purpose of clarity and simplicity. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 7.2 The motion was made to approve Tomas Ivens to chair CENT and Jim Kuiper to serve as secretary in 2018. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 7.3 Ken Korver, Reformed Church of America, spoke about the upcoming Organic Outreach for churches that is a one-day training and invited all to attend.

10312017: 7.4 Classis GLA agreed to participate with KEZ in 2017 & 2018. The monies for the KEZ commitment is funded as follows:

For 2017

Anuene Fund	\$4,000
Unused Church Planter Connection	\$4,100
Unused Maged from Home Missions	<u>\$1,900</u>
	\$10,000

For 2018

Anuene Fund	\$4,000
Unused Maged	\$2,100
General Fund	<u>\$3,900</u>
	\$10,000

10312017: 8 Coffee Break

10312017: 9 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) and Stated Clerk Report

10312017: 9.1 Brent Wassink stated that the CLT has nothing to report.

10312017: 9.2 Clerk Communications: May 5, 2017 to September 27, 2017

Received:

1. From YB Dept, Request for info for Rev. Jason Jun (May 5)
2. From Dee Recker, BOT Highlights of May 2017 (May 15)
3. From Church Renewal, Request info on Thousand Oaks Comm. (May 16)
4. From Synodical Services, Denom. Boards Membership Lists (July 14)
5. From Cassie Lampton, Steve Timmermans classis visit (July 31)
6. From Dee Recker, Resp. of & Man for Synodical Deputies (Aug 9)
7. From Jill Stark, Info on candidacy work (Aug 10)
8. From Mirtha Villafane, Fan the Flame information (Aug 15)
9. From CRC Communications, Translation Team Update (Aug 22)

10. From Jill Stark, Candidacy Committee Nominations (Aug 24)
11. From Ron Chu, Young Adults Gathering information (Sept 1)
12. From Mirtha Villafane, Fan the Flame event information (Sept 4)
13. From CRC Communication, Fall 2017 Quarterly Ministry Rep (Sept 12)
14. From Eric Sarwar, Psalm Concert in Artesia (Sept 21)
15. From Ron Chu, Timothy Leadership Training opportunity info (Sept 27)

Sent:

1. To GLA churches, exam materials for Rev. Sung Joo Lee (April 11)
2. To GLA Churches, BOT Highlights of May 2017 (May 15)
3. To GLA Churches, Classis GLA May 2, 2017 Minutes (May 15)
4. To Denom. offices, Classis GLA May 2, 2017 Minutes (May 15)
5. To Church Renewal, Req for Thousand Oaks Comm. information (June 19)
6. To Cassie Lampton, confirmation of Steve Timmermans classis visit (Aug 2)
7. To Rick Westra, Email re: Candidacy Work (Aug 10)
8. To GLA Churches, Fan the Flame event information (Aug 15)
9. To GLA Pastors, Candidacy Committee Nominations (Aug 24)
10. To GLA Churches, Young Adult Gathering Information (Sept 2)
11. To GLA Churches, Fan the Flame event information (Sept 18)
12. To GLA Churches, Timothy Leadership Training opportunity (Sept 27)

10312017: 9.3 The Council of All Nations Church, Lakeview Terrace, requests that Classis approve the retirement of Rev. David Jineung Jun, at age 64, due to his wife’s health. Pastor Jun’s retirement is effective September 30, 2017. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 9.4 The Council of Bethany Korean, Burbank, requests that Classis approve the early retirement of Rev. Il Ryoung Kang at age 63, due to health issues according to Church Order, Article 18, with the effective retirement date of September 30, 2017. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 9. 5 The motion was made to accept and approve the Clerk's Communication. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams 2017		
<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>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</i>		

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Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Ron Chu			
Katie Venhuisen			
Lon Wagner			
Classical Credentialing Team - CCT			
<i>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</i>			
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Richard Jones			
Fernando Valencia			
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David Kong		Staff	
Julius Umawing		Staff	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Dan Brink			
Melvin Jackson			
Peter Kang			
Tae Kim			
Brent Wassink			
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David Kong		CLT Liaison	Korean Liaison
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Ron Chu			
Tomas Ivens			
Jim Kuiper			

Finance Team FT			
<i>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</i>			
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Don Mulder		Secretary	
Rich Hoeksema			

GLA STAFF	
David Kong	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer, Korean Liaison
Julius Umawing	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer
Mirtha Villafane	Hispanic Ministry Developer

10312017: 10 Classis Credentialing Team Report

10312017: 10.1 The CLT made a motion to approve the job description for Randy Boer as Commissioned Pastor of English speaking ministry at Hope International, Arcadia. Grounds: The job description meets the requirements as presented in the Church Order Article 23 supplement. Synodical Deputies, Will Verhoef, John Greydanus and Mark Hofman approved the job description contingent that Classis GLA approve the job description first. The motion was made, **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 10.2 The CCT made the motion to declare Randy Boer as eligible for call as Commissioned Pastor with Hope International, Arcadia as his calling church. This motion was **supported and carried**.

10312017: 10.3 Rev. Richard Jones has accepted a call to Bridgeway Community Church in Haledon, New Jersey.

10312017: 11 Finance Team 2018 Budget

10312017: 11.1 The motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report for January - June 2017. This motion was **supported and carried**.

10312017: 11.2 The motion was made to approve the Proposed Budget for 2018 for \$109,413. \$57 per contributing member.

10312017: 12 Church Credential Communications to Classis

10312017: 12.1 Anaheim CRC requests Classis help to appoint counselors to help Latin American CRC with some leadership issues they are experiencing. The motion to have CLT appoint 1-2 persons (Spanish speaking recommended) as counselors to help Latin American church deal with their challenges or conflicts that exist. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

10312017: 13 Closing and Lunch

10312017: 13.1 The motion was made, supported and approved to adjourn the classis meeting.

10312017: 13.2 Micah Bruxvoort closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Classis meeting:

February 27, 2018 – TtoKamsa Church, Los Angeles