

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday**, February 23, 2016

**Bethany CRC, Bellflower, CA.**

17054 Bixby Ave, 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 AM** Welcome reception

**8:30 AM** Business begins

Chairperson: Matt Ford Vice Chair: Brent Wassink Clerk: Cindi Fairchild  
Synodical Deputies: John Greydanus, Will Verhoef, Mark Hofman

- 8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: CENT lead prayers
- 8:50 AM Introductions and Credentials and signing of Covenant for Office Bearers
- 9:10 AM Article 8 Exams (2)
- 10:45 AM Coffee Break
- 11:00 AM Synodical Deputy Actions and Church Credentialing Communication
- 11:45 AM Synod Delegate Vote, Part 1
- 12:00 PM Derek Atkins, Project Coordinator, Connections Project by Lilly  
Endowment
- 12:15 PM Renew16, Bonny Mulder Behnia
- 12:30PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Synod Delegates Vote, Part 2
- 1:15 PM Article 23 Exams (2)
- 2:15 PM CLT & Clerk Reports
- 2:30 PM Finance Report
- 2:35 PM CENT Report
- 2:45 PM LDT Report
- 2:55 PM 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**

**By the Classis meeting of February 2015**

**Classis GLA will have (see detailed goals in team reports)**

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-ethnic leadership development
3. Communicated with the Churches the resources and activities for growth and involvement in GLA
4. Developed a strategic plan for multi-ethnic Church planting

1. 8:30 AM **Opening devotions: CENT**
2. 8:50 AM **Introductions and Credentials**

### 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	James 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, Jin Phil Huh, 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	Richard Jones, Alison Jones		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, Ron Chu 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 (24)	Matthew Le		

<b>Emerging Churches</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Parenting Church</b>
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	Maged Fayez	Anaheim CRC
Artesia City Church		Bethany Bellflower
Bellflower, Ethnos Community	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American
Bellflower, God's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"		New City, Long Beach
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
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon-O	
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Paramount Cento 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 Article 8 Exams (2)**

**Classis Credentialing Team (CCT) Report and Article 8 Exams**

**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. Shumin (Grace) Cheng**

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

**B. To proceed with the colloquium doctum for the Rev. Tomas Ivens**

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

**C. To approve the job description for Brenda Sansom-Moorey as a Commissioned Pastor of Congregational Life for the Chinese congregation at Hope International**

**D. To approve the job description for Suni Tsai as a Commissioned Pastor of Worship for the Chinese congregation at Hope International**

**E. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Brenda Sansom-Moorey**

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

**F. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Suni Tsai**

*Grounds: She 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

**G. To declare Rev. Shumin Cheng eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacrament with Hope International as her calling church.**

**H. To declare Rev. Tomas Ivens eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacrament with Latin American CRC as his calling church.**

**I. To declare Brenda Sansom-Moorey eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in Classis GLA serving the Chinese congregation of Hope International, with Hope International as her calling church.**

**J. To declare Suni Tsai eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in Classis GLA serving the Chinese congregation of Hope International, with Hope International as her calling church.**

**4. 10:45AM AM Coffee Break**

**5. 11:00 AM Synodical Deputy Actions and Church Credentialing Communication to Classis**

**6.11:45 AM Synod Delegate Vote, Part 1**

Synod 2016 will be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI from Friday, June 10 at 8:30AM to Friday, June 17.

GLA needs one Minister of the Word delegate, one Elder delegate, one deacon and one other office bearer (as well as an alternate for each delegate to serve. Sample Ballot

<b>Minister Delegate</b>		<b>Ballot #1</b>	
Pastor Delegate	willing to serve	<b>Check 2</b>	
Pastor 1			
Pastor 2			
Pastor 3			
Pastor 4			
Note 1. Minister Delegate must be a "minister of the word" in an established church			
Note 2. Classis GLA is committed to sending a delegation that represents our diversity			
Please vote with this diversity representation in mind.			
Note 3. Pastors should be present at the meeting to be delegated.			
Note 4. Those receiving a majority vote on the first ballot will be considered elected			
Note 5. The 4-5 who received the most votes on the 1st ballot will be placed on the 2nd ballot.			

<b>Elder Delegate</b>		<b>ballot #1</b>	
Elders delegates	willing to serve	<b>check 2</b>	
elder			
elder			
Commissioned pastor			
Minister of Word in emerging church			
Note 1 : Commissioned Pastors, Ministers of the Word in emerging churches and elders			
can serve as elder delegates.			

<b>Deacon Delegate</b>		<b>ballot #1</b>	
Deacon	willing to serve	<b>check 2</b>	
Deacon			
Deacon			


Officebearer Delegate		ballot #1	
	willing to serve	check 2	

- 7. 12:00PM **Derek Atkins, Project Coordinator, Connections Project by Lilly Endowment**
- 8. 12:15 PM **Renew16, Bonny Mulder Behnia**
- 9. 12:30 PM **Lunch**
- 10. 1:00 PM **Synod Delegates Vote, Part 2**
- 11. 1:15 PM **Article 23 Exams (2)**

## 12. 2:15 PM CLT & Clerk Reports

### 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) Mirtha Villafane (Staff), Melvin Jackson, Dan Brink, Tae Kim, David Kong (Staff), Julius Umawing (Staff), Cindi Fairchild (Clerk), Brent Wassink and Peter Kang.

#### ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. CLT received the following overture from Bethel CRC and makes the following motion: that Classis GLA support the Bethel Church overture and adopt it as a GLA overture to Synod 2016. The overture from Bethel CRC, Sun Valley regarding Church Order Supplement, Article 8 reads: *Recommend a change to Supplement, Article 8 of the Church Order to delete the words, "At the scheduled colloquium doctum" from point E5 and add a new point E7 which reads "A colloquium doctum shall be conducted by the Classis of the calling church. The colloquium doctum shall be waived for ministers being called from churches in ecclesiastical fellowship with the CRCNA." Re-number the succeeding points in Supplement E.*

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. The revised motion (shown below) was sent to the CLT via email on Nov. 18 for approval. A majority of the CLT approved the revised motion and so did the 3 Synodical Deputies who were present at the Oct. 2015 classis meeting. The Synodical Services office received the approved revised motion with approvals and has concluded that this matter is now closed.

*CLT's original motion Oct 27, 2015: that Ron Black be released as a minister of the Word in the CRCNA according to article 14b of the Church order with the declaration of "the resigned minister is dismissed". The motion was **supported and approved**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.*

*The revised motion for New Ground Harvest: "CLT hereby amends the resolution adopted by Classis GLA at its October 27, 2015 meeting to state: That Ron Black is hereby released as a minister of the Word in the CRCNA according to article 14b of the Church order with the declaration of "the resigned minister is dismissed". In recognition that no communication has been received by Classis GLA or its staff regarding the continued ministry activities from New Ground Harvest, including its congregation's desire to remain an organized or emerging church of the Christian Reformed Church, North America, even though numerous efforts by Classis staff have been made to communicate with New Ground harvest about such issues, Classis GLA hereby terminates New Ground Harvest as an organized **or** emerging church and makes no decision regarding the transfer of memberships of the individuals, if any, who are actively involved in the ministries and life of the New Ground Harvest congregation to the extent that there is one. The motion was **supported and approved**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.*

2. No interest was received to the email sent requesting nominees for the Denominational Candidacy Committee.
3. Together Church, Santa Fe Springs, should be holding the credentials for Rev. Sung Chil Choi. Together Church, Rev. Choi or both together need to make a motion to release Rev. Choi (Article 17).

Together Church came into Classis GLA as an organized church. David Kong will communicate with Together Church and Rev. Choi of what is needed. Rev. Choi cannot be in a pastor role until his credentials are held by The Bridge Church, Covina or Bethany Korean, Burbank. A letter of call and a letter of acceptance are required.

James Rok Lee's "on loan" status is on hold as the needed documents have not been received. Together Church, Santa Fe Springs, needs to make a motion listing the 4 motions that are needed. The motions are:

- Accept resignation of Rev. Choi to and release him (Article 17).
- Declare eligible for call.
- Local church or congregation eligible to call a new pastor. (Article 17 supp.)  
Ron Chu as a counselor to the council and the church to extend a call new pastor.
- Soo Min Bang, Bethany Korean CRC or Sae Jung Chang of Bridge Church to be a mother church. Bang or Chang approves request to call Rev. Choi to be a church planter (Bang or Chang's letter of call should be good).

At the present time CLT has nothing to act on. The letters of release and acceptance (4 motions) is needed. The request needs to be sent to the Stated Clerk by Jan. 20 so the information can then be sent to the Synodical Deputies for their review before the Feb 23 mtg.

4. It has been requested by World Renew to again send out an email regarding the need for a World Renew delegate from Classis GLA. This information was sent out in March 2015 with no interest received. The email was again sent to all GLA churches on January 9, 2016.

## **Stated Clerk Report**

Clerk Communications September 30, 2015 to January 22, 2016

### **Received:**

2. From Yearbook Office, Yearbook Questionnaire, (Sept 2)
3. From Sid Sybenga, Invite to L.A. Ch. Planting Process (Sept 30)
4. From Glenn Spoolstra, Classis Mailing List, (Sept 30)
5. From Gary Stevens, Request for Change, (Sept 30)
6. From Dee Recker, BOT Highlights, (Oct 7)
7. From Dee Recker, Nominations for Advisers to Synod (Oct 23)
8. From Sid Sybenga, GLA CENT Fund, (Nov 11)
9. From Eric Sarwar, Artesia City, (Nov 12)
10. From Eric Sarwar, Invitation to Christmas Dinner (Nov 12)
11. From Sid Sybenga, GLA Newsletter (Nov 13)
12. From Lon Wagner, Brian Willats Status (Nov 17)
13. From Dee Recker, Creds for Synod Del. Info Forms (Nov 20)
14. From Hendrina Van Spronsen, Historical materials, (Dec 15)
15. From Lis Van Harten, Sabbatical Grants for Pastors, (Dec 22)
16. From Bethel CRC, Sun Valley, Overture for Feb 23 (Dec 22)
17. From Sid Sybenga, GLA Newsletter (Jan 5)
18. From Lis VanHarten, Classis Renewal Coordinator, (Jan 8)
19. From Bonnie Talsma, World Renew Delegate, (Jan 8)



**Sent:**

1. To Jonas Muljo, Oct 27 classis materials (Sept 30)
2. To GLA Churches, Materials for Oct 27, (Sept 30)
3. To Synodical Deputies, Gary Stevens Request (Sept 30)
4. To GLA Churches, BOT Highlights (Oct 7)
5. To Joel Van Soelen, Dan Brink, Chairing a classis mtg, (Oct 7)
6. To GLA Churches, KEZ Proposal for Oct 27, (Oct 19)
7. To Glenn Spoolstra, Classis Mailing List, (Oct 23)
8. To GLA Churches, Bkgrd materials for candidates (Oct 26)
9. To Dee Recker, Synodical Deputy info G. Stevens (Oct 27)
10. To Dee Recker, Gary Stevens Art 14b (Oct 27)
11. To Dee Recker, Sherman Lii Art 23a (Oct 27)
12. To Dee Recker, Ron Black Art 14b (Oct 27)
13. To Dee Recker, Kathy Xu Art 23a (Oct 27)
14. To Dee Recker, Seung Kwang Chul Art 13c (Oct 27)
15. To Dee Recker, Charles Ho Art 23a (Oct 27)
16. To Dee Recker, Jeffrey Funk (Nov 10)
17. To Eric Sarwar, Artesia City Church name, (Nov 12)
18. To Dee Recker, Sid Sybenga Retirement info (Nov 12)
19. To Dee Recker, Ron Chu Ecc. Credential Transfer (Nov 12)
20. To Gary Stevens, Oct 27 classis decision (Nov 12)
21. To GLA Churches, Invitation to Christmas Dinner, (Nov 13)
22. To GLA Churches, Oct 27 Minutes (Nov 13)
23. To Dee Recker, Oct 27 Minutes (Nov 13)
24. To Dee Recker, Brian Willats Status (Nov 17)
25. To Yearbook Office, Yearbook Questionnaire, (Nov 25)
26. To select GLA Churches, Information for Historical Comm. (Dec 15)
27. To Hendrina Van Spronsen, Historical Materials (Dec 16)
28. To GLA Churches, Sabbatical Grants for Pastors, (Jan 6)
29. To GLA Churches, Classis Renewal Coordinator (Jan 8)
30. To GLA Churches, World Renew Delegate, (Jan 9)
31. To Dee Recker, Nominations for Advisors Synod, (Jan 18)
32. To GLA Churches, Synod 2016 Delegates Info. (Jan 19)

As Classis' Stated Clerk, it is one of my responsibilities to forward information on to the denominational offices for inclusion in the annual Yearbook. I am to obtain from you the names of all persons in ministry (ordained ministers, evangelist, etc.) for which your church holds credentials. There is a hard deadline for providing this information, and, therefore, I needed from you no later than **September 15**. If it is not received by that date, the information will not be included in next year's Yearbook.

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams February 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>			
<u><i>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</i></u>			
Julius Umawing	suiluj64@yahoo.com	Staff/leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Lon Wagner		youth	
John Lee			

<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>			
<u><i>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</i></u>			
Mattie Young			
Frank DeHaan			
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><i>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</i></u>			
Brent Wassink			
Melvin Jackson			
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	

David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader	
Tae Kim			
Peter Kang			
Cindi Fairchild	cindif@CRMinistryCenter.net	Clerk	
David Kong		Staff	
Julius Umawing		Staff	
<b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT (formally NCDT)</b>			
<i>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</i>			
David Kong			
Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary	
Joel Van Soelen	pastor@anaheimcrc.org	Leader	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
A. J. McCloud			
Maged Fayez			
Chris Choe			
David Kong		Staff	
Tomas Ivens			
<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			

## 13. 2:30 PM Finance Report



CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

Office of the Treasurer: Goldene Byma

### TREASURERS' REPORT

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

The Finance/Resource Team (FRT) approved this report at their January Meeting.

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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

- p. 2 Balance Sheet – Lists a Capital account of \$401,680.
- p. 3 Classical Ministry Shares – Received \$124,245.74 for the year 2015, which is approximately 103 percent of the budgeted amount of \$120,000 for the year.
- 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 December 2015

Treasurer: Goldene Byma

## 14. 2:35 PM CENT Report

### 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, Tomas Ivens, Rachel Van Dyk (recorder), Mirtha Villafañe (staff)

#### I. 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. Eight CENT Fund Applications were received by December 1, 2015. The following five were approved for a total of \$15,800:

Bridge of Hope Outreach - Pastor Maged Fayez  
Outreach to Muslims - \$3,000

Bethany Bellflower – Youth Pastor Andrew Nishimoto  
Youth Ministry Internship - \$5,000

Hope International Church Arcadia – Pastor Sam Lee  
Awana & Breathing Space Ministry - \$2,600

Hope International Church Arcadia – Pastor Sherman Lii  
Chinese Christmas Outreach - \$1,200

Rosewood, Bellflower – Pastor Bonny Mulder-Behnia  
“Renew 16” for High School Youth and Young Adults - \$4,000

\* Applications that were declined did not meet the CENT Fund guidelines which are available at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org).

4. Update on Classis Mission Leader Position.
5. Received an update on Ethnos Church Plant at our January 14 meeting. A launch worship service is being planned for Easter Sunday. Thankful for the support of Bethany CRC Bellflower in this church plant. Join us in praying for the power of the Gospel to move in people through Pastor Tomas Ivens of Ethnos Church plant in Bellflower.
6. Staff (David Kong, Julius Umawing, and Mirtha Villafane along with Ron Chu) are meeting on a monthly basis.
7. Fan the Flame is tentatively being planned for October 15, 2016. Please encourage your councils and congregations to attend.
8. Peters Watts from the RCA is working more on the Kingdom Enterprise Zone (KEZ) plan. Classis GLA approved moving forward to work with the RCA in church planting at the October 27 classis meeting.
9. Our next meeting is March 15, 2016 @ 6pm in the Bellflower Ministry Center. If you are interested in joining the team or just want to visit a meeting, you are welcome.

## 15. 2:45 PM LDT Report

### Leadership Development Team Report (LDT)

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

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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).
23. Katie Venhuizen, from Bethel CRC Sun Valley, has agreed to serve on the Leadership Development Team.
24. Preaching seminar with Dr. Kevin Adams scheduled on February 9 and 10 at Bethany CRC.
25. The LDT YOUTH FUND supports youth ministries initiatives in Classis, the Leadership Development of Camp Dunamis leaders and staff, and Project Timothy. Camp Dunamis will be held June 19-24. Pray for the staff as they make plans for the camp this year.
26. Twenty-five young people and several youth leaders participated in The Timothy Project last October. AJ McCloud, an alumnus of TTP, was the main speaker and Brad Winchell, from Rosewood, led worship.
27. Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) scheduled on February 16-19 at Ttokamsa Mission Church.
28. LDT Goals for 2016. *By the October 2016 Classis Meeting the LDT will have*
  - a. Organized and hosted a two day preaching seminar in February to which all the GLA and Classis California South pastors will be invited.
  - b. The LDT will have hosted the May Classis meeting and showcased the LDT programs.
  - c. 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.

- d. **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.
- e. 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)
- f. Searched and recruited new members for the LDT.
- g. Participated and supported the SEAPI (South East Asia Pacific Island) churches conference and it’s GLA pastors.

## **16. 2:55PM Closing**

### **Next Classis Meetings**

**May 3, 2016 All Nations CRC, Lake View Terrace**

**October 25, 2016 Fountain of Life, Fountain Valley**