

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th 8:30 AM

Hosted by First Christian Reformed Church (Bellflower)

President: Paul Hansen Vice-President: Zach Vandenberg Clerk: Aaron Solomon-Mills
Synodical Deputies: Jonathan Kim, Cor Pool and Paul Vander Klay

022619: 1 Opening and Devotions: On behalf of the CLT, The First CRC (Bellflower) Worship team led in a time of singing. Rev. Zach Vandenberg led in devotions, sharing from Judges 7.

022619: 2 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing: The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. 17 out of 25 Established Churches attended the meeting. 3 of the 12 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The President welcomed presenters and guests present to witness the examinations taking place. Three first time delegates signed the Office Bearer's covenant.

Established Church	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Rick Van Duren	Dick Van Eck
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafane	Petra Reyna	
Arcadia Hope International	Faith Lim		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen	Ron Kuiper	
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Richard Dekker	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Tom Byma	Christal Byma
Bellflower, Bethany	Lon Wagner	Ron Anema	
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	<i>Absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC			
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Ken Hong, Enoch Kim, Chris Choi		
Long Beach		Marv Salie Tim Schupper	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	

Los Angeles, Community		Adrienne Clayton	
Los Angeles, Church of Joy	<i>Absent</i>		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		
Ordot Chalan Pago, Guam Faith Church	<i>Absent</i>		
Monterey Park, Chinese	<i>Absent</i>		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
<u>Emerging Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>	
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	<i>Absent</i>	Anaheim CRC	
Artesia, City Church	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany Bellflower	
Bellflower, Ethnos	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	<i>Absent</i>	Rosewood, Bellflower	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	<i>Absent</i>	FoL Fountain Valley	
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>	L. A. Community	
Rosemead, Sky City Church	Charles Ho	Hope International	
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	<i>Absent</i>	Latin American	
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean	

022619:2.1 Lon Wagner, Matt Ford and Joel Van Soelen agreed to act as the Church Credential Communications Committee.

022619: 3 Classical Leadership (CLT) and Clerk Reports

022619: 3.1

Approve Jesus Heart Church, Los Angeles as the supervising church for Hope Community Church (known as Santa Clarita Valley Church)

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619: 3.2

Approve Jesus Heart Church, Los Angeles as the supervising church for Goodtree Fellowship Church

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619: 3.3

Approve the transfer of All Nations Church (Bakersfield) to Classis KoAm

1. All Nations Church (Bakersfield) has requested this permission for the convenience of language and culture.
2. Classis KoAm has sent a letter welcoming ANC (Bakersfield) and its ministers.
3. This would not become an official move until it is officially voted on at Synod 2019
4. This is done by way of an overture approved by the two classes and sent to synod pending approval today (Overture has been submitted).

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619: 3.4

Approve the retirement of Sae Jung (Paul) Chang (Covina, The Bridge)

1. Rev. Chang has submitted the formal request to his church's council, his credentials for approval and , subsequently, the Bridge church has made a recommendation to the classis for approval of retirement effective July 17th 2019.

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619: 3.5

Approve the appointment of Micah Bruxvoort and Mike Whitten to CLT

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619:3.6

Stated Clerk Report

Clerk Communications October 30, 2018 to February 2019

Received:

1. From: CRC Yearbook, Stated Clerk update (Nov 1)
2. From: Synodical Services, Memo regarding assisting immigrant churches (Nov 7)
3. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Lord's Love Mission Church (Nov 12)
4. From: Synodical Services, re: Classis information form (Nov 13)
5. From: CRC Yearbook, re: God's Grace Christian Church profile (Nov 16)
6. From: Synodical Services, re: Appointment of Delegates to Synod and Processing Synod Credentials (Dec 3)
7. From: Paul Im (Stated Clerk Classis Hanmi), re: Bethany Korean transfer (Dec 4)
8. From: Synodical Services, re: 2020 Meeting Dates for Council of Delegates (Dec 6)
9. From: Synodical Services, re: Classis GLA Synodical Deputy (Dec10)
10. From: CRC Yearbook, re: ANC Bakersfield (Dec 11)
11. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Stated Clerk update (Dec 20)
12. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Brian Willats status (Dec 28)
13. From: Synodical Services, re: Nominations for JCC and EIRC by Jan. 7; Candidates Coursework Completion (Dec 31)
14. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Rev. Jonas Muljo status (Dec 31)
15. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Iglesia Christiana Ref de Camarillo membership numbers (Jan 7)
16. From: CRC Yearbook, re: Rev Shu Ming Cheng (Jan 7)
17. From: Theodore Lim, re: ANC Bakersfield classis transfer (Jan 17)

Sent:

1. To: Synodical Services, Article 17 follow up (Nov 5)
2. To: Bonnie Nicholas, re: Safe Church for classis (Nov 9)
3. To: Lord's Love Mission Church, re: Yearbook request (Nov 12)
4. To: CRC Yearbook, re: God's Grace Christian Church (Nov 29)
5. To: GLA Pastors, re: CENT Team grant reminder (Nov 29)
6. To: Synodical Services, re: Classis GLA Synodical Deputy (Dec 10)
7. To: GLA Pastors, re: Praying Life Pastors Conference (Dec 14)
8. To: Synodical Services, re: October Classis meeting minutes (Jan 2)
9. To: CRC Yearbook, re: Shu Ming Cheng status (Jan 7)
10. To: CRC Yearbook, re: Classis actions (Jan 15)
11. To: Charles Kim, re: ANC Bakersfield (Jan 16)
12. To: Shu Ming Grace Cheng, re: Status (Jan 23)

022619:3.7

Item for information:

Annie Biggs (office bearer First CRC (Bellflower)) gave an update on her work as Classis Safe Church champion. Annie is communicating with all of the churches on our roster about Safe Church policies and best practices. In partnership with First Christian Reformed Church of Bellflower, she is developing seminars and trainings for church and personal safety that will be available in video format on our Classis GLA website

022619:4 World Renew Update

Becky Vander Zee encouraged us that God is at work in the World Renew ministry. She cautioned us against allowing distance from needy/ disaster ridden areas be a privilege in our lives, and to “show up with our ordinary”. Becky provided opportunity for everyone to sign up to get involved in justice issues, and highlighted some upcoming Kingdom Causes events.

022619:5 Selection of delegates to Synod 2019

The following delegates to Synod were chosen:

Minister: Rick Westra – Trinity (Artesia) & Julius Umawing – Bethel (Sun Valley)

Elder: Terry Van Dyk – Anaheim CRC

Deacon: Annie Biggs – First CRC (Bellflower)

Alternate: Tom Byma – First CRC (Bellflower)

022619:5 Church Empowerment & Networking Team (CENT) Report

022619:5-1

Charles Kim gave an invitation and encouraged all to attend the GLocal Mission Summit for any leaders/ members interested in missions – held at Ttokamsa Mission (Los Angeles) April 1-3

Tomas Ivens encouraged churches in the classis to pray about the possibility to have a conversation on planting churches with the CENT team.

022619: 5-2

Approve Kirsten Rietkerk to be a member of the CENT team

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619:6 Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

022619: 6-1

Katie Venhuizen and Lon Wagner are no longer a part of the LDT. Julius Umawing took us through the distributed LDT report.

022619: 6-2

Denise Tamminga on behalf of Camp Dunamis. Denise highlighted the mission of Camp Dunamis. She brought former campers/ current counselors Timothy and Anthony to share their story of how God has worked through their camp experience. The camp leaders gave special attention to the culture of Dunamis and its special mission of racial reconciliation.

022619: 7 Finance Team Report

022619: 7-1

Classis treasurer Goldene Byrna gave the treasurers report for 2018

022619: 7-2

Approve the treasurers report for January-December 2018

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619: 7-3

Approve Andrea Wyatt (LA Community Church) as a Finance Team Member

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619: 8 Classical Credentialing Team Report

022619: 8-1

Approve the job description for Tim Cordova as Commissioned Pastor at New City Church (Long Beach)

Synodical Deputies Concur

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619: 8-2

A doctrinal conversation with Tim Cordova ensued. Cordova was interviewed by Rick Westra

022619: 8-3

Declare Tim Cordova eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor according to Church Order Article 23, with New City (Long Beach) as his calling church

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619: 8-4

To receive Cerritos Mission Church as an organized congregation in the CRC

This motion was made, supported, approved

022619: 8-5

Proceed with colloquium doctum for Rev. Sam Pang

- 1) Permission has been granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee

Rev. Pang was interviewed by Rev. Joel Van Soelen

022619: 8-6

Declare Rev. Sam Pang eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacraments, according to Church Order Article 8 with the Cerritos Mission Church as his calling church.

This motion was **made, supported, approved**

022619: 9 Credentialing Team Communications to Classis

022619: 9-1

The council of Long Beach CRC informed classis of their difficulty in securing pulpit supply for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They requested guidance from classis on whether or not to allow elders to serve communion during the Good Friday service. A call was put out to all GLA ministers to consider availability to assist LBCRC with these vacant Sundays, and the elders were given the go-ahead to serve communion if needed.

022619: 9-2

It was brought to the attention of classis that Rev. Shu Min Cheng was no longer ministering at Hope International (Arcadia). Questions remain as to the reason and process of her release, and will be followed up by the CLT/ Church visitors

022619: 9-3

Matt Ford and Joel Van Soelen offered the opportunity for working together/ conversation regarding recent abortifacient legislation and prolife issues.

022619: 10 Lunch and Closing

022619: 10-1

The motion was made, **supported** and **approved** to adjourn the classis meeting.

Next Classis meeting:

May 7th – All Nations Church (Lakeview Terrace)