

Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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Tuesday, May 7th, 2019

All Nations Church – Lake View Terrace, CA

10000 FOOTHILL BLVD LAKE VIEW TERRACE, CA 91342

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)

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)

Chairperson: Rev Micah Bruxvoort - Vice Chair: Rev. Carl Kromminga Clerk: Aaron Solomon-Mills

Synodical Deputies: John Greydanus, Jonathan Kim, Cor Pool

8:30 - Opening welcome and devotions: Leadership Development Team

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

9:00 – World Renew Update – Becky Vander Zee

9:10 – CLT and Clerk Reports

9:20 – CENT Report

9:25 – LDT Report

9:40 – Coffee Break

10:10 – CCT Report & Exam

11:30pm – Church Credential Communications to Classis/ Synodical Deputies actions

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

8:30 AM Opening devotions and worship

1. **8:50 AM Introductions, Credentials, and convening a Church Credentials committee.**

Classis GLA Roster of Churches

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
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, Aaron Solomon-Mills		
Bellflower, Bethany			
Bellflower, Grace United Church			
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship			
Cerritos Mission Church	Sam Pang		
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			
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga, Tim Cordova		
Los Angeles, Church of Joy	Rev. Heui Moon Lee		
Los Angeles, Community			
Los Angeles, Jesus' Heart Church	Rev. Sung Joo Lee		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Ron Chu, David Suh		
Ordot Chalan Pago, Guam, Faith Church	Tom Van Engen		
Monterey Park, Chinese			
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church	
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	
Bellflower, Iglesia Cristiana Nuevo Amanacer (New Dawn)	Hairon Chow – CP	Bellflower, First	
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	
Good Tree Fellowship	Sung Chil Choi – O	Los Angeles, Jesus Heart Church	
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	Los Angeles, Jesus' Heart Church	
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>			

2. 9:00AM World Renew Update – Becky Vander Zee

3. 9:10 AM 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); David Kong (Staff); Julius Umawing (Staff); Mirtha Villafañe (Staff); Dan Brink, Melvin Jackson, Peter Kang, Mario Perez (Staff); Aaron Solomon-Mills (Clerk); Rick Westra; Micah Bruxvoort; Mike Whitten

I. No Items for Approval

II. Items for Information

In our May 2018 classis meeting, a motion was made that team members shall serve for 3 years with the option of renewal thereafter. Please take time to determine each team member's term/ term ending, and lets make an effort to populate and mobilize all of our teams.

Please see Stated Clerk Aaron Solomon-Mills if you are interested in hosting Classis meetings in 2019/2020

Stated Clerk Report

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Clerk Communications Feb 26, 2018 to May 2019

Received:

1. From: Synodical Services, re: February exams, Synodical deputy actions (Feb 28)
2. From: Yearbook, re: Saejung Chang retirement (Feb 28)
3. From: Synodical Services, re: Council of Delegates meeting (Feb 28)
4. From: God's Grace (Grace United), re: name change (March 4)
5. From: Synodical Services, re: Bethany Korean transfer overture to Synod (March 5)
6. From: Synodical Services, re: Delegate credentials (March 6)
7. From: Synodical Services, re: Synod overtures (March 7)
8. From: Theodore Lim (Classis Ko-Am), re: Synod overtures (March 7)
9. From: Sam Pang (Cerritos Mission), re: Ordination (March 7)
10. From: Synodical Services, re: Synod 2019 credentials (March 12)
11. From: Jonas Muljo, re: credentials (March 16)
12. From: Bethany CRC clerk, re: credentials (March 16)

Sent:

1. To: Synodical Services, re: February 26th exams/ Synodical deputy actions (Feb 27)
2. To: Yearbook, re: Saejung Chang retirement (Feb 27)

3. To: Synodical Services, re: Overture to Synod (Bethany Korean transfer) (March 5)
4. To: Stated Clerk Classis Hanmi, re: Bethany Korean transfer (March 7)
5. To: Synodical Services, re: Overture to Synod (ANC (Bakersfield) transfer) (March 7)
6. To: Synodical Services, re: Synod 2019 delegate credentials (March 12)
7. To: Yearbook, re: Grace United name change (March 12)
8. To: Yearbook, re: Cerritos Mission affiliation/ Sam Pang ordination (March 12)
9. To: Classis Cal South Stated Clerk, re: Lon Wagner recommendation (March 12)
10. To: Hope International (Arcadia), re: Rev Shu Min Cheng credentials (certified mail)
11. To: Classis GLA churches/ pastors, re: Disability conference in Anaheim (April 5)
12. To: Yearbook, re: Feb 26 Classis minutes (April 6)
13. To: CRCNA Pension, re: Feb 26 Classis Minutes (April 6)
14. To: Classis GLA, re: Feb 26 Classis Minutes (April 6)
15. To: Classis GLA, re: Timothy Leadership Training (April 6)
16. To: Classis GLA, re: May Classis Meeting announcement (April 6)
17. To: Jonas Muljo, re: credentials (April 9)
18. To: Bethany CRC clerk, re: credentials (April 9)
19. To: Yearbook, re: credential issues followup (April 23)
20. To: churches (various), re: bulletin announcement (May 1)

CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams			
<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><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>			
Julius Umawing	suiluj64@yahoo.com	Staff Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Ron Chu			
Katie Venhuizen			
Race Relations Team - RRT			
<i><u>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</u></i>			
Fatu Auau			
Frank DeHaan			

	Jim Zoetewey	Leader	
	Don Mulder	Secretary	
	Goldene Byma	classistreasurer@hotmail.com	Treasurer
	Rich Hoeksema		
	Andrea Wyatt		

4. **9:20 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 VanSoelen , Tomas Ivens (leader), David Kong (staff), Jim Kuiper (secretary), Mirtha Villafañe (staff), Ron Chu, Chris Choi, Kristen Reitkerk

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. We are encouraging all our churches of this classis to pray about the possibility to have a conversation on planting a churches with our team. The denomination has developed a very flexible Church Planting Guide document and have resources to start thinking on Kingdom multiplication. Please check Resonate webpage.
2. CENT grant approved to only one church (Latin American CRC) for \$3,460 this grant period. We encourage churches in classis to apply this year. December 1st. due date.

II. NO ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5. **9:25 AM Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report**

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 (Project Timothy); Mario Perez Jr. (Youth Ministry Champion; Camp Dunamis); Mirtha Villafañe (Hispanic Ministry Developer); Julius Umawing, leader (Regional Pastor; LEAD teams)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. **CAMP DUNAMIS** is scheduled **on June 16-21, 2019** at Camp Maranatha, Idyllwild, CA. Registration is online at www.campdunamis.org; it's **\$225** if you register **before May 15** and it's

\$250 if you register after May 15. If you have questions, contact Mario Perez Jr. at mario@therivercrc.com

- b. **PROJECT TIMOTHY** – a leadership development retreat to inspire and equip young leaders to get and stay involved in ministry – will be held on **October 11-12, 2019** at Rosewood Church in Bellflower. For inquiries, feel free to contact Carl Kromminga at newcitylb@juno.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. There are 6 students involved in this training. For inquiries about the MINTS program, contact Mirtha Villafañe at mvillafane21@yahoo.com.
- d. **Timothy Leadership Training (TLT)**. A 6-week TLT (every Wednesdays) has started on April 24 at the International Theological Seminary (ITS) in El Monte. Another TLT is scheduled on June 3-7, 2019 at Ttokamsa Mission Church in Los Angeles. For more details, contact Ron Chu at pastorronchu@gmail.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. Applications are available at www.classisgla.org.
- f. The **Classis Student Assistance Fund** helps students prepare for the ministry as a vocation.
- g. The LDT **YOUTH FUND** supports youth ministries initiatives.
- h. LDT Goals for 2019.
 1. Talk to pastors in Classis GLA to determine the desire to host another two-day preaching seminar or to replace this with some other gathering event..
 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.

6. 9:40 AM Coffee Break

7. 10:10 AM Classical Credentialing Team Report

Team: Rick Westra, Matt Ford, Fernando Valencia

FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS

A. To proceed with the colloquium doctum for Paul Minbo Shim.

Grounds: Paul has graduated from Calvin Seminary, been declared a Candidate by Synod, and has been extended a provisional call by All Nations CRC.

Provided the above exam is completed successfully, the following motion may be made

B. To declare Paul Minbo Shim eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacraments, according to Church Order Article 10, with All Nations CRC of Lake View Terrace as his calling church.

Paul Shim

Place of Birth: Los Angeles, California

Colleges & Seminaries Attended:

Calvin College

B.A., Political Science, Psychology, Minor in Religious Studies, 2005

Calvin Theological Seminary M.A. in Pastoral Care, M.A. in Christian Education, 2010

Calvin Theological Seminary M.Div, 2017

Internships:

Hahn-In CRC, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2004 – 2010

Bansuk Presbyterian Church English Ministry Pastor Stockton, California 2010 - 2013

New Hope Church English Ministry Pastor San Diego, California 2013 - 2016

Hanbit Presbyterian Church & Living Water Ministry English Ministry Pastor Houston, Texas
2016 – 2018

**8. 11:30 AM - Church Credential Communication to Classis
Synodical Deputy Action(s)**

**12pm - Dismissal and Lunch - Next Classis Meeting Tuesday, October 29th –
Location TBD**