

Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

www.classisgla.org

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 6:30PM

This is a virtual meeting held over Zoom & moderated from First (Bellflower)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldO-vpj8qG9PkB9ThGDv_P4UTw1mbK9cY

Please print or download a copy of the agenda for the meeting

(The Full agenda will be available on the web at www.classisgla.org)

Chairperson: Rev. Melvin Jackson - Vice Chair: Rev. John Medendorp Clerk: Aaron Solomon-Mills

Synodical Deputies: John Greydanus, Jonathan Kim, Cor Pool

- Opening welcome and devotions: CLT (Classis Leadership Team)
- CCT (Classical Credentialing Team) Report

(Candidate interviews were prerecorded and sent to churches)

- Classical Leadership Team and Stated Clerk Reports
- CENT (Church Empowerment & Networking Team) Report
- LDT (Leadership Development Team) Report
- Presentation of LA Community Church overture to Synod
- Finance Team Report and 2022 proposed budget presentation
- Church Credential Communications to Classis
- 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

6:30 PM Devotions Classical Leadership Team – Rev. Joel Van Soelen

1. 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			
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg		
Bellflower, Bethany	Jordan Hall		
Bellflower, Grace United Church			
Bellflower, Rosewood	Bonny Mulder-Behnia, John Medendorp		
	Fernando Valencia		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship			
Cerritos Mission Church	Sam Pang		
Covina, The Bridge			
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Young Kim, Pablo Lee		
	Rich Kim, Ken Hong,		
	Christina Kang, Jim Seung,		
	Joseph Hyun, John Lee, Chris Choe,		
	David Jineung, Abraham Lee, Enoch Kim, Paul Shim		
Long Beach	Bryan Branderhorst		
Long Beach, New City	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			
Sky City CRC, Monterey Park	Charles Ho		
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	Bellflower, Bethany CRC
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Andrew Choh - CP	Bellflower, Rosewood CRC
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau - CP	Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life
Good Tree Fellowship	Sung Chil Choi – O	Los Angeles, Jesus Heart Church
Iglesia Misionera	Ron Chu - O	Los Angeles, TtoKamsa Mission
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	Los Angeles, L. A. Community
Riverside, Inland Jubilee	James Lee-O	Los Angeles, Jesus' Heart Church
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	Ernesto Mejias	Anaheim, Latin American
Rosemead, Sky City	Charles Ho	Arcadia, Hope International
Santa Clarita Community Church	David Kong - O	Los Angeles, Jesus' Heart Church
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

2. Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report

Team: Rick Westra, Matt Ford, Fernando Valencia

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. To approve the job description for Rob Golding as Commissioned Pastor at First CRC of Artesia.

Grounds: The description meets the requirements stated in the Supplement Article 23a.

B. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation with Rob Golding

Grounds: He has already completed his M.Div. degree and is currently enrolled in the EPMC program through Calvin Seminary.

C. To proceed with the Colloquium Doctum for the Rev. Jinseok Park

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

D. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation with Rev. Tim Suh

Grounds: Anaheim CRC requests that Rev. Suh be granted license to preach.

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

E. MOTION: To declare Rob Golding eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor according to Church Order Article 23, and 24b with First CRC, Artesia, as his calling church.

F. MOTION: That Classis note that Rob Golding's interview satisfies the requirement found in the supplement of Church Order Article 10 for at least 30 minutes devoted to biblical/theological questions.

G. MOTION: To declare the Rev. Jinseok Park eligible for call as Minister of the Word, according to Church Order Article 8, with The Bridge Church (Covina) as his calling church.

H. MOTION: To grant to Rev. Tim Suh license to exhort within Classis GLA according to Church Order Article 43 for a period of two years.

II. Items for information (biographies of interviewees)

A. Rob Golding

Rob grew up in Huntington Beach in a Christian family. He sensed God's call to ministry at young age, but had a period of falling away as a high schooler. He was renewed by God's grace and eventually graduated from Biola University. He has served in the U.S. Army, and recently graduated from Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia. He is currently completing the EPMC program through Calvin Seminary, after which, he will be ordained as a Minister of the Word. He is married to Olivia, and together they have Everly Joy (3) and Robbie Jr. (2).

B. Rev. Jinseok Park

Jinseok was born in South Korea, and came to Christ through the help of a Sunday school teacher. He is a graduate of the Presbyterian Theological College and Seminary. He came to the U.S. in 2007 to pursue his D.Min, but the Lord changed his plans and he has served as pastor in various congregations. He has been serving at The Bridge CRC since May of 2018 and has completed the KIM program. Jinseok is married to Myungwon, and together they have Heejune (18), Heesoo (16), and Heewon (9).

C. Rev. Tim Suh

Tim was born and raised in Southern California and grew up in a Christian home. He attended Cal State Fullerton, and graduated from New York University. While working several years in the family transportation business, God's call to ministry grew stronger. He has been involved in ministry in some form since 1999. He completed his M.Div. at Fuller in 2019, and is pursuing further study at Talbot Seminary. He is currently the Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach at Anaheim CRC, and being licensed to preach in classis will hopefully be the first step on the way to formal ordination in the CRC. He is currently ordained with the Evangelical Church Alliance.

3. 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 Haberbush (leader); David Kong (Staff); Julius Umawing (Staff); Mirtha Villafaña (Staff); Mario Perez (Staff); Aaron Solomon-Mills (Stated Clerk); Rick Westra; Micah Bruxvoort; Mike Whitten; Joel Van Soelen; John Medendorp

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. MOTION: Approve Ashley Medendorp as Classis GLA Stated Clerk

- i. Aaron Solomon-Mills will be stepping down at the end of 2021. Ashley and Aaron will work side by side for the remainder of the year to ensure a smooth transition between clerks.
- ii. Effective January 2022, Ashley will take over all clerk duties as well as Classis GLA website management.
- iii. The Classical Leadership Team wishes to thank Aaron Solomon-Mills for his service in the role of Stated Clerk, and Rev. Jonas Muljo for his work with the Classis GLA website.

B. MOTION: Approve David Koll as Alternate Synodical Deputy for Classis GLA

II. Items for Information

- A. Each church council should begin to prayerfully consider its congregations denomination ministry pledge for next year. Questions about denominational ministry pledges? Contact the Classis Clerk or Classis Treasurer

4. 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: Tomas Ivens (Chair), David Kong (Secretary), Kristen Rietkerk, Mirtha Villafaña (staff), Ron Chu

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. Our team approved this past Summer 2021, only two grants for Rosewood CRC \$5,000 and Bethany CRC \$4,360.
- B. We are planning to organize the “Fan the Flame” event for September 2022, with a new format of community fair, with music, speakers, and games.
- C. Please, if there is a church who is interested to develop a church planting project, contact us. We would love to open a conversation to dream together.

II. NO ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5. 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: Annie Biggs; Ron Chu (Timothy Leadership Training, SEAPI churches); Mark Hugen; Ashley Medendorp (Secretary); Mario Perez Jr. (Youth Ministry Champion; Camp Dunamis); Kristen Rietkerk; Mirtha Villafaña (Hispanic Ministry Developer); Julius Umawing

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

- A. **MOTION:** Approve the formation of a task force to develop a hiring policies for Camp Dunamis and protocol with respect to lodging, restroom facility usage and gender.
 - 1. The results from this task force/ study group will be presented for approval/ policy implementation at a future classis meeting.

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. **Preaching Seminar** – A “**Sermon Ideas for Advent and Christmas**” seminar was held on October 12, Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rosewood CRC in Bellflower. This was led by Dan Brink and Carl Kromminga.

- B. **Commissioned Pastor Training Program.** This new training program began in January 2021 and being led by Ron Chu, program director. For inquiry contact Ron Chu at pastorronchu@gmail.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 currently five (5) students involved in this training. For inquiries about the MINTS program, contact Mirtha Villafañe at mvillafane21@yahoo.com.
- D. **Scholarship** for Leadership Training is AVAILABLE! The Scholarship Fund helps pay **50% of the registration or tuition cost** for leadership training events for church leaders. Application forms are available at www.classisgla.org.
- E. **Camp Dunamis** – A “Camp Dunamis Day” of activities for youth was both held at Rehoboth, NM and at Chino, CA. Both events went well and lay the groundwork for the traditional in-person camp scheduled for June 2022. For more information about Camp Dunamis, contact our youth ministry champion, Mario Perez, at mario@therivercrc.com
- F. **Timothy Leadership Training (TLT).** For more information about TLT and the schedule of the next training, contact Ron Chu at pastorronchu@gmail.com
- G. **Project Timothy** – is a leadership development retreat to inspire and equip young leaders to get and stay involved in ministry. To know more about upcoming Project Timothy event, contact our youth ministry champion, Mario Perez, at mario@therivercrc.com
- H. Classis continues to financially support the ministry of **South East Asia and Pacific Island CRC pastors (known as **SEAPI**). SEAPI pastors from GLA are encouraged to attend SEAPI’s annual conference.**
- I. The **Classis Student Assistance Fund** helps individuals seeking to become ministers of the word.
- J. **Thank you so much Rev. Carl Kromminga for your many years of faithful service!** After more than 25 years of service, Carl Kromminga has resigned from the Leadership Development Team.

6. Presentation of LA Community Church overture to Synod

7. Finance Team Report and Proposed 2022 Budget

Team members: Jim Zoetewey (Chair), Rich Hoeksema, Goldene Byma (Treasurer)

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. **MOTION:** Approve the Treasurers Report for January – June 2021

B. **MOTION:** Approve the Proposed Budget for 2022

C. **MOTION:** Approve Carl Kromminga to the Finance Team

II. NO ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. CHURCH CREDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO CLASSIS

9. CLOSING

Next Classis Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

(Time and Location will depend on feasibility of hosting an in-person gathering)