

# Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

**Thursday, February 23, 2011 7:00 PM**

Hosted by Hope International Church, Arcadia CA

President: Adriana Sybenga; Vice-President: Paul Hoekstra; Clerk: Sid Sybenga

## 022012: 1 Opening:

Praise: Marco Arandia; Testimony: Adriana Sybenga; Prayer: Adriana Sybenga.

022012: 1.1 The president, Rev. Adriana Sybenga, welcomed everyone. The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. Twelve out of 24 Established Churches (not counting Guam) attended the meeting. One out of 11 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The following leaders (in chart) were delegated to deliberate at this meeting. The Synodical Deputies, Bruce Persenaire, William Verhoef, and Peter Ryu were introduced, after which the president declared Classis constituted.

| Established Church                       | Pastor               | Elder                        | Deacon         |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Anaheim                                  | Joel Van Soelen      | Steve Nyenhuis               |                |
| Anaheim Latin American                   | <i>Absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Arcadia Hope International               | Adriana Sybenga      | Faith Gong Lim               | Marco Arandia  |
| Artesia, First                           | Paul Hansen          | Wayne Van De Brake           |                |
| Artesia, Trinity                         | Rick Westra          | Clarence DeVries             |                |
| Bellflower, First                        | Paul Hoekstra        | Larry Van Otterlos           | Andrew Ho      |
| Bellflower, Bethany                      | Henry Lengkeek       |                              |                |
| Bellflower, God's Grace Christian        | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Bellflower, Rosewood                     | Bonny Mulder-Behnia, | Fernando Valencia            |                |
| Burbank, Bethany                         | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Camarillo, Iglesia CRC                   | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship       | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Covina, The Bridge                       | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life        | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Lake View Terrace, All Nations           | Tae Kim              | Peter Kang                   |                |
| Long Beach                               |                      | Rick Milmer                  |                |
| Long Beach, New City                     | Carl Kromminga       | Denise McCovey               |                |
| Los Angeles, Community                   | Richard Jones        | Alison Jones                 | Gregg Lyles    |
| Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest          | <i>Absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission            | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian       | <i>Absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Monterey Park, Chinese                   | <i>Absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Sun Valley, Bethel                       |                      | Stewart Treiling             | Julius Umawing |
| Sun Valley, Sol del Valle                | <i>absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Westminster, Little Saigon               | <i>Matthew Le</i>    | Christian Dang               |                |
| Emerging Church                          | Pastor               | Parenting Church             |                |
| Artesia City Church                      | <i>Absent</i>        | Bethany Bellflower           |                |
| Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission          | <i>Absent</i>        | Bethany, Bellflower          |                |
| Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"     | <i>Absent</i>        | New City, Long Beach         |                |
| La <b>Crescenta</b> , God's Dream Center | <i>Absent</i>        |                              |                |
| Cerritos, Heaven Bound                   | <i>Absent</i>        | Rosewood, Bellflower         |                |
| Ewa Beach, Anuenue                       | <i>Absent</i>        | Carson, Grace Chrstrn Flwshp |                |
| Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan         | <i>Absent</i>        | FoL Fountain Valley          |                |
| Fountain Valley, Egyptian                | <i>Absent</i>        | FoL Fountain Valley          |                |
| Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship  | <i>Absent</i>        | L. A. Community              |                |
| Santa Clarita Valley Community Church    | David Kong           | Bethany Korean               |                |
| Venice Beach, Talking Stick              | <i>Absent</i>        | Trinity, Artesia             |                |
| Westminster, Ekklesia CRC                | <i>Absent</i>        | Hope International           |                |

022012:1.2 The clerk announced the request from First CRC of Bellflower on their Classical Credential to approve the retirement of Rev. Paul Hoekstra on April 29, 2012. The grounds given were coming of age. The motion was **made and supported** to approve this request. Motion **passed**.

## **022012: 2 Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report by Rev. Erick Westra**

022012:2.1 CCT made the motion to approve the Ministry Associate ministry description for Marco Arandia to serve as the minister of the Spanish ministry in Hope International Church of Arcadia (page 28 of Full agenda) and Kathy Xu to serve as Pastor in the Chinese Peace Church of Hope International Church in Alhambra (page 29 of Full agenda) and to proceed with their classical examinations when their ministerial profiles are complete. The motion was **seconded and passed**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.

022012:2.2 CCT introduced Rev. Alison Jones of LA Community Church and Rev. Peter Kim of Green Pastures Community Church as having announced and applied to transfer their ministerial ordination to the CRCNA according to Article 8 of the Church Order. CCT made the motion to accept this introduction as the first official act in the affiliation process. Motion was **seconded** and **approved**.

022012:2.3a CCT reported that the ministerial profiles of Chris Choe and David Lee, associate pastors in All Nations Church in Lake View terrace, were complete and that the Denominational Candidacy Team (David Koll) gave the approval to proceed with their article 8 Classical examinations.

022012:2.3b CCT called Carl Kromminga to conduct the examination interview with Chris Choe and David Lee. After the formal interview the president opened the floor for the delegates and Synodical deputies to ask further questions. A motion to declare Chris Choe and David Lee eligible for call in the CRCNA was made and **seconded**.

022012:2.3c The President declared executive session. The motion was discussed and a ballot vote on each candidate was called. The Synodical deputies left before the vote. The motion **passed**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.

022012:2.3d The president declared the end of executive session, welcome back the non-delegates, congratulated Chris Choe and David Lee, and invited Classis to come forward and pray over them.

022012:2.4a CCT reported that the ministerial profile of Rev. Byoungchul Joseph (B.J) Jun, pastor in Ttokamsa Mission Church in LA, was complete and that the Denominational Candidacy Team (David Koll) gave the approval to proceed with his Classical examination.

022012:2.4b Erick Westra, of the CCT, conducted the examination interview with B.J. Jun. After the formal interview the president opened the floor for the delegates and Synodical deputies to ask further questions. A motion to declare B.J. Jun eligible for call in the CRCNA was **made and seconded**.

022012:2.4c The President declared executive session. The motion was discussed and a ballot vote was called. The Synodical deputies left before the vote. The motion **passed**. The Synodical Deputies withheld their concurrence because Rev. Jun will not be serving as a Pastor but is being sent to Korea to teach in a seminary. His affiliation as a Minister of the Word in the CRCNA requires further Classis action according to Article 12c of the Church Order. The advice of the Deputies was that Ttokamsa Mission Church ask Classis GLA to consider and declare Rev. Jun serving as a seminary professor in Korea to be consistent with the calling of a Minister of the Word and provide Classis with the information designated in Supplement Article 12 c of the Church Order.

022012:2.4d The president declared the end of executive session, welcome back the non-delegates, congratulated B.J. Jun, and invited Classis to come forward and pray over them.

**022012: 3** President Adriana Sybenga entertained the motion to **adjoin** the meeting. Motion is **supported** and Rev. Richard Jones closes the meeting in prayer. The rest of the agenda will be addressed at the Tuesday, February 28 th meeting at the Bridge Church in Covina.

Respectfully Submitted

Sid Sybenga  
GLA Stated Clerk