

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday, October 11, 2011 6:00 PM

Hosted by Hope International Church, Arcadia CA

President: Peter Kang Vice-President: Mirtha Villafane Clerk: Sid Sybenga

101112: 1 Opening: Opening devotion led by Rev. Peter Kang.

101112: 1.1 The president, Rev. Peter Kang welcomed everyone. The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. Fifteen out of 24 Established Churches (not counting Guam) attended the meeting. Two out of 12 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The leaders listed in chart below were delegated to deliberate at this meeting. The Synodical Deputies, Bruce Persenaire, John Greydanus and Seung J. Kang were introduced, after which the president declared Classis constituted.

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Steve Nyenhuis	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Vilafane		
Arcadia Hope International	Adriana Sybenga	Charles Ho	
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen	Wayne Van De Brake	
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Bill Mulder	
Bellflower, First		John Struiksma	
Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	<i>absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Bonny Mulder-Behnia,	Dan Brink	
Burbank, Bethany	SunHo Bae		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	<i>absent</i>		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>absent</i>		
Covina, The Bridge	<i>absent</i>		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim	Peter Kang	David Lee
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	Ken Grasmeyer	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Denise McCovey	
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones	Alison Jones	Carl Williams
Los Angeles, New Ground Harvest	<i>Absent</i>		
Los Angeles, Tokamsa Mission	Charles Oh		
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>Absent</i>		

<u>Emerging Churches</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>
Artesia City Church	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany Bellflower
Anaheim Friendship	<i>Maged Dakdouk</i>	Anaheim CRC
Bellflower, Lord's Love Miss	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany, Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X S	<i>Absent</i>	New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta , God's Dream C	<i>Absent</i>	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	<i>Absent</i>	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	<i>Absent</i>	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Sam	<i>Absent</i>	FoL Fountain Valley
Fountain Valley, Egyptian	<i>Absent</i>	FoL Fountain Valley
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited F	<i>Absent</i>	L. A. Community
Santa Clarita Valley Community	David Kong	Bethany Korean
Venice Beach, Talking Stick	<i>Absent</i>	Trinity, Artesia
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC	<i>Absent</i>	Hope International

101112:1.2 The Chair invited the first time delegates to sign the Covenant for Office Bearers.

101112: 2 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report by the clerk.

101112:2.1 CLT made the motion to release the following ministers of the Word: Roy Palavacini of All Nations Church released honorably on the grounds that he serving in a non CRC ministry in Costa Rica; Brian Byung Joo Kim of All Nations Church released honorably on the grounds that he accepted a call and is serving in a non CRC; Hendry Lie of Long Beach CRC released on the grounds of his resignation; Hugo Venegas of Trinity Artesia released on the grounds he is no longer in CRC ministry; Leonard Siregar of Cross Point Chino and Hope International Arcadia released and dismissed on the grounds of his resignation. The motion to release these five ministers was **seconded and passed**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.

101112:2.2 CLT received the email (see attached addendum “New Correspondence for October 11 Classis meeting) and church credential requests from the listed established church to extend the “eligibility for call” for one year for the following ministers on the grounds that all these pastors have not been serving in their calling churches for two or more years: Jeong Jin Yoo of All nations Church in Lake View Terrace; Daniel Mendez of New City Church of Long Beach; Paul Cha of Ttokamsa Mission Church of LA; Hyoung Joon (Joseph) Chun of Bridge Church in Covina; Heung Rok (James) Lee of Bridge Church in Covina; and Moses Chung of First CRC of Bellflower. CCT made the motion to extend the “eligibility for call” for these six ministers for one year. Motion was **seconded** and **approved**.

101112:2.3 CCT received the email (See attached addendum) and church credential request from Bethany Korean Church in Burbank to place Rev. Hyuksoo Kwon “on loan” to Suenglee Presbyterian Church (SPC) in Ilsan, Korea. CLT made the motion to place Rev. Kwon on loan to SPC for a period of two years. Motion was **seconded** and **approved**. The Synodical Deputies **concurred**.

101112: 3 Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report by Rev. Erick Westra.

101112:3.1 The CCT moved that Classis GLA proceed with the Classical examination of Peter Kornilov according to article 10 of the CRCNA Church Order on the grounds that Synod 2012 declared him a candidate eligible for call and Artesia First extended a call to him. Motion was **supported** and **approved**. The CLT invited Rev. Matt Ford to lead the “practica” part of the examination. After this conversation the delegates and deputies were invited to ask further questions. Rev. Maged Dakdouk gave a favorable sermon report. The motion to proceed was **support and carried and was concurred** by the Synodical deputies. Rev. Brent Wassink led the biblical and theological part of the examination after which the floor was opened to all others for further questioning. The motion was **made and supported** that Petr Kornilov be admitted to the ministry of the Word in the CRCNA. The president declared executive session and after further discussion and prayer the motion to admit **passed**. The Synodical deputies **concurred**. The full Classis reconvened; Peter was congratulated, given his classical diploma and prayed over.

101112:3.2 Classis took a break.

101112:3.3 CCT moved that Classis GLA proceed with the article 8 Colloquium Doctums of Rev. Alison Jones, Rev. Sung Chil Choi, Rev. Tae Kim, and Rev. Joseph Hyun. Motion is **supported and carried**.

101112:3.4 The CCT requested Rev. Henry Lengkeek to lead the conversation with Rev. Jones. After further questioning from the delegates and deputies the president entertained the motion to “declare Rev. A. Jones eligible for call” in the CRC. This motion was **supported** and executive session was called. After discussion and prayer Classis **passed** the eligibility motion. The Synodical deputies **concurred**. Classis reconvened and Rev. Jones was welcomed and congratulated.

101112:3.5 The CCT requested Rev. Erick Westra to lead the conversation with Rev. Sung Chil Choe. Rev. David Kong served as translator. After further questioning from the delegates and deputies the president entertained the motion to “declare Rev. S.C. Choe eligible for call” in the CRC. This motion was **supported** and executive session was called. After discussion and prayer Classis **passed** the eligibility motion. The Synodical deputies **concurred**. Classis reconvened and Rev. Choe was welcomed and congratulated.

101112:3.6 The CCT requested Rev. Carl Kromminga to lead the conversation with Rev. T. Kim. After further questioning from the delegates and deputies the president entertained the motion to “declare Rev. T. Kim eligible for call” in the CRC. This motion was **supported** and executive session was called. After discussion and prayer Classis **passed** the eligibility motion. The Synodical deputies **concurred**. Classis reconvened and Rev. Jones was welcomed and congratulated.

101112:3.7 The CCT requested Rev. David Kong to lead the conversation with Rev. J. Hyun. After further questioning from the delegates and deputies the president entertained the motion to “declare Rev. J. Hyun eligible for call” in the CRC. This motion was **supported** and executive session was called. After discussion and prayer Classis **passed** the eligibility motion. The Synodical deputies **concurred**. Classis reconvened and Rev. J. Hyun was welcomed and congratulated.

101112:3.8 At the completion of this final examination President Kang asked the four ministers who were declared eligible for call in the CRC to come forward. They were presented with a Classical diploma. The rest of the delegates and deputies then gathered around them for prayer, the laying on of hands, and congratulations.

022012: 3 President Peter Kang **adjointed** the meeting and Rev. Tong Park closed the meeting with prayer. The rest of the October Classis GLA agenda was addressed at the Tuesday, October 16, 2012 meeting of Classis GLA at the Los Angeles Community Church at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Addendum: **New Correspondence for October 11, 2012 Classis meeting.**

1. From Albert Ompi, former elder in the Indonesian Ministry of Hope International Church. "In ICRC's congregational meeting today, September 30th, 2012, it was unanimously agreed for ICRC to contemplate an independent avenue following ICRC's detachment from the CRC denomination with the effect as of September 30th, 2012." 10/1/2012 **FYI**
2. From Jeong Jin Yoo: "Upon the kind advices from a classis clerk and synodical deputies, regarding the tenure of my credential, I will gladly be looking for a church in where I can participate in the ministry of CRC family while I will be having a position of 'study leave.' Selecting a church would be happen, I suppose, no later than at the end of the March, 2013. I hope my statement would be helpful and reasonable for this issue for the classis meeting on October." 9/26/2012 **FYI**
3. From David Koll, director of the CRCNA Credentialing Committee, giving approval for the "colloquium doctum" for Rev. Alison Jones and Rev. Sung Chil Choi. 10/3/2012 **FYI**
4. From Joseph Chun: He requested by a phone call to the clerk, that at its October 2012 meeting Classis GLA delay his release from the ministry of the Word in the CRCNA until its February 2013 meeting. 10/4/2012 **FYI** and adjudication.
5. From Charles Oh, pastor of Ttokamsa Mission church, requesting Classis extend the "eligibility for call" for Paul Cha as he continues to seek a place of ministry in the CRCNA. 10/4/2012 **FYI** and adjudication.
6. From Hendry Lie: "Thank you [clerk] for your email. I do not think there will be an opening ministry for me in the future in the CRCNA. Therefore, I agree that Classis GLA to release me from ministry in the CRCNA." 12/6/2011 **FYI** and adjudication.
7. From Carl Kromminga, pastor of New City Church in Long Beach, indicating New City Church will request an extension of "eligibility for call" for Rev. Daniel Mendez on their Classical Credentials for the October 11, 2012 GLA Classis meeting. 10/5/2012 **FYI**

Motions from correspondence and credentials:

1. To extend the "eligibility for call" for one year for
 - a. Jeong Jin Yoo (of All Nations Church, Lakeview Terrace)
 - b. Daniel Mendez (of New City, Long Beach)
 - c. Paul Cha (of Ttokamsa Mission, LA)
 - d. Joseph Chun (of Bridge, Covina)
 - e. James Lee (of Bridge, Covina)
 - f. Moses Chung (of First CRC, Bellflower)

FOUNDATIONS: Over two years without a CRC ministry in calling church.
 More time to find another calling church.
2. To grant Bethany Korean Church of Burbank permission to loan Rev. HyukSoo Kwon to Suenglee Presbyterian Church in Ilsan, Korea for a period of two years.